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ANGERS OFFICIALS**

**Exposes Rotten Conditions in Spokane Jail Where She was Confined on Conspiracy Charge.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 20.  
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn's article which is the alleged cause of the police's confiscating the entire edition of the "Industrial Worker" of Dec. 8, has aroused the indignation of the workers in this city to white heat. She was sentenced to three months in the county jail on the charge of "conspiracy" in connection with the free speech fight which still continues unabated in Spokane. Her statement of experiences in jail follows, and is all the more significant in view of the fact that she, whose married name is Mrs. Jones, expects to become a mother within three months:

"I was placed in the cell with two other women—poor, miserable specimens of the victims of society. One woman is being held on a charge that her husband put her in a disorderly house. The other is serving 90 days for robbing a man in a disreputable resort in Spokane. Never before had I come in contact with women of that type, and they were interesting.

"I was placed in the cell with two other women in a jail one is always safer with others than alone. One of the worst features of being locked up is a terrible feeling of insecurity, of being at the mercy of the man you do not trust a moment day or night, unable to defend yourself or call for help. These miserable outcasts of society did everything in their power to make me comfortable.

"One gave me the spread and pillow cover from her own bed when she saw my disgust at the dirty gray blankets. I could not eat the heavy, soggy food, steels, etc., nor drink the terrible stuff they called coffee, but the girls gave me fruit that had been sent in to them. They moderate their language, speaking in their profanity and pathetically try to conform to some of the standards of decency when they see that you are different."

"They have been so accustomed to being ill-used and abused that they rather expect it, yet become indignant when it is done to another. In the morning they gave me soap and clean towels that I might not have to use common soap or dirty jail towels.

"The jailers are on terms of disgusting familiarity with these women, probably because the latter cannot help themselves, or don't care. Imprisonment does not seem to have any horror for them. Content to sleep and eat, they seem as happy in jail as out. They are unconscious of the degradation and sordid no sympathy. Perhaps they shouldn't be conscious, for society is to blame, and not they."

"I was put in with them at about 11 o'clock, yet the lights were burning brightly, and they showed no signs of retiring. Three little iron beds were the furnishings of our sleeping facilities, so I threw my cloak over me and tried to sleep. The younger girl still remained up, though she turned the light down that I might rest, several times, as she went to and fro, asking if she disturbed me. Finally the jailer came, opened the cell door and took her out. She remained a long time, and when she returned I gathered from a whispered conversation with the older one, the following: That he had taken her down to see a man on the floor below—"a sweetheart" she called him to me afterwards. She went again, and remained a long time, and, whispering, told the other woman on her return that "Bert" (whom I judged to be the jailer) would have brought "Jack" up but for this woman, indicating me. They don't trust her," she said.

"Perhaps I am carrying out her sus-



**THE SHAME OF SPOKANE**

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the Freedom of Speech, or of the Press, or of the Right of the People to Peaceably Assemble."*

—First Amendment United States Constitution.

At the present time in the City of Spokane, Washington, the Citizen's Alliance, Chamber of Commerce, employment agents, a vicious police force, deputies, Pinkertons, police and superior court judges and other paid slugs have entered into a conspiracy to set aside the Constitution of the State of Washington and the United States.

In pursuance of such conspiracy, the above named officials have imprisoned over 300 working men and women on a trumped up charge of disorderly conduct. The only crime that these working men and women have been guilty of is the crime of attempting to exercise the right of free speech granted to them by the Constitutions of the State of Washington and the United States.

Not content with arresting the workers for attempting to exercise their constitutional rights, these official outlaws have subjected their prisoners to all the tortures that their ingenuity can devise.

The methods of the Russian Government are in a fair way to be surpassed. Men have been beaten senseless and women insulted by brutes in police uniform. Superior court judges obligated to uphold the constitution of the State of Washington have brazenly denied writs of Habeas Corpus upon the grounds that they were applied for only "to make trouble." Prisoners have been denied the right to see counsel.

Peaceable meetings have been raided and speakers arrested. Conspiracy charges have been trumped up against all whom this band of corporation tools consider to be in the way of the interests in whose employ they are.

The INDUSTRIAL WORKER, the official publication of the local unions of Spokane has been confiscated by the outlaws in uniform.

Eighteen to twenty-four victims have been squeezed into cells 6x8 feet square and steam turned upon them and left in that condition for 36 hours.

