

struggle in which the oppressed class acts directly rather than through representatives.
Sabotage is not a principle of the I. W. W., and Comrade Debs knows it. It is a tactic the value of which will be determined by the workers who may use it rather than the academicians who study it from afar.
THE RAMBLER

THE "COMRADE" MAYOR

Of Milwaukee Explains How a Candidate for Office is Not "Legally" Permitted to Aid Lawrence Strikers.

Chicago, March 8.
Solidarity:
Yesterday I visited Milwaukee and Mayor Seidel. I took my credentials from the Lawrence Strike Committee along, as I felt rather confident that the mayor would do something personally, if not officially, since he is the "comrade mayor," the "working class mayor," the "socialist, intrepid warrior for the proletarian with the attitude of capitalism." Since even the democrat, Mayor Witte of Cleveland gave \$5.00.

This was my reception: The secretary after a few minutes had announced me, the mayor, who greeted me politely, though without apparent recognition, ushered me into his private office and asked, "What can I do for you?" I told him I represented the Lawrence strike and presented my credentials. The mayor opened a little booklet lying strangely conveniently under his hand, and read rules, regulations, specifications, laws, legal, about the duties of a candidate for office, how money he is permitted to spend, and how he is prohibited from spending; and told solemnly that I not only was laying out money to lose his candidacy, but (in calamity) he could never run for office again; all this if he as much as slipped one little loose coin during the strike to women and children of Lawrence!

He said further, I was laying myself out to law. I informed the comrade gently that I of course asked such officiously on his part for the strikers; but so long I had been breaking silly laws, I said I didn't really mind a bit of law in this instance. But he said this is a good law, since it prevents candidates from using undue influence to get elected. etc. "But," I said, "I've never taken a workman doing for a workman's cause, doesn't it?" To which he held forth to answer "yes."

He went on to say that traps of that sort had been laid for him before and he had to be very careful.
The insinuation that I was simply trying to lay a trap for him is indeed worthy of the type who look upon the worker movement for emancipation as a job-creating institution for themselves.
Mayor Seidel said he understood Mr. BERGER was doing something to the strikers. Shades of Karl Marx! The whittaker! Not even Berger a trade in his eminently respectable hall of Milwaukee.

Thereupon the mayor rose to signify the termination of the interview. "System" guarantees this as an infallible hint to unwelcome visitors. I rose to go.
I was mad clear through. I didn't say much. What could I say to this competent, self-satisfied individual, who read me laws for a half hour, as to why he couldn't help workers? Who never asks "How is the strike? What are its prospects? Are you successful in your efforts?"

Seidel's farewell remark, that I visit the socialist headquarters, was accompanied by a caution not to go near any more candidates, as it jeopardized them.

I didn't go. I had all the "comrade spirit" I could stand for one day. It's a brand that will make Milwaukee famous, alright.
What is the class struggle and its desperate, hungry fighters, beside the jobs of socialist politicians?

I guess this story just about speaks for itself, fellow workers. Further comment is superfluous.
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN.

The socialists of Ellwood City, Pa., held a tag day on Saturday, March 9 for the benefit of the Lawrence strikers; \$78 was collected and forwarded to strike headquarters. The Socialist Party of the I. W. W. have jointly planned to hold a tag day in New Castle on Saturday, March 16.

San Diego, Calif., is putting up a great fight for free speech. All labor organizations are fighting together against the bosses and their "legal" usage. They need more money. Give them I. W. W.

FACTS

... D. Haywood has re... the personal intellectual... toward their contempt for... which he, by birth and training, brings. He whom they cannot use they abuse. When he exposes the fallacies of their doctrines and marks the shallowness of their pretensions, he is branded ignominious, denounced as a traitor and a heretic and the International Socialist Review, in whose behalf he travels, is put on the index expurgatorius. On this occasion, as an orthodox, which invited opinions from the intellectuals, their out of touchness with the struggling proletariat is made apparent.

The socialist of their particular spheres does not qualify them as mouthpieces of the working class. And they do not possess the scientific temperament that would enable them to formulate a correct program, or pass upon a sound tactic for those who labor in the working places of the world.

The lawyer may sit in his office, and the author in his study, and conjure up probable happenings in mine, railroad and factory.

They may write plausible paragraphs recommending certain lines of action as the only safe, sane and sound methods of achieving results.

