

# INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, COME TO SPOKANE! AND FIGHT FOR FREE SPEECH

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## FREE SPEECH FIGHT IS ON IN SPOKANE

At the end of the trial of James P. Thompson held in the Municipal court of Spokane Tuesday morning, November 2, the fight for the right to speak on the streets has started in earnest by the members of the union here in the city and many others that have arrived from all over the northwest.

Meetings were started in different parts of the city at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and held up until 2 o'clock in the evening; as one speaker was pulled off the box by the police another would take the stand for the purpose of being arrested. All told there were about 20 men arrested on Monday, including James Wilson, James P. Thompson, C. L. Filigno, A. Cousins, who were arrested on a warrant charged with criminal conspiracy. Also Mrs. Fernet was taken for street speaking, and Mrs. Arquette and Miss Huxtable were arrested on the raid made on the hall at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon.

No more high-handed piece of outlaws under the guise of authority has ever been perpetrated in the country; while the street speaking was in progress and the members in the hall were preparing to send another delegation on the street, the room was suddenly invaded by a gang of deputies, who proceeded to arrest Thompson, Cousins, Mrs. Arquette and Miss Huxtable. They returned later and got L. Filigno, secretary of the Central Executive Committee, and they picked Wilson up on the street.

Tuesday night a monster mass-meeting was held in the hall and was addressed by members of the union, at which volunteers offered themselves for the street for Wednesday.

No violence or overt acts have been reported, more than that one of the local papers says that the officer struck Mrs. Fernet while leading her to the city lock-up. Every precaution is being taken against any disturbance, and the men are orderly, disciplined and determined to take their place on the street as fast as they are needed.

Even the capitalist papers have been unable to make up a "story." With the exception of that of a police spy by the name of Martin J. Stans, who faked up a story that he had been promised a week's board if he would help the police by the officers of the organization, he said further that the union had one thousand guns in the hall. The police searched the hall but failed to find anything, and it will be to them to cook up some more evidence.

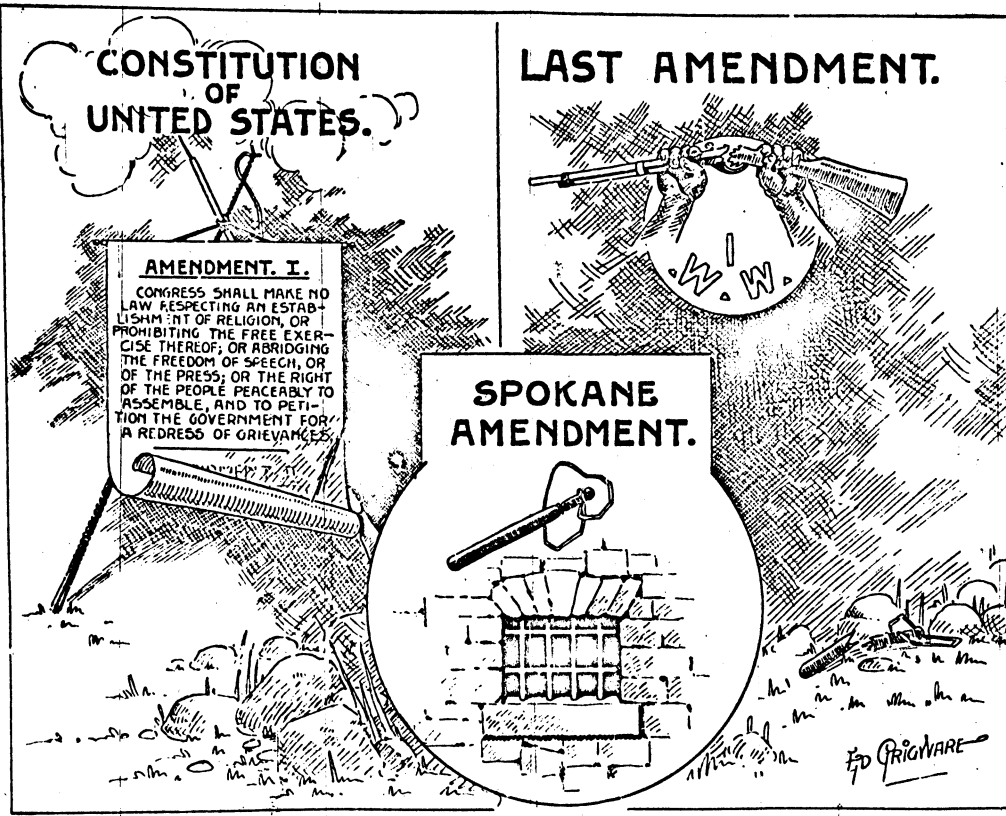
At the mass-meeting of the members in the hall Tuesday night, every man was searched for concealed weapons, which resulted in the finding of arms only on plain clothes men and cops.