**WORKERS of AMERICA**

This fight is the beginning of a concerted conspiracy on the part of the employing class of this country to deny the right of organization and agitation to the working class. This fight is your fight.

If the employing class of the Northwest and their hirelings are successful in their attempt to strangle free speech in that locality that example will be steadily followed wherever necessary. In this struggle you can help. Call meetings in your locality. Expose the infamy of Spokane and its officials.

**IF POSSIBLE, SEND VOLUNTEERS TO FURTHER TEST THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH AND PEACEABLE ASSEMBLY.**

Money is needed to defray the cost of a legal defense for members charged with conspiracy. Hold meetings, collect funds and send same to Fred W. Healewood, Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

(Signed) **INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD,**  
Vincent St. John, General Secretary.

picion in writing this. But the whole performance bore the earmarks to me of a puritid state of morals inside the county jail of Spokane.

"Taking a woman prisoner out of her cell at the dead hours of night several times to visit sweethearts looked to me as if she were practicing her profession inside of jail as well as out! And what particular interest did this man 'Bert,' so intimately designated by his first name, have

in the matter? It would bore investigation. Readers may well imagine the horrible night of restlessness I put in.

"Early in the morning a man by the name of Biglow (later, I presume came into the cell with breakfast. Instead of leaving it in the ante-room of the cell and going about his business he marched straight into the room where we all were still in bed. He laid his cold hand on my cheek and I awoke with a start. My an-

ger blazed up and I said: "Take your hand off of me. I didn't come here to be insulted." He murmured some inarticulate excuse, "Of course not," or words to that effect, and got out.

"It certainly is a shame and disgrace to this city that a woman can be arrested because of union difficulties, bonds placed so high that immediate release is impossible, thrown into a county jail where sights and

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**STEEL TRUST LAUGHS  
AT A. F. OF L. THREAT**

**Wall Street Correspondent Tells How Big Capitalists View "Declaration of War" at Pittsburgh.**

(Special to Solidarity.)

NEW YORK, December 22.—While the American Federation of Labor leaders were in conference at Pittsburgh declaring war against the steel trust, all was as placid as a mill pond at the headquarters of the corporation, No. 71, Broadway, New York City.

The contempt in which the whole performance was held can be seen from the manner in which Judge Elbert H. Gary acted re the conference. The Judge left for Alabama to inspect some of the company's plant, just the minute it was wired to New York what the A. F. of L. proposed doing with reference to the corporation's employes. Vice President W. E. Corey sent word to the Wall Street reporters that he was too busy to talk about the matter.

The same reply was sent out from J. P. Morgan's office when Geo. W. Perkins, who developed the profit sharing plan of the corporation, was asked his views concerning the attitude of the labor leaders against the billion dollar combine.

All the steel manufacturers your correspondent talked with were inclined to treat the action of the labor organizations in declaring open war on the United States Steel Corporation with indifference. They all regarded the outcome of the meeting at Pittsburgh as the last stand of the defeated sheet steel and tin plate workers. They laughed outright at the threat of the Amalgamated Association to tie up the mills. That organization does not control one of the United States Steel Corporation's mills. Six months ago the tin plate and sheet steel mills of the combine were to a considerable extent governed by the Amalgamated Association. Then the trust declared for an "open shop," the workers went on strike, but since then practically every mill has started non-union. This eliminated the A. A. from the affairs of the corporation with one fell swoop.

The steel trust immediately after war was declared on by the A. F. of L., received at its main office a telegram from a big banker in Pittsburgh in which he said: "Talk of a general strike is laughable. The Amalgamated Association has been losing ground for years, and today is but a remnant of the original organization. The Association is out of funds, and outside of a few departments of the Republic Iron and Steel Company and several small independent plants, it represents nothing. The action of the labor leaders is not taken seriously here. I guess they will soon find that the profit sharing plan has cooled the 'golden goose' as far as they are concerned."

Today the number of employes of the steel corporation foot up 190,000, requiring wages to the amount of \$150,000,000. Some of this number make as high as \$20.00 a day and the minimum wages for the laboring class is \$1.75 a day.

Out of this total 40,000 own stock in the corporation and their conservative attitude is Wall Street's best asset.

Never in the history of the great money suit has there been so much contempt expressed against the working class. I have heard in the few months that Taft has been in office.

