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THE ARMY ON THE ROAD

CAPITALIST LIES ARE NAILED.

Police Take Up Collection for the I. W. W. Free Speech Fighters. Hornbrook, Cal., February 19. Fellow Worker Whitehead:

I guess by this time that our "doings" have been given publication to some extent in the capitalist press. We were 150 strong when we left Portland. Now the capitalist papers say that we held up a train, WHICH IS A D—N LIE. All we did was to get into an empty box-car, just as any ordinary stiff, but it was so well managed that no railroad bull or police knew we were in the yards at Portland, until we were well away.

We were met by the police at Albany, Ore., whom we talked to. Told them where we were going, and what we were going to do. One big fellow, mayor, or something, sent the first news to the press of the armed-mob, etc., WHICH WAS ALSO A LIE, as we are all searched every day by our own police. When we got to Junction City (put it on the map) we were met by a mob of respectable citizens, who were armed with guns, pitchforks, cleavers, etc. They boarded the train, and told us not to get off the train, and with the guns pointed in our faces, we just laughed at them. Told them what we were and what we were going to do, using the top of a box-car for a soap box, which made them look very small indeed.

We then went to Roseburg and had some supper, WHICH WE PAID FOR. Held a street meeting, and told the people what we were doing, got a collection, with all good wishes from the people of this town.

Next we got to Ashland and got off the train and had a jungle breakfast, WHICH WE PAID FOR. When we got off the train we were told we could not ride any farther and as walking is good for a change, after breakfast we started to walk towards the Siskiyou mountains. We arrived at Stenman that evening, and spent the worst time of our life out on the mountains. Next we got to Siskiyou after walking over the mountains, and bought all the grub that was in the town, and had a jungle fed again. Two men were sent on ahead to California to make arrangements to cross the state line. Arriving at Hornbrook we were met by the sheriff and all his deputies. We explained our mission, told who we were, what we stood for. We got a great reception, the town people running over each other to help us out, and they gave us about \$30.00 in grub, which was not asked for. Enough to feed 150 men for two meals each. The police and others took up the subscription list, with the above results. The whole town was swarming with state police, deputies, etc. We sent a letter to the "Industrial Worker," but don't know if it got through. If not send a copy on to the "Worker" "Solidarity," and every paper you can get to publish it. I am sending this through a friend of the movement. Hoping you will do your duty at that end of the line.

Yours for Free Speech and the Eight-Hour Day.

(Signed) THE WHOLE BUNCH AT HORN BROOK, CAL.

P. S.: The letter referred to has not yet landed.—Editor.

AMONG FRIENDS ON THE ROAD

I. W. W.'S RIDE IN SPECIAL.

Actress Entertains Industrial Workers Who Are Headed for Fresno at Supper on Her Car.

Dunsmuir, Cal., Feb. 23.—Eighty strong, the Industrial Workers of the World are no longer tramping, but are riding in a special car of a theatrical company, arriving here at 7 o'clock last night.

The leading actress of the company arranged supper for them all at a restaurant in the city and citizens provided sleeping quarters for them in the Knights of Pythias hall. The pilgrims show the effects of their trip through the snow of the mountains of the Siskiyou.

These Industrial Workers will remain in town all day, speaking in the streets this afternoon and evening.—"Spokane Chronicle."



THE I. W. W. IS A VERY HEALTHY BOY

TELEGRAM

F. W. Heaslewood, Spokane, Wash.

Chicago, Ill., February 25, 1911.

Notify all locals and supporters of "Industrial Worker" that "Worker" will remain in Spokane, under management of General Organization. Support of last two months must be kept up and bettered. All are urged to redouble activity and increase circulation and revenue. Eight-hour agitation and Fresno Free Speech Fight must be won. Future organization depends on continued existence of "Worker."

(SIGNED.) VINCENT ST. JOHN, General Secretary.

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

ALL WE ASK FOR IS A FAIR FIGHT, TO THE TAXPAYERS OF FRESNO.

The impression seems to have gained currency that we are invading Fresno for no other purpose than to make trouble and smash laws. Now, to attempt to smash laws founded on social necessity is like trying to sweep back the Pacific with a broom. Any person of average intelligence knows that. It requires no legal training to be able to grasp that fact. History and personal experience yield that conclusion.

Free Speech has been recognized from time immemorial as a social necessity. The fundamental law of our land (the taxpayers' land) guarantee freedom of speech, press and peaceable assembly. That law is based on necessity. Can that law be smashed by a few powerful corporations, such as the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, San Joaquin Light & Power Company, and the Fruit Packers' Association? Generally comprehended by the Title Merchants & Manufacturers' Association? They think so. When we avail ourselves of the freedom of speech to attempt to organize the common laborer, but we differ with them.