But what does this element know of the drudgery in which the proletariat pass our lives away? How can they measure our sufferings or gauge our resentment? Those, who never labor under the eye of the task-master, how can they appreciate the irksomeness of the relationship between wage-laborer and employer? Having never tramped with ever-lengthening waistband in search of the job that it was just ahead, what qualities when to pose as the champions of a class, the members of which find themselves often in this predicament, and ever facing it? Do they feel the self-repression that the slave constantly needs to exercise? An item in the price of the privilege to produce values which belong to his industrial master. The insults heaped upon him, the demands extracted from him, the humiliations visited upon him, the denials he is forced to practice, and the miseries he is compelled to endure while known to them can never be appreciated by the purely intellectual. The onlooker may sympathize with the victim, but he cannot feel the punishment as does the victim.

The product of the boardwalk is not the logical advisor of the working class; the lessons of labor are not taught in the law school or the theological seminary; the leaders of labor thought are trained in the mill and the mine, rather than the university; the herald of the revolution must, in the very nature of things, be a worker and not a capitalist. Hence the confidence of the working class in Bill Haywood. Tried and true, faithful alike in the safety of the lecture platform and in the shadow of the galaxies. Branded undesirable alike by Roosevelt and Hillquit, he personifies his class by pushing on to newer conquests and rising to sublimer heights. Comrade Debs find it "hard to understand" "why the term intellectual should be one of reproach." I would say because it has been misapplied.

The so-called intellectual has been simply a word juggler and as a general thing they have not added to the legacy of those upon whose works the philosophy of the Socialist movement is based. It remains for some other genius to roof in the structure which Marx, Engels, Darwin, Morgan et al so nearly completed and in which we may dwell in peace and safety. When he appears we shall all be intellectual, but until then we must continue to regard our "intellectuals" as a very much overrated crowd whose word of condemnation is a recommendation, and whose approval condemns, and I would state, that in my opinion, Comrade Debs himself is dangerously near the same classification.

The length to which he has gone in his attempts to discredit direct action and the direct actionists is a new line of departure for Eugene V. Debs.

It seems incomprehensible that he, above all others, should put upon the interpretation that he has chosen to put upon direct action. He, the leader of the Great Northern strike of 1894, when Jim Hill's line, through direct action and without violence, was indeed "two streaks of rust." He, the founder of the great A. R. U., an organization of hope and promise to the railroad workers, and to which they still look back lovingly and loyally.

Is this the man who penned that magnificent little "Arise ye Slaves?" "I

THE ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD
Lumber Workers: J. F. H. Allison, National Secretary, 211 Occidental Ave. (Rear), Seattle, Wash.

VIEWS

The trustee care who dis... of the South Pole? It does not fear... from that quarter, though the... produces the trust's special commodity most abundantly.

Trusts are great institutions. "Dissolve" them and their owners grow wealthier, as does Rockefeller of the Standard Oil. Make them social property and the workers will be wealthier instead.

The trusts need watching. Keep your eyes on the coal trusts. In both the bituminous and anthracite regions strikes are predicted beginning April 1. Watch the American situation and compare it with the English one.

In the anthracite regions, 1,000 "special guards," less euphonically known as thugs and strong arm men, are being recruited to intimidate the miners and create disorder. "Our" capitalists don't depend on "the powers of state." They create their own powers. An industrially organized working class would render "our" capitalist powers as impotent as the English miners have rendered the powers of the British government.

Even the German coal miners are in revolt. They refuse to follow their leaders and permit the coal barons to profit from the English situation. They want to use the opportunity for themselves; and so demand a 15 per cent increase. What, under the circumstances, becomes of the so-called "discipline" of the Social Democracy? Even its regularity and conservatism are not proof against economic forces.

The German coal outbreak has other instructive features. A Berlin despatch says: "Full protection will be afforded the men who remain at work, and any disorders will be put down with an iron hand." This, in the land of 4,000,000 socialist voters! Ponder over that, you workers who say that socialist political power is the workers' only protection from governmental oppression. As for us, give us 4,000,000 true industrialists and we'd defy the Kaiser to do our worst. Look to England, oh ye who have been holding up Germany to us so long. Germany is a back number.

The Lawrence strike is already bearing the fruits of victory. All the New England textile mills are increasing wages. Notably Massachusetts but other states are included in this general movement. 29,000 industrially organized workers have untwisted capitalist repression and forced capitalist betterments for hundreds of thousands. And only 10 per cent of them were voters! Let him who can, reflect on the significance of the insignificant 10 per cent.