I tell you, Comrades, you may shout it from the housetops to your fellow slaves: It is either Industrial Unions or Hell, and that soon.

JOHN D.

Dig up a dollar and send it to F. W. Healewood, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to help the boys in their fight at Spokane.

By Way of Comment

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COMPERS AND SPOKANE.

A year has just passed since Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia handed down his celebrated decision finding Compers, Mitchell and Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, guilty of contempt of court in violating an injunction...

How different is the experience of the members of the Industrial Workers of the World in Spokane...

They have not only been jailed by the hundreds and treated with incredible barbarity...

What is the reason for this startling difference in the treatment of the A. F. of L. officials and the members of the I. W. W. at the hands of the authorities?

In a nutshell, here it is: The A. F. of L. at best, saying nothing at all just now about the openhanded and self-seeking offices...

The A. F. of L. recognizes only the interests of the skilled workman. Hence it organizes by crafts...

Nothing better illustrates the spirit and tactics of the A. F. of L. than the strike in the works of the Buck Store and Range Company...

And his associates. Out of a total of 745 men employed, 500 were organized in the A. F. of L. but only 36 of these, members of the Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers' Union were directly concerned in the strike...

The class struggle is a struggle on the part of the workers for bread and not for the putting of politicians into office.

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able sin." And if the Call would only look at the other side of this treachery—the side which makes the employer the treacherous agent of the union, under the trade agreement—it will find that this treachery is but the reciprocity that logically occurs wherever "the neutral interests of capital and labor" holds sway.

THE COMMENTATOR. SPECIAL ARTICLES. Solidarity intends to run a series of special articles and perhaps special issues dealing with particular industries and showing the necessity of industrial unionism in each particular industry.

A TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT. Since December 14th the A. F. of L. has declared open war on the steel trust, but we need not be surprised in the least...

"Labor leaders" who will put their feet under the tables of the Civic Federation and hobnob with the performers who riot in the wealth that they have reaped from labor's sweat and blood...

The Class Struggle is a reality, bitter as death. The employing class are anxious to sweat all the profit they can out of Labor's flesh and blood. Labor is anxious to get what it can and is hard pressed to keep its nose above water.

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STRAY BULLETS

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Christmas is a fine time in the House of Hovey, but it's gall and wormwood in the House of Want.

Recipe for getting corn and wine and oil, also milk, honey, raisins and sweet potatoes: Make a noise like joining the I. W. W.

Every concession that the workers wrest from the ruling class by the strong hand of industrial unionism is won for all time. What we have we'll hold, and what we win we can keep.

Christmas Thought for the Workers—All the jewelry, autos, cut glass and other thousand dollar presents that the rich make to each other at this time of the year represent wealth which you need for your own and your family's comfort. Organize in the I. W. W. and get it.

"Peace on earth and good will toward men" is a bright idea, all right enough. We'll have it after the working class are organized industrially and have put the kumpaneer who live on their sweat and toil out of business.

Before there's any peace on earth worth having the Class Struggle has to be fought out to a finish and the last exploiter of labor put out of business. All that the workers have to do to bring it about is to organize in the I. W. W.

Talking about Christmas presents, the fellows for every revolutionist to remember are the boys who are fighting the battle in Spokane. Cut out this middle class junk of exchanging presents all round at this time of the year, and any money that you can spare send it to Fred Heslewood, Box 895, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to help win the free speech fight.

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**DON QUIKOTE SAM**

By Frank Balm.

The editor asks me for an account of the A. F. L. convention at Toronto. As he pleases, of course, but we cannot begin to transgress. A new report of the Toronto convention would be scabbard on Fellow Worker Cervantes.

**Selections From the Impaired Prophecy of Cervantes Concerning the Toronto Convention.**

Chapter 1.

(In which it is related how Don Quikote Gompers, in the age of the machine process, did set out for Toronto, to fight again upon the American working class the medieval craft guild system.)

"In short, his wit being quite gone, he hit upon the strange notion that ever madman in this world hit upon, and that he sanctioned that it was right and reasonable, as well as for the support of his own honor, as for the service of his country, that he should make a knight-errant of himself—roaming the world over in full armour and on horseback in quest of adventures, and putting in practice himself all that he had read of as being the usual jestures of knights errant.