Certainly it is not our aim to organize the laborers for the purpose of cringing crawling to their masters, begging them for better working conditions and a better standard of living. If this were our purpose, there would not now be a Free Speech Fight on in Fresno. Such an organization would not harm the capitalists, and for that reason would not benefit us.

There are reasons for everything. But there would be no reason for objecting to that kind of an organization. Hence we could speak on the streets all we wished, if our aims were no higher than that.

But the kind of organization we propose to the working class is calculated to develop their power—their ECONOMIC POWER—THEIR LABOR POWER—to the end that they secure for themselves the good things which their labor produces.

Of course, we do not deny that what is

good for us, such as the eight-hour day, higher wages and more humane working conditions, is detrimental to the capitalists. The large employers of labor. They seek to protect themselves against us, just as we try to build up a bulwark of protection for ourselves against them. This means struggle between the two classes—the historic class struggle. Your laws allow them to protect themselves against us. Those laws are based upon social necessity. All citizens must be granted the right to protect themselves; for, if not, then there would be no reason for the existence of society or the laws thereof.

Your laws therefore grant us the same right to organize ourselves—to protect ourselves—as they do the capitalists. Capital and labor are supposed to be on equal footing before the law, even though they be not brothers.

Now, street speaking is a very valuable means to us of more readily reaching the class of wage workers to whom we wish to explain the principles under which they can successfully organize their stupendous latent economic power.

We deny the power of the city council or the chief of police, at the behest of the aforesaid corporations, to make ordinances or regulations depriving us of our constitutional rights.

Our objection obtains all the greater force and validity from the fact that we have always used that right in an orderly and decent manner. But even if in individual instances we had made improper use of that right, the laws now on the statutes are ample to deal with such cases. Those laws are also constitutional and we recognize their necessity.

But because an individual abuses a certain privilege, the laws do not for that reason deprive his organization of that right. No, Mr. Taxpayer, we did not come here to smash laws; we only ask that they be upheld. Your laws do not harm us. Perhaps you object to us smashing the present city ordinance against street speaking. Is that ordinance law, or is it a club used by the corporations

to smash the constitutional law guaranteeing free speech to all?

There are various ways of smashing laws. Is the city council superior to the entire nation? We think that Chief Shaw and the city council, backed by the corporations aforesaid, are the law smashers. You can just as effectively break law with law as you can break one rock with another, but you wouldn't try to break a boulder with a pebble. Is the city ordinance heavy enough to smash the constitution?

Now, we do not go out of our way looking for trouble. We have all the trouble we want fighting the boss. We very much dislike being placed in a position where we have to fight the public. But this fight was not of our seeking, as all well informed people know. The corporations previously mentioned, like the skulking cowards that they are, are using the public to fight their battles for them. Who is the better off if we lose free speech? No one but the large employers of labor, and the wage workers are by the same token worse off.

Mr. Taxpayer, you must hear our side of the question. Yes, you must, for your local press has upon many occasions deliberately lied about us and you know it. How, then, do you know when they tell the truth?

Now, we are ready at any moment to leave you in peace, Mr. Taxpayer, if you will see to it that we are given some guarantee that WE shall be left in peace.

You did not think much of our troubles: They were none of your affairs. We could, therefore, make no successful appeal to your sense of justice. If we wished to command recognition we were forced to make demands upon your pocketbook. Mr. Taxpayer, if we have gained your audience, then condescend to consider that we also have some rights which must be respected. We demand that the corporations attend to their own business of fighting us face to face and not use the public as a cat's paw.

We are well able to fight it out with them

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LEADERS ARE IGNORED

STAY AWAY FROM THE CAPITOL BUILDING, SAY LABOR SKATES.

The Fakirs' Scheme to Kill Haywood's Meeting—Denver I. W. W. Is Busy.

The protest meeting was at once inspiring and depressing, serious and ridiculous. Over 15,000 men and women were in line—this being nearly three times as many as are usually gotten out on the masters' "labor day" in September. Many were forced to march under penalty of fines for non-attendance, but this was offset in some measure by the fact that several thousand of the marchers left their employment without their master's permission. Class spirit was shown, yet this was marred by the fact that those who were in line were divided into small groups, each group carrying a banner announcing another craft division. The mottoes carried in the parade were nearly all of a revolutionary nature. One banner bearing the legend, "We stand for Lincoln republicanism and Jeffersonian democracy" was promptly torn to pieces by the radicals.