COAL STRIKE LIKELY

According to reports from the anthracite coal section, circulating in Wall Street, the best opinion is that the controversy will not be settled by March 31. The present agreement under which the miners are working expires on that date and it is accordingly expected that a suspension of operations at the mines will take place, pending the conclusion of negotiations between the operators and the miners for a settlement. This will undoubtedly take considerable time as both sides will maintain a stiff attitude at the outset of the negotiations. Eventually, it is believed that the operators will consent to a moderate wage increase, though not as much as the miners demand. Some of the operators believe that, owing to the increased cost of living, the miners are entitled to some advance in wages.

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In Oakland on March 5, police not only broke up an I. W. W. street meeting and a parade which followed the meeting; but the cops also deliberately invaded a Socialist Party hall executive, clubbing and driving out the men and women gathered there. During the street demonstrations, the irresponsible cops used their clubs right and left on whoever happened to be in range, with the result that several church women and other "dearable and law abiding citizens" were victims of the slugging committee. "General indignation" has followed this brutal stupidity, thus helping the cause of free speech.

This want of discrimination by the authorities has also had the good effect of driving to united action all elements of the labor movement. Like the official brutality in the Lawrence strike, it promotes the solidarity of the workers. For instance, in San Diego on Feb. 26, 2,500 workers, members of A. F. of L., I. W. W. and S. P., marched together in behalf of free speech. All were forced into united action by the clumsy and brutal work of the city authorities. The same thing happened in Vancouver, B. C. and is now happening in Oakland.

This is a good sign. It shows that the class spirit develops rapidly under the club of the master and his lackeys. The indiscriminate cracking of heads affords no time for the victims to split hairs over non-essential differences of opinion. Nothing less than unity of action and the fighting spirit of one big union suffice for such occasions. The employers' cry, "Divide and conquer," is drowned in the crack of the policeman's club.

And once the slaves have in this manner gained experience also, their opinions will change rapidly also. Old differences that breed and promote division can no longer persist with the same intensity,

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CAN YOU WEAVE CLOTH WITH BAYONETS?

"Can you weave cloth with bayonets?" asked Haywood in his usual direct fashion of the law and order people at Lawrence. That is the question which we put to all the governments and all military forces. It is a question which they must answer in the negative. They may kill, imprison, starve. They may go beyond all limits even for the preservation of bourgeois order and less little children from the arms of their parents that they may be kept in an American city to starve, as they did in Lawrence. They may go crazy and make wholesale arrests in defiance of their own constitutional guarantees, as they are doing in San Diego. But they cannot make a piece of cloth, they cannot sow and reap a crop, they cannot add one particle to the wealth of man by all the bayonets, bloodguoses and guns at their command.

Neither can they make the weavers of cloth weave. Hunger and absolute necessity may compel the resumption of work, but the guns of the troops cannot make one single thread, nor can they drive one little child to his part in the process, whose resultant is the shoddy cloth which covers the skin of most of us. Government is ludicrously powerless when confronted by men inspired.

And suppose hunger drives back the women and children of Lawrence to the work in the mills at the starvation wages with which they are to be content. Suppose the strike is lost. Do you think that under the circumstances the mills' output will be such as to guarantee steady dividends? Would you care to be a shareholder in the mills of Lawrence which they are worked by a batch of wage slaves who have been taught the lessons which this strike has taught them? No, they cannot weave cloth by bayonets, but those under whose hands the cloth grows in the mill can make or mar the cloth, those whose trained hands guide the machinery, the drugges, even of the lowest degree, upon whose behavior the whole process of manufacture entirely depends can make that machinery perform the task for which it was intended or can cause palpitations and gyrations in its movements, which will make the dividends of Lawrence mill owners pale and

the capitalist entrust, do the under workers of the whom they treat worse than dogs and from whom they extract eternal fidelity. The burden too is on the demand is ridiculous. To inhuman the leaders, to bludgeon the rank and file, to forcibly abduct their children, ad then to expect that when the slaves ho have been thus abused return to work under compulsion that the industrial equipment will be safe in their hands.