It is hard to say how many police and deputies there are on the streets, but they are everywhere, ordering people to move on and otherwise dishing out kindness. The deputies appear to be recruited from professional thugs and petty criminals. It is also reported that one of the prominent Peerless sharks, Ed Kauer, of the notorious Peerless Employment Agency, and who has been tried and convicted of various criminal charges, is a deputy. While going up the street with one of the members of the union the writer overheard the famous bill, Bill Shannon, make the remark to a bystander that he was trying to start something. There is little doubt but what the famous one will make good his threat, but he will have to take the "something" out by beating up peaceful men and women, who will not allow themselves to resist any police brutality. More men are needed, and it is expected of the workers all over the northwest that they will voluntarily come to Spokane and take part in the greatest demonstration against the power of capitalist oppression since the Moyer, Haywood and Washington cases. The new criminal code in Washington asserts that two or more men conspiring to induce other men to break the law shall be guilty of criminal conspiracy, and it is up to the union to have the men offer to go to jail on their own accord when the facts of the case is known. Let no man shirk his duty. The I. W. W. being a voluntary organization, democratically controlled, all actions flow from the understanding of the membership, and when they act together it is for the mutual protection demanding such action. History is being written in Spokane, and the cause of freedom marches onward step by step with every man's arrest. Let us be true to ourselves and we will also be true to our class. Workers everywhere—the principles of working class SOLIDARITY calls you to action. If you can not come, send donations. Arrange monster protest meetings and raise the necessary money as well as the solid support of the working class in filing the lousy, city jail in Spokane to overflowing and we will force the hand of the dogs of Capitalism here and now.

The control of the power that can make the club, the gun, and the prison!  
NEVER since history began could men weave cloth with arrows, or make bread with bayonets. Never while men live can the arrow be shot, or the club wielded, unless some worker feeds the man with the sun, the club, and the arrow. Which is the surest, the safest and kindest—to storm a city, or to force the city to a surrender by cutting off the food supply of the city?  
The visionary, the politician, the demagogue, the fanatic, who talks of "armed resistance" of the workers against the employers, is either a tool or a knave. History drips with the blood of workmen who have thus fallen. But the industrial power of the workers can not be taken by a search warrant. The prisons can not contain the working class. Even the soldier can not shoot without foolish workers to feed the soldier.  
The foundations of society are made of bread and butter.  
Get control of the geo-onomic power, and the whole form of politics, morals and laws is the workers'. Not before.  
If order is "Heaven's first law," it is also the first essential of industrial union.  
We must build up a social structure on the bread-and-butter foundation before the world is ours.  
None but an enemy and a traitor to the working people advocates violence or disorder.  
All I. W. W. members know better than to use such insane tactics.  
True 3000 years ago, and true today:  
"Violence resteth in the bosom of fools!"