The first thing that he did was to clean up some armour that had belonged to his great-grandfather and had been for ages lying in a corner eaten with rust and covered with mildew."—Don Quikote, ch. 1.

Chapter 2.

(Concerning the marvellous tale of how Don Quikote Gompers came into conflict with the ancient laws and customs of his country; of how his union dues-payor and servant, Sancho-Panza, advises prudence; and of the intrepid bravery of the Don.)

"At this point when they came alight of thirty or forty windmills that were in that plain, and as soon as Don Quikote saw them he said to the Squire: 'Fortune is arranging matters for us better than we could have shaped our desires ourselves, for look here, friend Sancho Panza, where thirty or forty monstrous giants present all of whom I mean to engage in battle and slay, and with whose spoils we shall begin to make our fortunes; for so these enormous warlike, and it is God's good service to sweep so evil a breed from the face of the earth.'"

"What giants?" said Sancho Panza.

"Those thou seest there," answered his master, "with the long-arms, and some have them nearly two legs long."

"Look, your worship," said Sancho, "what we see there are not giants, but windmills, and what seem to be their arms are the sails that, turned by the wind make the mill stone go."

"It is easy to see," replied Don Q., "that thou art not used to this business of adventures; those are giants, and if thou art afraid, away with thee out of this and bask thyself in prayer while I engage them in fierce and unequal combat."

So saying and commending himself with all his heart to his lady Dulcinea, with lance in rest and covered by his buckler he charged—and fell upon the first mill that stood in front of him. But the wind whirled round with such force that it shivered the lance in pieces, sweeping with it horse and rider, who went rolling over on the plain in a sorry condition.

"God bless you," said Sancho, "did I not tell your worship to mind what you were about, for they were only windmills. And no one could have made any mistake about it but one who had something of the same kind in his head."—Don Quikote, ch. 8.

Chapter 3.

(The weird, wonderful, but accurate history of how the A. F. of L. convention voted Don Q. Gompers \$25,000 a year for the period of his jail service; without the telling of which the chronicle would be lacking one of its most instructive chapters.)

"Sancho," said the Don, "I command thee, before I enter the Real dungeon, you surrender unto me the money bag with the gold reals. While languishing in the castle keep I must never forget to send to you some of my love to the beautiful, the precious Dulcinea del Toboso, whose face is like the moon and whose eyes—"

"Good master," said Sancho Panza, "my stomach yawns, needing biscuit and boiled lentils. And my back is much sore of the drabbing got from the Moors requiring balsam and lint."

"Fie on your stomach and your back! Do you reject the Don? Those engaged in deeds of knight errantry must suffer in silence."

"But master," quoth Sancho, "I notice that the wine and cakes are for your bowels, the fair damsel for your arms and

the whippings for my backside." Chapter 4.

(Treating of the foolish gathered, Mercutio of the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers; of how he led the poor atoms in to the desert and lost them, and so got no soup from the Civic Federation; to which is added the peculiar tale of how he filled his belly with wild grass and then in sore distress departed at Toronto; of how Don Q. Gompers taking the gathering there, a fellow knight in need promised him a talkfest at Pittsburg, but privily advised him that he had better keep what wild grass he had left in his belly, lest he get no soup for all his pains.)

The reader is here referred to the original, in which Sancho assumes the government of the Island of Berastoria.

Chapter 5.

(Describing how certain ale merchants from Germany, on their way to Segovia, fell in with Don Q. Gompers at Toronto; of how the wily Don sought to divide their numbers to the end that thieves might steal their gathering; how the brewers were both foolish and wise; for though they gave of their brew to the Don, they kept their numbers and drove off the thieves.)

"Good master," said Sancho, "the Germans with their brew are not such fools as you took them to be."

"Shut your mouth," replied the Don. "The next thing I hear you say will likely be that you want pay for your service."

Chapter the Last.

(Containing a passing strange and almost unbelievable relation of the history of Don Quikote Gompers; the record of how he saw a great light in the darkness at Toronto; divining that it was the light of the social revolution he ran and hid in a great forest; how, being reminded by Sancho of his knighthood in the Civic Federation he took courage and prepared to serve his liege lord, amount; by charging, lance in rest, upon the army of the light; of how (most singular) the light was carried by a monkish set of Socialists; describing what their lamentations were concerning; being over the dead and stinking body of their earthly "buses," which they were carrying by night to Toronto for burial; further, how, before the Don could put his lance in rest, the monkish party took fright of the braying of Sancho's ass, Dapple, and dropped their light in a deep ditch; and of the weird and evil night incomprehensible mysteries which are cleared up when Don Quikote Gompers' connections with the monkish crowd is interpreted.)