As I write there is a report that in the event of the failure of the coal miners and owners in England to come to terms, the government will work the mines. But how can government work them except in the name of the demands of the men? It might herd the miners into the shafts at the point of the bayonet and that would mean the abrogation of the constitution and the frank establishment of an industrial tyranny which would produce a physical force revolution in the form of the present British system would vanish. Or it might work the mines in accordance with the demands of the men, which would also mean the social revolution, as the government would thus have quarreled irretrievably with its capitalist supporters. Such action at the hands of a bourgeois government is absolutely unthinkable. But suppose military force were employed to compel the resumption of work and that the men were driven to their tasks. They would still have to be entrusted with the machinery of production. To be frank, I fancy that it would go rather hard with the machinery of production. Some such occurrences as marked the French rail way strike would be pretty certain to take place, for men have a most damnable persistence in remaining human, the Toland notwithstanding.

Organizations like those of the strikers at Lawrence and like that of the English and Welsh miners since the spread of industrial unionism in their midst put the whole system on trial. They challenge capitalism at its very base, open the whole matter of the relations of capital and labor and cause governments to tremble and the mass of the citizen to inquire.

The Lawrence strike is a notable example of just this. These strikers are such as would as would have been despised by the ordinary trades union agitator. They might have been organized for the sake of their names, but they never

have been effectively organized, so as to form a unit. They would have been split into crafts and subdivisions and the craft union organizer would have found his excuse for failure in their poverty, in the class of labor, and in the diversity of race and language, which he would have exploited to their detriment. The industrial unions, poor, without the resources of a great and rich organization, does unite them. He is met by the treasury of the trade union leader who actually offers to make a pact with the police to destroy this organization. In spite of all difficulties, however, the industrial organizer persists. He gets his response, and the whole world wonders at the power of those hands of helpless, starving foreigners in the bitter cold of a Massachusetts February. Heroism, devotion, mutual sacrifice and eternal faith—these are the results of the propaganda of industrialism; and these the battle song of the international working man echoes in the hearts of the priggish New England Puritan aristocracy.

In face of such results only poor little politicians who want something can prate about dual organizations. The fact is that the Industrial Workers in the Lawrence strike have conducted a colossal piece of work admirably,—have brought about a better proletarian spirit than has ever yet been produced in this country, even in the garment workers' strike, have developed proletarian solidarity to a point not hitherto reached and have shown such a daring and revolutionary spirit as no strike in this country has come anywhere near approaching. If the poor little politicians do not know this the capitalists themselves have the sense to know it. The Boston papers for weeks have been calling upon the employers to recognize the workers if they will join the A. F. of L. Could more destructive criticism be passed upon any organization than is implied in that advice of the Boston newspapers? In fact so marked has been that A. F. of L. organizations in many cases have sent funds not to their own relief headquarters, but to the headquarters of the Industrial Workers.

"Can you weave cloth with bayonets?" asks the intrepid miner against whom the poor little politicians have directed their ill-tempered shafts. The answer comes back in the derisive laughter of that portion of the working class which has accepted the doctrines of industrialism and is prepared to challenge the system. A historic phrase has been made, twin to that which will immortalize Gary. "Can you unscramble eggs?" asks the greater capitalist. "Can you weave cloth with bayonets?" asks the proletarian, and the middle class, bewildered, takes refuge in the Los Angeles plan. So history is made.—Austin Lewis in the Oakland World.

GREAT STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

City of Brisbane Completely Paralyzed by United Action of Workers in 46 Unions.

The Melbourne, Australia, "Socialist" of February 9, just arrived in America, has an interesting story to tell of a great strike in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, which was still being waged at that date. The "Socialist" says in part:

"Brisbane's industries are paralyzed; the shops are closed; no smoke comes from the factory chimneys; building work is at a standstill; theatres are closed; the usual newspapers are not issued; hotels and wine shops are closed; no cargo is being loaded into or taken from ships; no trams run through the streets; barber's shops are closed; no bread, milk nor meat is being delivered, except to hospitals and similar institutions. These, and almost all of the other activities of the industrial and commercial world of Brisbane, are at a standstill. Labor, upon whose effort society exists, from whose energy results all the requirements of life, has ceased to operate, and Brisbane, except for the great crowds in the streets, is as though dead."

The cause of the trouble was an attempt of the Tramway Co. to break up the union of workers on the street railways. The "Socialist" continues:

"Let it be balled with satisfaction throughout the working class world that in Brisbane the working class have manifested a degree of solidarity unparalleled in the history of Australia. The strike had not been in existence for more than a few days before a conference of delegates from 46 unions in Brisbane, recognizing that union principles were at stake, that

the tram workers' class, in any case, would be immediately decided to strike if the Tramway Co. attitude. The company retains the 46 unions and within 96 hours the conference of union delegates Brisbane's industries were paralyzed. For the first time in Australia was the fact that an injury to one is the concern of all given manifestation to by so many organizations and by such a mass of men."