**RIOT DEFINED.**  
Section 296. Whenever three or more persons, having assembled for any purpose, shall disturb the public peace by using force or violence to any other person, or to property, or shall threaten or attempt to commit such disturbance, or to do any unlawful act by the use of force or violence, accompanied with the power of immediate execution of such threat or attempt, they shall be guilty of a riot.  
Every person who shall be guilty of riot or of participating therein, by being present at, or by instigation, permitting or aiding the same, shall be punished as follows:  
1. If the purpose of the assembly or the acts done therein, or intended by the persons engaged, shall be to resist the enforcement of a statute of this state or of the United States, or to obstruct any public officer of this state or of the United States in serving or executing any process or other mandate of a court, or in the performance of any other duty, or if at the time of the riot the offender shall carry a firearm or any other dangerous weapon, or shall be disguised, by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than five years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.  
2. If the offender shall direct, advise, encourage or solicit other persons present or participating in a riot or assembly to acts of force or violence, by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than two years, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.  
3. In every other case, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.  
When ever three or more persons shall assemble with intent—  
(1) To commit any unlawful act by force; or  
(2) To carry out any purpose in such manner as to disturb the public peace; or  
(3) Being assembled, shall attempt or threaten any act tending toward a breach of the peace, or an injury to persons or property, or any unlawful act such as assembly is unlawful, and every person participating therein by his presence, aid or instigation, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.  
Every person who shall remain present at the place of an unlawful meeting after having been warned to disperse by a magistrate or public officer, unless as a public officer or as the request of such officer he is assisting in dispersing the same or in protecting persons or property or in arresting offenders, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**VIOLENCE AND DISORDER.**  
A great many years ago, an old merchant—he was in the business of importing goods into Palestine from Africa—got rich. He was a fine organizer, but lamentably ignorant of the XXXIX. chapter of "Karl Marx." Nevertheless, he got a job as king, and he was the "god" and no mistake! While there was a "god" surrounding his birth, he had energy. He compiled a book of proverbs, and some of these proverbs are by-words today the world over. One of these proverbs is: "Violence resteth in the bosom of fools."  
Now, while this shrewd merchant was a realtors man, it was not for moral reasons alone that he was so against violence. He says violence is foolish. Violence is not the part of building. Violence is no part of organization. Violence is foolish from all points of view. Violence hurts the violator more than the victim. It is altogether bad and utterly without order.  
Too many people suppose that the revolutionary labor union of the workers winks at violence. This is a delusion and a slander of the enemy.  
The morals of the employing class are founded on violence. The laws of the rulers are upheld by violence. The true hymn of patriotism has for its chorus the "disposion of the cannonado," and the shrill wailing of women and children. The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. Let the rulers resort to the club, the gun, and the



THE I. W. W. WILL ENFORCE THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF THE WORKERS AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL OPPRESSION

**EMPLOYMENT SHARKS ARE WORKERS' ENEMY**  
The following is a list of the known employment agencies in Spokane. There are various other places of this kind not on this list, which are conducted secretly:  
Miller Bros. resort on Front street was formerly the "Peerless" office. Sebring, one of the former proprietors of the "Peerless" was sent to McNeil's Island for a year for using the United States mails for the purpose of sending women to British Columbia to be inmates of houses of prostitution. The conviction of Sebring was the outcome of exposures by the Spokane "Press," and nearly every employment agent in Spokane at that time was implicated in the business of employing prostitutes.  
Those who wish to learn more of the "social evil," and the connection of the Spokane employment agencies with it, should call on Mr. Sullivan, the Spokane chief-of-police—he knows.  
It would be a pity to take up much space with a list of the crimes of the Spokane employment agents. Kent of the "Empire" office, now merged with the Employment Agency Union, is still not wanted by the Spokane police for robbing several hundred Austrians out of about \$300.  
Travers—the fat man—of the Red Cross den, broke up a meeting of workmen on the street in Spokane some little time ago. A warrant was sworn out for Travers. Travers was never arrested. Travers has money. Those who are in need of more information are referred to the chief-of-police or prosecuting attorney. They can tell a lot—but will they?  
But we will waste no more space on separate crimes and criminals in connection with this. The employment sharks are robbing hundreds of men every day in the week. The employment sharks are in the way of the I. W. W. The I. W. W. must do away with all employment sharks. Yes, there are men who would still be slaves, even if they had a chance to be free. Some men would buy jobs, if they had to start a job-shark office on their own hook. But most workmen are ashamed to say that they have had to buy a job, and it is a disgrace today among workmen in the Northwest to "buy" a job.  
No employment shark sells good jobs. A man with a go job will take it himself, or have no trouble to fill the good job.  
**THINK THESE THINGS OVER:**  
1. Employment sharks sell jobs, or take money for false pretences.  
2. Employment sharks send out scabs to beat down wages.  
3. Employment sharks bribe the police to help the sharks rob workmen.  
4. Employment sharks are agents for houses of prostitution in many cases.  
5. Employment sharks support the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and all the churches, including the Y. M. C. A.  
6. Employment sharks pass GAG LAWS.  
7. WHAT GOOD IS AN EMPLOYMENT SHARK?  
The delgious employment sharks are comparatively a new thing in Spokane. The Y. M. C. A. is supported by employers of labor, and no man with overalls can be found in the Y. M. C. A. club building.  
Here are some of the questions the Y. M. C. A. employment office asks suckers who want jobs:  
"Do you smoke?"  
"Do you smoke cigarettes?"  
"Do you drink?"  
"Do you belong to a church?"  
"How long is it since you wrote to mother?"  
"What is the lowest wages you will take?"  
"Do you chew tobacco?" etc., etc.  
The above is no josh. Go to the corner of Lincoln and First street—if you have on a white collar—and get one of their job blanks.