Sancho's ass, Dapple, smarting under the cudgellings of the approval which which Sancho laid on right heavily, ceased braying.

"When have the poor monks gone?" asked the Don. "They have left their tracks in the ditch with their light. I took them, in the darkness, for knights like myself. My heaven spare them from more harm."

"Good master," replied Sancho, "by the two ears of my ass, Dapple, the harmless folk now have need of the mercy of Providence. For I saw them rush into a great swamp, where they took the wriggling of the eels in the water to be the handwriting of God on the rocks."

"Nay, nay," said the Don. "You are enchanted and speak not truthfully. Even the eels here at Toronto would rise up and drive them out of the swamps of error, which they want for themselves!"

And thus endeth the tale of how one Gompers, on the way from the capital of his country to a jail which is located as far away from his hotel as the kingdom of heaven is from Spokane, stopped off at Toronto and had his salary raised; and of certain E. Z. Marks who thought a "labor" party was to be organized, when it was—

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... sounds, horrible and immoral and absolutely different from her ordinary decent mode of life can be forced upon her, her privacy invaded while trying to steal some sleep by a brute of a man in a jail that hasn't attained the ordinary standard of civilization that requires a matron for the care of women prisoners. This is all for law and order.

"Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!"

If Gompers or one of his lieutenants wanted to speak on the streets of Spokane showing the "identical" interests between capital and labor "do you think he would have been jailed for it? The ruling class know a working class movement when they see it.

**THE ONLY HOPE**

By Covington Hall.

The Industrial Union is to the working class what the trust is to the capitalist class—the destruction of competition within the class and the massing in one, solid, compact organization of the economic interests of the class.

It, the I. W. W., is a movement to end the class war now raging in the ranks of labor, and that has raged ever since the American Federation of Labor came into being, and which will and must continue as long as that treacherous, strife-breeding dis-organization continues to exist.

Between the two, the I. W. W. and the A. F. of L., there can be no compromise, for it is a war of the new against the old, of the living against the dead, of the true against the false, of right against wrong, of freedom against slavery, and the working class must either crush the A. F. of L. or itself be crushed.

A labor union is essentially an army of occupation, a machine designed to force concessions from the employing class and not, Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kennerly to the contrary, an insurance society or benevolent association.

If you believe with me that the labor union is an army of occupation, then you must believe that the closer the battalions are brought together, the more compactly they are organized, the more heavily they are massed, the surer and more certain will be our chance of victory. This, the massing of the might of labor, now scattered and rendered inefficient by the organized disunion of the A. F. of L., is the aim of the I. W. W., is the reason for the existence of the industrial union.

This program of the I. W. W., to organize all the workers, the whole working class into one great national and international industrial union, with the proclaimed intention of abolishing class wars forever by taking and holding the world for the workers, this program only the unthinking, only those asleep to their own interests, or out and out traitors to their class, will oppose, for this program put into effect is the only thing that can release the working class from its present misery and degradation, which to endure longer is to confess ourselves unworthy the name of man.

Consider, you whose children go ragged, work worn and hungry to bed in the midst of the boundless plenty you alone created, consider the shameful history of the so-called American Federation of Labor, consider all the humiliating and bitter defeats you have suffered during the last ten years under the banners of this craft-divided mockery of organization, consider the powers you are facing today, the great trustified industrial unions of the master class, consider all this, all the things that were and are, the facts and not the fables of life, and tell me why, outside the I. W. W., the working class can look for hope!

Tell me, would labor be in retreat all along the line today if, instead of following the yellow flag of the A. F. of L., it had followed the blood red banner of the I. W. W.?