As usual the masters' slugging committee—the government of Queensland—clubbed and charged strikers in the streets, using every possible means of violence to incite the men to retaliation, but without success. The "Socialist" goes on to say:

"Telegrams from Queensland would indicate that the workers in Townsville and Charters Towers, Ravenswood, Clermont, Herberton, Chillagoe, Mackay, Bowen and Cairns are prepared to make common cause with the Brisbane men. This is as it should be. Unionism, the weapon of the working class, is at stake. We have not sought the battle. It has been forced upon us. The meat workers, timber workers, sugar workers, miners and water-laid workers throughout Queensland would do well to step into the fight at once. The whole organized movement of Australia should hold itself in readiness for the fight. Upon its extension largely depends its effectiveness. Action now by at least the whole of the Queensland unions is not only wise, but necessary. The concentration of the government's forces and attention in Brisbane must be made impossible. Men are riding in from the country districts enrolling as special police to help suppress the strike in Brisbane. These forces must be drawn to the country. Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Cooktown, Gympie, Ipswich, wherever men can be made to pose, the battle must be taken up. The strikers must avoid useless and unnecessary collisions with the police; give no chance for a massacre of the men in the streets, but they must be as firm as the enemy, and their actions must be such as to make impossible the centralization in Brisbane of the forces at the disposal of the government. They must cause a dispersal throughout the whole state of the coercive forces, so as to render impotent the government, so that the attempts of last week to overawe and disorganize the strikers by a forceful demonstration of a large body of police will become impossible. If everywhere at once the fight is taken up, the job will become too big for the government. The capitalist system will be paralyzed, and the government made impotent."

"No efforts should be spared in the attempt to get the railway workers out. The paralysis of the means of transport, likewise communication, is necessary. The enemy is determined. The war is on. It is a preliminary skirmish of the revolution. Let us be bold. If we are, then, in the present trouble which has been forced upon us, we may deliver a blow which the enemy will take long to recover from."

"Whatever happens, the workers will have learned much. Class has been ranged against class, demonstrating forcibly the class war. The solidarity engendered will undoubtedly have its effect upon the working class movement in Australia. The educational effect of action on class lines cannot be over estimated. Capitalist society cannot long exist when class action by the workers becomes the order of the day. Class action teaches us our power as nothing else can so well. That the capitalist system is on the brink of a volcano no one can longer doubt. No one can tell how soon an eruption may occur, which will have the effect of linking up the world's workers into an unconquerable army determined on producing the world's wealth for those who produce it."

AN OPEN LETTER
That Should Be Read By Workers Everywhere, and Published Broadcast.

Lawrence, Mass., March 8, 1912.
To Governor Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts, and Honorable Mr. A. Scanlon, Mayor, and the Most Honorable City Fathers of Lawrence, Mass.:
Gentlemen—The striking mill workers of Lawrence, Mass., do not expect you or any of your subordinates to do them justice. You have all done the bidding of the textile manufacturers, and we are becoming accustomed to all the ghastly brutalities, the beating of women, the clubbing of children and all the infamies that your puppets and servile tools have hap-

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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 union system is a device which allows employers in the same industry to combine and oppress the workers in the same industry. It is a device which allows the employers to combine and oppress the workers in the same industry.
These conditions can be changed only by the intervention of the working class united only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, can work wherever a strike or lockout is in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary.
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ed on peaceful people in this vicinity.
We have despair that there was ever to be justice done to the outraged workers, until recently, at last, the whole nation, aroused by the infamies of which you were the instigators and abettors, has forced the United States congress to investigate whether Lawrence was still located in the United States of America.

We know now that any complaint we may launch will reach the ear of millions aroused by the infamies enacted by brutal thugs, police and militia. If this letter does not receive your consideration we know that others are now ready to expose the outrages of recent date. But we feel confident that you would now restore to the citizens of this state the assurance that the right to walk on the streets unmolested has been restored in limited degrees, and therefore we address this communication to you through the public press and by mail.