It would make Judas Iscariot disgusted. And these are the people who are the most mercenary and pitiless when it comes to dealing with men who are broke and out of work.  
The Y. M. C. A. is back of the GAG LAW in Spokane. So are all the employment thieves, so are the preachers.  
Now it is a fact that the I. W. W. has greatly hurt the employment shark business. It would be possible to put dozens of them out of business in a few months—IF WE HOLD STREET MEETINGS.  
Therefore, we should hold street meetings. Therefore, the employment sharks do not want the I. W. W. to hold street meetings. Where do you STAND, workingman?  
**Ordinance No. 4391.**  
An ordinance prohibiting the use of certain streets, alleys and sidewalks within the city of Spokane for the purpose of holding public meetings, street shows, or the use of the same by street fakery or other persons or the doing of any act which tends to collect or draw a crowd, providing a penalty for the violation thereof and repealing ordinance No. A. 3891.  
The City of Spokane does ordain as follows:  
Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hold any public meeting or make any speech, give any show, performance, exhibition, or do any other act which shall tend to draw or collect a crowd upon any street in the city of Spokane, to-wit:  
Beginning at the intersection of Division street and Second avenue, thence north on Division street to the Spokane river, thence west along the bank of the Spokane river to Lincoln street, thence north on Lincoln street to Mallen avenue, thence west on Mallen avenue to Madison street, thence south on Madison street and Madison street produced to Second avenue, thence east on Second avenue to the point of beginning.  
**PROVIDED, THAT THE MAYOR MAY GRANT A PERMIT TO ANY REGULAR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION TO HOLD RELIGIOUS MEETINGS WITHIN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TERRITORY.**  
Section 2. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars or be imprisoned in the city jail for a period of not to exceed 30 days or be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.  
Section 3. Ordinance No. A. 3890, entitled "An Ordinance prohibiting the use of certain streets, alleys and sidewalks within the City of Spokane for the purpose of holding public meetings, street shows, or the use of the same by street fakery or other persons or the doing of any act which tends to collect or draw a crowd," be and it hereby is repealed.  
Section 4. An emergency existing, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from the date of its passage and its approval by the mayor.  
Passed the city council August 10th, 1909.  
E. LAMBERT,  
President of the City Council.  
C. A. FLEMING,  
City Clerk.  
Approved August 11th, 1909.  
N. S. PRATT, Mayor.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
After November 1st the General Headquarters will be removed to Rooms 518-19 Cambridge building, 56 Fifth Avenue, Chicago. The need for a larger office, more centrally located, makes the change necessary.  
Address all mail after November 1st to the new address, Rooms 518-19 Cambridge building, 56 Fifth Avenue.

## SPOKANE POLICE ARE INHUMAN MONSTERS

Fred Niederhause, reporter for the Spokane Evening Chronicle, visited the jail Tuesday night and there he saw Wilson, Thompson, Filigno, Cousins and as many other members of the union as they could force in, crowded into a dark cell. The men had only standing room and were stripping themselves to the skin so as to be able to stand the terrific heat of the miserable hole. No toilet facilities were possible and the men were forced to trample in their own excreta. Following is the statement made by the reporter:  
I do not make this statement to give my attitude in the present street speaking controversy, or to hinder the police who are endeavoring to enforce the city law as it has been interpreted by the police judge.  
But I do want to say that the herding of men as I saw them herded in the Spokane city jail last night, is monstrous.  
If those men had murdered my own mother, I would not see them put to the slow torture to which I saw them being subjected at six o'clock last night. If a resident of Spokane should place any of his dumb beasts in the condition which saw the men, arrested for street speaking, at the local city jail last night, he would be promptly arrested by the humane officer.  
If the jail had been full, and there had been no more room, there would have been some excuse for crowding the men in a cell, with not the least possible chance for ventilation. There were many empty cells in the jail. The condition of the men in one of the cells, which I observed last night, beggars description. To describe it would insult decent people.  
FRED NIEDERHAUSE.