Tell me, it is a matter of history known to all, what the United States Steel Corporation has done to the craft unions in its employ, and then tell me what would have happened to this trust had all the workers in its employ, including those in its "independent" plants, been organized into one great union, a union covering the whole metal industry, a union including the workers in its mines, its machine shops, its furnaces, its rolling mills, steel mills, its template mills, and all the workers in the whole metal industry, from the mines to the warehouses where the finished products are distributed? I say such a union would have made the workers absolute masters of the metal industry and that this principle of organization carried into all other industries, and all the industries bound together and backing each other in the I. W. W., would put the working class in possession of the earth and the government thereof, and this it could do because it would have the power, the might, the force to take and hold the wealth of the trust, and this could do because its control of the privilege of setting would compel into its service even the armies of the world.

Workingmen of the world unite! An injury to one is an injury to all! Fear not! It is better to die fighting than to die starving in idleness.

The I. W. W. is the only hope of the working class.

If a rise in wages didn't really mean anything to the working class, would the bosses kick so against it?

**THE I. W. W. PREAMBLE**

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

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever-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 have interests in common with their employers.

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

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wages for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

Knowing therefore, that such an organization is absolutely necessary for our emancipation we unite under the following constitution.

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The Forward Plunge

By Louis Duchez.

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The employer of the new society has been born in the form of the industrial union movement, permeated with the spirit of revolution.

Besides, "the lowest stratum of our present society, the proletariat, is to use the language of Marx, is for the first time in history organizing itself into a class conscious movement.

This same revolutionary element of society has nothing to gain from the present order. Nothing that the middle class can do will benefit it.

Five victorious strikes will take place before the revolution is upon us. My will take place, however, and the revolutionary proletariat welcomes them.

It is now for those of us who understand the tremendousness of the part we are being compelled to play, to embrace every opportunity to teach the workers the historical mission of the revolutionary union movement.

The Storm Centers of Revolt. No one who has studied modern industry to any great extent can but realize that the big fighting of the Revolution will take place in the great industrial centers.

There are several reasons for this. First, it is in these two industries that the industrial process is the most highly developed.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. "Here enclosed will find \$4.00 money order for four subs to Solidarity. I thank you very much for your offer to give one sub free for every four the year's subscription I send.

NEW CASTLE, PA. Several active fellow workers are rolling up a good list. Among others is Fellow Worker G. H. Ferry who handed in a bunch of ten subs this week.

WAISTMAKERS' STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA. As it has been freely predicted for some time past, the shirtwaist makers of Philadelphia, to the number of 10,000 or more, with large numbers of recruits joining their ranks every day, are now out on strike.

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Organizing the Workers

Local 173, San Francisco, Proposes Practical Plan of "Immediate Demands."

Fellow Workers: Fully realizing the aims and objects of the Industrial Workers of the World and the ultimate goal to be reached, i. e., "labor produces all wealth," wealth belongs to the producer thereof, and the final overthrow of the capitalist class by the workers.

Fully realizing this, we, the members of Local No. 173, I. W. W., San Francisco, Cal., believe it time to take steps toward this end. Therefore we beg to submit the following resolution to the locals of the Pacific coast for their careful consideration and if adopted to be spread broadcast as a supplement to address to wage workers.

Whereas, Realizing the conditions of the wage workers of the Pacific coast such as the unscrupulous methods of the employment sharks, long hours, small wages, carrying blankets, filthy and vermin-infested bunk houses, poor food, hospital fees, (where there are no hospitals) discounting wages, etc., etc., therefore we, your committee elected at the last regular business meeting held November 9, 1909, Local No. 173, I. W. W., San Francisco, beg to submit the following resolutions:

RESOLVED 1. That we carry on an unceasing warfare against the employment sharks until that evil shall fall to exist, by establishing free employment offices in all Locals which shall be free to employ and employer alike.

2. That we demand the removal of the vermin-infested bunk houses of the present day to be replaced by modern up-to-date well ventilated buildings with good rooms, (said rooms not to contain more than two men in a room) spring beds with good bedding, and such conveniences as baths, toilets, wash rooms, laundry, etc., thereby doing away with what is commonly known as the "blanket stuff," and that good substantial food be supplied.

3. That we fight to do away with hospital fees, poll tax and discount of wages.

4. That we fight for a minimum wage of \$3 per day.

5. That the I. W. W. Locals of the Pacific coast take up the fight for the 8-hour day; be it further

Resolved, That we, the Pacific coast locals of the Industrial Workers, all get together and win these points, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to all the locals on the Pacific coast, the Industrial Union press and general headquarters, and if adopted the same shall be drawn up and printed in pamphlet form as a supplement to address to wage workers.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted at a regular business meeting held November 16, 1909, Local No. 173, I. W. W., San Francisco, August Walquist, Harry Street, George Speer, Committee.