Since the federal investigation is on, women thought they were secure in walking on the streets and that their constitutional rights were guaranteed. Peaceful women went to a meeting on March first, on a Friday. Returning home about 15 of them were suddenly surrounded by 50 or more Metropolitan police officers. There had been no provocations, no shouting even or any noise. These women were assaulted and clubbed, and an officer in blue, leaning out of a window of city hall, instructed and commanded the Metropolitan officers and urged them on in their fanatical, savage attacks. Breaking into two divisions they would not allow the women to escape. The clubbing they received was shameful and atrocious. Not until one of the women, Bertha F. Caruso, 151 Elm street, was beaten into insensibility did the thugs in uniform desist. The beaten woman was carried unconscious to a hospital and pregnant with new life; this was blown into eternity by the fanatical beating and was born dead, murdered in a mother's womb by the clabs of hired murderers of the law that you have so recklessly overridden and abridged.

murder before the fact? Complaints were immediately made at police headquarters, but the complainants were led to go to the city hall, where they received still less satisfaction.

This occurred at 9:30 p. m. immediately after a meeting in Chaslis hall. The assaulted woman is laid up and the murdered life cannot be brought back to life. We lay these facts before you so that you may not dispute these things away when all the gruesome incidents of this industrial struggle are compiled for future reference and future remembrance. We have suffered, we have borne in patience all these atrocities against ourselves and our kin—but we will remember, we will never forget and never forgive.

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of economic power, the power that rules and dominates the world.

What deplorable sights are to be seen at the factory gates or the mine outlets when the toilers have finished their daily toil! Saturated from head to foot with perspiration and grimed like human rats, such is the condition the modern proletariat has to endure to be allowed the privilege of earning a mere subsistence for wife and family, and pile by dividends for the master class. The great work before the workers is to organize their strength to get into conflict with their economic masters right at once, to demand more of their product, substantially better their conditions, and continue to build up the One Big Union of the working class, to carry on production and distribution for use as against the profit-making system.

The politicians are trotting out the same old lies about what they'll do and what they won't do. "Government!" Just take a good long look, Mr. Woodhead, and then ask yourself what parliaments have done for you, or what it's likely to do. Do you want freedom from wage slavery and oppression? If you do, organize. I. W. W. and get the might to take it. Freedom must be taken by those who take it. Get strong, then, and take it!

Are you pushing the I. W. W. literature into the hands of your mates and talking the One Big Union proposition? If you are, spread the word. Don't leave the matter over to the sweet-by-and-by, by nature demands that you give up struggle. Get to work right now as something that will better your environment and ultimately spell emancipation for your class. Get busy!

The German Socialists are "disappointed phenomena." When the Germans obtain and use their economic independence, his madness will be doubled!

CHANGE IN STOCKTON, CALIF.

Local 78 of Stockton, Calif., has moved to new and larger headquarters at 236 S. California Street.

ST. LOUIS I. W. W.

Local 84, I. W. W., St. Louis, has open headquarters at 1214 Franklin Business meeting every Friday, 8 p.m. Soap boxes coming this night please drop in. All slaves welcome.

NEW YORK CITY.

Local 179, I. W. W., has headquarters at 212 East 12th St. Business meetings every Wednesday evening. Lecture Sunday evenings. See'y.

CHICAGO I. W. W.

Local 85, branch 2 (English) meet every second and fourth Friday night at 180 Washington St. (near Fifth Ave) Chicago.

President, Wilbur M. Wolfe; Rec.-Cor. Secretary, Edward Hammond, 208 Hill St. Fin. Sec.-Treas., Tillie Meyer, 612 N. State St. Trustees—Marie Beitel, Sen. Harry Owens, Edith Adams.

MOVED IN LOS ANGELES

The Locals of the I. W. W. in Los Angeles have moved to more commodious headquarters at 741 San Pedro Street. Business meetings every Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Propaganda meetings every Sunday at 8 p. m.

All fellow workers coming this way call and give us a hand.

J. J. M'KELVEY, Sec'y.

NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL UNION OF TEXTILE WORKERS.

Local Union No. 157, I. W. W. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday, I. W. W. Hall, Pelham Building, 45 Delano St. Sec'y, Richard Wright, 27 Roosevelt St., New Bedford, Mass.

NEW SECRETARY IN TACOMA.

Local 580, I. W. W., Tacoma, Wash., has changed officials. The new secretary is A. J. Amielich, 110, South 24th St., Tacoma, Wash.

with criminal conspiracy; some with vagrancy, disturbing the peace, violating a city ordinance or any other charge that they can think of. This morning we had an interview with the boys in jail. They said: "We are going to stick." There is no way out except straight through. **THEY ARE GOING THROUGH.** The police are doing all in their power to squeak forever the "hoodoo local No. 18." Can they do it?