**JUDGE MANN DECLARES THE NEW ORDINANCE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND RELEASES THOMPSON, BUT DECLARES THE OLD ORDINANCE STILL IN EFFECT WHICH FORBIDS STREET SPEAKING OF ANY NATURE.**

Following is a clipping from the Spokane Press of Nov. 2nd:  
Declaring the revised city ordinance, relative to street speaking, unconstitutional, in that it is prohibitive, instead of merely regulative, Judge S. A. Mann of the police court dismissed the case against James P. Thompson, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World, this morning. His decision placed the old ordinance, over which the Industrial Workers of the World and the police were at war a year ago, into effect again, and the revolutionists immediately began preparations to violate that ordinance, to bring another test case before the courts.  
The ordinance which has again been made effective by the decided invalidity of the new one, is identical to the new one with the exception of one clause. That clause was inserted after the trouble with the I. W. W.'s, and the subsequent abolition of street speaking by the police, apparently, for the special benefit of the Salvation Army and other religious organizations. It gave the mayor, the arbitrary power to permit regularly organized religious bodies to hold meetings on the street. Likewise it extended to him the power to refuse permits to other organizations and to suppress their meetings should they attempt to hold them.  
**Says City Is Doing Wrong.**  
Attorney Fred H. Moore, counsel for James Thompson, who was arrested for speaking on the street last week, declared this morning that the city had no right to discriminate against certain bodies, as had been done by the new ordinance. He contended that it carried a blanket prohibition and made not the slightest pretense at regulation.  
"It gives a special right to the mayor to give a special permit to a special organization to hold special meetings and the police department furnishes special police to give them special protection with the result that there is a special taxation to give these special bodies a special right above all others," he said.  
"If the Industrial Workers of the World or any other political or secret organization has no right to go upon the streets to speak because it causes certain parts of the streets in certain parts of the city to be blocked, then President Taft and William Jennings Bryan should have been arrested and prosecuted for collecting a crowd that blockaded the streets."  
In passing upon the case, Judge Mann said: "According to the constitution of the United States, which is the supreme law of the land, no man shall be prohibited from openly speaking or publishing his views. The only restriction that is placed on each individual speaker or publisher of views is that he must stand responsible for the results of such speaking or publication."  
Immediately after this case was over and the verdict known, the men began to test the old ordinance by speaking on the street as fast as the police could arrest them. The first man that the writer saw being escorted to the lockup was W. Th. Nef, of Portland. Nef is a man over six feet tall and strong enough to twist the average policeman in two, but he was walking quietly along smiling as though he was on his way to dinner. Others went along just the same and appeared prepared to go the limit.

**FROM MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**  
Resolution adopted by Local Union No. 64, I. W. W., Minneapolis, Minn., October 21, 1909:  
That whereas: We learn with sorrow of the death of Prof. Ferrer of Barcelona, Spain, who has recently fallen a victim of the cowardly official lackeys of the master class of that country;  
And whereas: we realize that his official murder was due solely to the fearless manner in which Prof. Ferrer had always taught that Truth which has always been dangerous to the master class of all countries; therefore, be it Resolved, That we take this occasion to reaffirm our adherence to the revolutionary working class movement of the world. And we call on every slave to do honor to the memory of Prof. Ferrer as a true martyr to the cause of Industrial Freedom. And be it further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon our minutes and a copy be forwarded to the Industrial Worker for publication.  
JOHN McDONALD, Pres.  
C. H. AXELSON, Secy.





THE ADVENTURES OF GIL BLAS

I determined to throw myself in the way of Signor Arias de Lounda, and to look out for a new berth in his register; but as I was on my way to No. Thoroughfare, who should come across me but Doctor Sangrado, whom I had not seen since the day of my master's death.

I closed in with the doctor's proposal, in the hope of becoming an Esculapius under so inspired a master. He carried me home on the spur of the occasion, to instal me in my honourable employment; which honourable employment consisted in writing down the name and residence of the patients who sent for him in his absence.