J. W. Osamble, Chairman. August Walquist, Rec. Secretary.

Morgan's Power

(By Our Wall Street Correspondent.) NEW YORK, December 22.

J. P. Morgan now controls the following assets: Insurance and Trust companies, \$17,749,000,000 U. S. Steel Corporation, 1,500,000,000 Railroads, 1,169,349,000

Total, \$4,413,349,000. This is the largest amount ever controlled by any man in the world's history and shows to the industrial unionist just how fast the capitalist system is tending to one man power, in these United States.

Nothing in Wall Street can stand up against Morgan, not even John D. Rockefeller, and many big inventors are greatly concerned about this tremendous power now in Morgan's hands. They think it a dangerous thing for the whole country, and many of them are outspoken regarding the matter.

Morgan can now with one sweep wipe out the middle class, and also a big section of the "upper crust" just as soon as he decides to do so.

The power of this man shows, in my opinion, the almost insane efforts of the purely political agency, to control him. It is either Industrial Unionism or Hell. Morgan's friends tell us the "old man" is puffed with power, and nothing short of a proper economic organization will get the task before the workmen and women of

America. The fight put up by our fellow workers at Spokane for talking I. W. W. kind of unionism should be enough of a lesson to us, that that is the kind of organization the whole capitalist class is afraid of.

I cannot bring it home strong enough to I. W. W. men and women that Wall Street expects by the time Taft serves his present term there will not be a shadow left of a trade union which we are now of today.

A SEPTEMBER RESOLUTION.

The following resolution, bearing the seal of Midland Lodge, No. 23, has just come to our notice. It will be interesting reading just now in view of the A. F. of L.'s "declaration of war" on the steel trust.

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 5, 1909. To Our Fellow Craftsmen:

At the last regular meeting of Midland Lodge, No. 23, A. A. of I. S. & T. W., held on August 29, 1909, the following resolution were adopted:

Whereas, Trades unions in the past eight or ten years have utterly failed to accomplish the purpose desired in case of strikes, as shown by the case of the injunction, the action against the boycott and the Dick military law; and

Whereas, The contract system which in vogue keeps men split, makes solidarity impossible even though they be affiliated with the same trade in the same factory or shop, one division or one union on strike, another held by contract which they fear to violate, and,

Whereas, There exists an organization which takes in a much wider, broader and stronger scope, that which is an organization of all workmen, from the skilled mechanic to the commonest pick and shovel laborer in the ditch; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of Midland lodge do hereby consider the union men who haul the coal and steel, the men who use the finished product in a union mill who are strike breakers just as much as those who went back to work in the mills; and, be it further

Resolved, That we hereby take steps to affiliate with the Industrial Workers of the World; and, be it further

Resolved, That we agitate the principles of above named organization among other trades unions and also among workmen that are not organized. Be it further

Resolved, That we endorse the I. W. W. in its industrial field as an educator for the political field; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the National Lodge and also to each and every sub lodge under the jurisdiction of the A. A. of I. S. & T. W.

GEORGE TURNER, WM. C. TURNER, SAMUEL HAIGH, Committee.

DISMANTLING THE MILLS AT BRIDGEPORT. The Steel Trust is giving an illustration of its despotic spirit in dismantling its mills at Bridgeport, O., employing 4,000 men, and also the Laughlin plant at Martin's Ferry, W. Va., employing 2,500 men, which are to be moved, it is said, to Gary, Ind., there to be completed on non-union lines.

This move will help the Steel Trust, but little, as the very conditions that are forcing the men to see the need of organization in Bridgeport will be found in Gary also. Wherever capitalist production goes the result of its wage slaves will follow it. Such moves on the part of the employers, however, will serve as a powerful lesson to the workers on the futility of little craft unions which are content with local spheres of influence, and the necessity of organizing the wage earners into one solid revolutionary organization capable of giving world-wide battle to the employing class.

THE FURNITURE SMASHED. CHICAGO, December 21. Wall Street was nipped last night by the police, all furniture was smashed, a few were arrested. More volunteers are on way to Spokane. Fight will not be stopped. No surrender. No compromise. W. E. TRAUTMANN.

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