The parade was through the principal streets and around the capitol building. This last was against the wishes of the local labor leaders, who arose in a preparatory meeting and, with tears in their voices, beseeched the men not to march around the capitol, "where many of our brothers with union cards in their pockets are trying to pass laws in favor of labor." Mahoney of the W. F. of M.; McLennan of the U. M. W. of A.; Hicks of the Denver A. F. of L. unions, and others spoke in favor of changing the line of march so as not to pass the capitol. The preparatory meeting was marked by several other things worth noting. The striking pressmen did not want to march in front of the offices against which they were striking, but their protests were effectually silenced by Donnelly of Salt Lake City, who said that there would be no strike if union(?) men (sarcastically) were not helping to produce the papers. When Bill Haywood's name was mentioned as a speaker one of the most prominent socialist party men, W. H. Leonard of the Team Owners' Union, arose and shut off the discussion.

The parade was followed by speeches at the Auditorium. More than 2000 persons were turned away. The first speaker was ex-Governor Charles S. Thomas, at one time an active opponent of the W. F. of M., and whose only similarity to the worker lies in the fact that he has a lean and hungry look. He spoke on behalf of that mysterious third party, "the public," but was hissed and hooted into silence amid cries of "Set down!" "You stiff!" "What do you know about work?" "Tell us something new." Thomas sat down in disgust, with the audience shouting for O'Neill. When it was known that Haywood was present, cries for him to speak drowned all others. Haywood, however, did not speak, as he was engaged by Local No. 26, I. W. W., for a meeting on the following Tuesday. McCullough followed Thomas, making a socialist political speech. He was followed in turn by O'Neill, who orated to a constantly diminishing audience, his well rounded sentences in flawless English failing to carry conviction. "Mother" Jones ended the program and made the best talk in the bunch. It was decided not to have her appear, but she was there anyhow. She told the audience that before they try to clear up the judges they had better clean up some of their labor leaders. She then showed up the Civic Federation and made a good talk, but ended with the usual cry of vote, vote, vote. One good point was the fact that none of the speakers apologized for being alive, as A. F. of L. speakers usually do.

The I. W. W. took advantage of the meeting to advertise that Bill Haywood would speak at Social Tunnel Hall on February 7. We had but eight days to arrange the meeting in and sell the necessary tickets to meet expenses. More than 500 paid admissions and several hundred more were allowed to enter free. No one was turned away, and striking miners, pressmen and machinists were admitted upon showing their cards. The "big guns" of the W. F. of M. were absent, and many of the "leading" S. P. men as well, the latter knocking the meeting. Four Socialist ward branches called meetings for that night and refused to adjourn. We had some help from members of the S. L. P., and from the wage workers in the S. P. Hay-

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The Pope has been ill with a cold, but is now some better and is able to receive visitors. The dear darlint. We are so glad that he has improved, as it was worrying us sick.

ROTTEN.

"Stop the paper: It's rank," writes a subscriber from Blaine. Forty to one this "guy" is a boss or a scissor-bill. Bet he either has a sawmill or patches on his pants. Must have thought he was subscribing for a revised edition of the "Book of Job." Bet a dollar he has never stood in a bread-line or "hit" the endless line of ties looking for a master to give him a chance to live. Probably his ma takes in washing to keep him, or would it be possible that he is a member of the "Holy Rollers!" RANK! Bet your life it's rank and it's going to get so rank that every slave owner and capitalist stool-pigeon from hell to Peru will smell it. Rank! Where did we ever hear that word before? Yep! In the Spokane Morning Liar.

A MARTYR.

John Mitchell was let down easy at the Columbus convention of the U. M. W. A. as a resolution dealing with the Civic Federation was "toned down" because it cast reflections on Johnny. It was mentioned that Mitchell might go to jail, so any resolution that might be construed as a personal attack would be out of form. This fellow Mitchell stands no more show of going to jail than the Pope of Rome does, unless it be a cooked up game between himself and a lot of capitalists to make a martyr out of him so that he can fasten himself on the backs of the workers for a few more years and draw his \$6,000.00 a year from the boss.

Fred Warren was pardoned by Taft for no other reason than that his imprisonment would hasten on the revolutionary movement in America, and Taft was just smart enough to see the point and head it off as much as possible. The same reason given for not wanting to make a "martyr" out of Warren can be used for making a "martyr" out of Mitchell. Something has got to be done by the master class to have this capitalist tool fastened onto the coal miners for a few more years. Keep your eye on the jail.