One hundred more men and women are needed to go to jail. Will you be one of the 100? Or must the men and women who are now in jail go on suffering and sacrificing their lives because you are too cowardly to come here and help them?

Don't listen to the hammer artist. Throw it out with yourself. Then if you believe that your place is with the men in jail, start for San Diego at once. If you cannot come, then give us all the publicity you can. **BOYCOTT SAN DIEGO GOODS.** Advertise the fact that this city, with a population of 32,000, has an unemployed army of 5,000. Let everybody who can, start for San Diego at once. Help Local 13 get back on the firing line. Do it now. We need you. J. W.

LOTS OF FUN

What a rich, ripe joke John Golden, fellow A. F. of L. member of the McNamara's, perpetrated when he denounced the I. W. W. as "a breeder of violence." John's incongruous position is enough to make a hippopotamus smile.

The fun of it is that the I. W. W. talks a b—ll of a lot about violence, but always plays the part of passive resistance. The other fellows do violence as a result. Hillquit and DeLeon do violence to the truth. The capitalists, a San Diego and Lawrence, do violence to constitutional rights. All the while, the I. W. W. acts passively within the law and grows in numbers. That's sound statesmanship; not violence, bred or unborn.

The socialist press makes funnery reading nowadays. The New York Call is writing long editorials on the English miners' strike showing that the solidarity of labor, economically applied, can affect profound social changes without capturing governments or amending constitutions. If that is true, what becomes of the Call's pet theory about "striking at the ballot box," "capturing governmental power," etc., etc.? Is there any serious reason for its perpetuation?

Which reminds us of "the civilized plane." Never hear of "the civilized plane," gentle reader? Most imposing bit of futile phraseology ever spun. Meant to stop I. W. W. growth, it only serves to expose the assninity of its too clever originator. In substance, it condemns as "a rat-hole conspiracy," the great English miners' strike, because it was not organized by means of the political propaganda carried on by "Foxy Grandpa's" divine, but obscure cult, better known as the Socialist Labor Party; or by a similar English organization. In other words, "the civilized plane" is proven by events to be the biggest joke of the 20th century. It stands "before the bar of the international labor movement" as funnier than Falstaff, with none of his real, substantial qualities.

Sure, there's lots of fun for the I. W. W. nowadays. Its ideas are proven sound on a large scale. It can, consequently, afford to laugh at those who once derided and condemned it, and are now trying to profit from its labors.

Oh, you, I. W. W. You certainly never looked better to me! J. E.

BOTH EAST AND WEST BY THE WAY

(Special to Solidarity.)
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.:
LAWRENCE, MASS!

Capitalism is compelling the two classes in society into certain activities to guard and maintain their material well-being. The master class come between the worker and his product, not in the talking shops of the world, but right at the point of production. This being the place where the robbing takes place, and where the conflict of interest lies, should, above all others, be the place to organize and gain power. Ownership and mastery over the material conditions of existence is the well-spring or source of the great power that is wielded by the capitalist owners that is wielded by the workers, then, to get busy organizing in and out of the place of exploitation, and to become possessed

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Yours for Industrial Freedom,
ALEXANDER M'KAY.

P. S.—As an additional piece of small cruelty, men who are near sighted and have glasses in the office, are refused their glasses, thereby withholding even the consolation of reading.

P. O. EMPLOYEES AWAKENING

The workers are showing signs of realizing their class interests in most unexpected places. For years the postoffice employees seemed impervious to the thrill of working class solidarity. They are under the control of political influences more crushing and degrading than those exercised by the corporations over their employees. But they are evincing signs of an awakening. Like their fellow workers of France, they are beginning to recognize that they are part and parcel of the working class and are identifying themselves with it in a practical manner. Hitchcock's "economy" may have done it; the increasing cost of living may have done it; the general unrest may have done it; however, it is done; so, hurrah for the postal employees!

Now for the facts. In one of the sub-stations in New York City, an employe, at the risk of his job, did the unprecedented thing of circulating a subscription list of the Lawrence strike among his fellow employes. He started out with some "mingivings as to his success, but was happy to find that his fears were dispelled. His appeals for assistance for the brave men and women of Lawrence met with an instantaneous and hearty response from both carriers and clerks.