There had indeed been a register for this purpose, kept by an old domestic; but she had not the gift of spelling accurately, and wrote a most perplexing hand. This account I was to keep. It might truly be called a bill of mortality; for my members all went from bad to worse during the short time they continued in this system.

Water is Too Wet. In spite of these fine arguments, at the end of a week a looseness ensued, with some twinges, which I was blasphemous enough to saddle on the universal dissolvent, and the new-fashioned diet.

Water taken in a small quantity serves only to separate the particles of bile, and set them in action; but our practice is to drown them in a copious drench. Fear not, my good lad, lest a superabundance of liquid should either weaken or chill your stomach; far from this better judgment be that silly fear of unadulterated drink.

As it would have been ungentle in me to have run riot on my entrance into the career of practice, I affected thorough conviction; indeed, I thought there was something in it. I therefore went on drinking water on the authority of Celsus, or, to speak in scientific terms, I began to drown the bile in copious drenches of that unadulterated liquor; and though I felt myself more out of order from day to day, prejudice won the cause against experience.

"A Fair Day's Pay." I am well pleased with you, I have a regard for you, and without waiting till you have served your time, I will make your fortune. Without more ado, I will initiate you in the healing art, of which I have for so many years been at the head.

of fame on the shoulders of my long experience. You may enter in a partnership at once, by keeping the books in the morning, and going out to visit patients in the afternoon.

I thanked the doctor for having so speedily enabled me to serve as his deputy; and, by way of acknowledging his goodness, promised to follow his system to the end of my career, with a magnanimous indifference about the aphorisms of Hippocrates.

With apologies to the Industrialist of London, England. I began on an algazuil in a pleurisy; he was condemned to be bled with the utmost rigor of the law, at the same time that the system was to be replenished copiously with water.

Learning the Trade. I was no sooner at home than Doctor Sangrado came in. I talked to him about the patients I had seen, and paid into his hands eight remaining rials of the twelve I had received for my prescriptions.

A VISION. Soon Kings and priests and other fools, Who make of men their simple tools With which to satisfy their thirst For land, and crown, and golden dust!

THE HOME OF THE BRAVE AND THE LAND OF THE FREE. Our ministers from Carnegie and Parry down to the farmer and village preacher, are always inculcating to the workers' minds, the glories of being an inhabitant of this land of the free, and the immense privilege one should feel in being a citizen of one of the most glorious countries that the world has ever seen.

THE POLITICIANS—AS USUAL. When I got through, three men who were 'in sympathy' with the movement, who claimed to know all about it, who would not buy a book or subscribe for the paper on the grounds that they already understood the subject pretty thoroughly, and besides they did not know where they would be, and in all probability would not be able to get it; these men said to me, "You may understand your subject, but you are no speaker; you are doing more harm than good."

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employ you so that you can earn your keep. They won't let you beg in order to live. They won't even let you die quicker than their method of starvation allows.

PROTEST MEETING IN NEW YORK. "The lords, spiritual and temporal," of this realm, as the Bill of Rights expresses it, in this the reign of William the Fat, may take notice that the spirit of resistance still exists in the minds of the working class of the city of New York, at least for a time yet.

There was a socialist meeting on the northeast corner, a republican meeting on the northwest corner, and a democratic meeting on the southwest corner.

One Agitator After Another. As Jos. Darling arose to follow him, the discomfiture of the democrats and republicans was completed by the unfolding of a lofty pole of the splendid banner of the Irish Federation.

It makes no difference whether a worker is an anarchist or a socialist, or a pork-chopist, if he will stand true to the union and fight the battles of the working class, with the working class! Handsome is that handsome does.

Handsome patterns and colorings, in absolutely pure worsteds. Styles and sizes to fit all shapes. Some are complete suits alike, some have coat and vest alike and pants of different pattern.

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A SENSIBLE SOAP-BOXER. Lompoc, Cal., Oct. 3, 1909. James Wilson, Fellow Worker: I know that you are receiving noods of communications, letters of congratulation, criticisms, letters of advice and so on, but still, at the risk of putting your patience to a severe test, I ask for a few minutes of your time.

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Cannon Ball Chop House 519 FRONT AVE. BIG MEAL 15 CENTS

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