In five days \$25.00 were collected to be collected on pay day, at the end of February. He was, in the language of the oppressor of the postoffice employes, T. R., "delighted," but in an altogether different sense than that used by the great hat-thrower and greater bluff-throater. For here was an evidence of class awakening that was encouraging and worthy of applause. It filled him with pride in his fellow-slaves of the postoffice.

Some incidents in connection with the circulation of the lists reveal the nature of the awakening still more emphatically than do the facts already given. Knowned the circulator of the lists to be a socialist party member, they said to him: "At last the socialist party is doing something practical; and not always looking for votes. As long as they claim to be a party of the working class they should at all times help the working class in all struggles on the economic field, regardless of the affiliations of those who are fighting." As that sounded good to the fellow worker, who acted entirely on his own initiative, sending to Lawrence for lists himself, he let it go at that, happy in the broad class consciousness that displayed, where it was entirely unlooked for.

"The world do move"; even the most oppressed of workers feel its vibrations and are moving with it.

Hurrah, for the awakening of the post-office employes. P. O. EMPLOYEES.

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At both points the battle rages; both armies require assistance. The Lawrence strikers require the money; so if you are working stay on the job and send your weekly pay envelopes to the strikers. But the many members of the I. W. W. who are without a master ought to join the fighting brigade in San Diego, Calif. It is the duty of an industrialist to be in the fight at all times. If there are any honors attached to the fighting game then you can have all the honors you want by getting on the firing line in this city. Two hundred men and women are in jail. Men are being slapped, beaten and deported; many of the boys are charged

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TRYING TO STOP SPEECH

day that newspaper men who were not in the pay of the "interests" were refused admittance and all information relative to the condition of the men confined here for violating the free speech ordinance, we submit the following facts which can be sworn to if necessary.

During the first part of this fight and before the free speech league was thoroughly organized, the police, thinking they had to deal with a few friendless men, treated them in the most brutal manner, suggestive only of the Spanish inquisition!

Dear friends, if you are in the least defective in the art of abusing your fellow man, call on Chief of Detective Myers, whom we can thoroughly recommend as a competent instructor. Should Myers not be available, "Motorcycle 'Fiend' No. 29 or identification clerk," would be splendid understudies.

I can imagine certain estimable old maid throwing up their hands in holy terror and saying, "Impossible, Brother Myers is a good church member!" But they never saw "Brother" Myers on a week night receiving a bunch of men arrested for violating the absurd street speaking ordinance. They would not recognize dear "Brother" Myers, for he is a veritable Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Then in the night, while lying in his nice soft bed (while we repose on the bare cement) he is recapturing his fund of obscene language for the coming parade. This is the occasion when all the men arrested the previous night are marched through the corridor, which is lined by detectives supposedly there for purposes of identification, but in reality to shower upon us their vile vituperation.

At present there are 78 advocates of free speech confined in a room intended only for 20 inmates, as there are but that number of beds. And such beds! Merely iron frames with canvas stretched across. The supply of blankets having been exhausted (at least the jailer so informs us,) all men received in the last four nights have had to sleep on the bare concrete, thereby contracting rheumatism and, as consequence, becoming unfit to work when released.

Let every liberty-loving citizen, as he retires tonight, think of the cruel conditions of these men, 75 per cent of whom are lying on the bare concrete. Had an oracle whispered to the architect to ventilate this room for 80 men instead of but 20, our condition would not be so miserably unsanitary as to make necessary 50 men applying for medical aid this morning. Of these 90 per cent are husky young men under 30 years of age, most of whom belong to this healthy western country. We expect 80 or 90 more in each night.

If there is anybody in San Diego who is trying the starvation cure for dyspepsia, we recommend the bill of fare at the city jail. The only time we received meat was

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POWER OF ORGANIZED LABOR

To the Editor of the Evening Post:
Sir: Your editorial on "The Coal Crisis in England" does not exaggerate the seriousness of the situation, but fails to emphasize the lesson which is involved therein. You touch upon this only in passing, when you say, "The fundamental strength of the miners' position lies in the impossibility of filling their places, and in the imperative need that their places be filled." Just here, to my mind, is the one important thing to be noted in this stupendous event. What we have in this nation-wide strike is a convincing illustration of the fact that there is absolutely nothing that the laboring classes cannot have as soon as they come to self-consciousness, discover their power and learn to "unite." Society is helpless be-

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