If Mitchell was a real slave and was arrested for wishing to exercise freedom of Speech and was batted and clubbed by a lot of murderous thugs called police, his jaw broken, genital organs destroyed, starved on two ounces of dry bread a day, fed black cathartic pills to increase the agony of a starving man, thrown into an air-tight cell with hot steam pipes running through it till he fainted, then into "lousy 13," which is a moving mass of vermin, he might then begin to talk about being a martyr for the cause of labor, and perchance he might discover that there was a class struggle. It has not "paid him" so far to discover a class struggle and it won't pay him till his \$6,000.00 a year is shut off and he is made to suffer the trials and tribulations of an ORDINARY WAGE SLAVE. The jails of Spokane and Fresno will teach the class struggle to men that are just as ignorant as Mitchell.

THEY STAYED AWAY.

When the vote was taken in the Columbus convention on the "Civic Federation resolution," there was a noticeable lot of empty chairs that were usually filled with LABOR LEADERS. The beautiful part of it is the fact that many of them were Socialist politicians who did not wish to go on record against the Civic Federation. Some revolutionists, eh! Leave it to a politician to keep away from the Legislature when the vote is being taken on a "bill" that he does not wish to be put on record. Leave it to a politician of any color or stripe to keep away when the vote is being taken that will injure the "meal ticket." He was not SURE how it would go. Gee! but we are learning fast.

THE "EASY" PUBLIC.

The public around Spokane as well as other Western cities have been stuffed to a "fare-ye-well" this last week, with accounts of how the I. W. W. members had captured trains, were all well armed, would go to Fresno to clean up that small burg, and then take a round out of Diaz in Mexico, 10,000 delegates were at the "Conference" in Portland, and several other bunches of "stufings" too numerous to mention. This is the "stuff" that the dear public has to suck in every morning for "NEWS." This "news" is the talk of the City of Spokane and small groups of men can be seen on any

old corner discussing the I. W. W. To say the least the I. W. W. is getting a lot of cheap advertising and the "suffering public" is getting a lot of "news." Barnum said the American public likes to be "humbugged," and we see where the old show-man was right. All this "bunk" is peddled by the subsidized press for a purpose, and that purpose is to have the state militia of California ready and primed to shoot down the members of the I. W. W. on sight, when they arrive in that state. The I. W. W. is not composed of fools that are going to run their heads into a lion's mouth to satisfy the murderous desire of a few lickspittle capitalists that would wipe the I. W. W. off the map in a deluge of blood if they had the least opportunity. The dear public of Spokane has some increased taxes to pay as a result of trying to stop Free Speech in Spokane, so with increased taxes and lots of morning "news" they ought to get stuffed up in good shape.

A SLAVE OWNER.

George Washington has again had his birthday celebrated by a lot of patriotic Americans that don't know the difference between real freedom and patches on the seats of their pants. George Washington was a slave owner as well as an "apostle of liberty." George said all men were born equal. That didn't apply to the black man that was captured and brought to Free America in irons to make wealth for old George. The black was not a MAN, neither is the WHITE that has to work long hours for a master only to receive less than one-fifth of the product of his toil. "All men were born equal" sounds all right to the boss that is living in luxury from the product of others' toil, but it has an empty sound to the man or woman that has to be deprived of the bare necessities of life and is either a tramp or a prostitute. Free America is loaded down with slaves, tramps and prostitutes. It also has a FEW millionaires.

MORE SOUR GRAPES.

"August Belmont is the president of the National Civic Federation. No man in America has done more to crush unionism than the New York banker and traction trust magnate.

"He has never failed to enter into any conspiracy that would weaken or destroy the power and influence of organized labor. He has made a special effort to annihilate the union of the street car men, and yet, William D. Mahon, the international president of the Street Car Men's Union, sips sparkling champagne with Belmont annually, in the hope that the membership of organized labor may continue to believe that there is an 'identity of interest' between master and slave.

"Samuel Gompers and the sixteen national and international presidents of labor organizations, who are now hooked up with the National Civic Federation, should be given to understand that no man can serve God and Mammon."—'Miners' Magazine."

It may be well for the rank and file of the Western Federation of Miners to note that it is part of these sixteen national and international organizers that have to put their "greased hands" to the pen to sign the charter giving the W. F. of M. jurisdiction over all workers around the mines, mills and smelters, except the machinists. The president of the machinists is the only "leader" that has so far put up a substantial "holler" against the W. F. of M. having jurisdiction over the members of the International Association of Machinists. The carpenters and other crafts are already beginning to "holler" and the outcome will be that the W. F. of M. will be where they always were, minus a few thousand dollars a year to help to keep the fat wages paid to the sixteen national and international organizers that the Miners' Magazine tells us about. There is a fakir in Denver that would make the seventeenth member of this cut-throat bunch if he had a little meat on him to give "prominence" to the occasion. As there is nothing else for the W. F. of M. members to get out of this "Affiliation" gag except the honor (f) of paying the wages of a lot of capitalist stool-pigeons, we take it that we have discovered "the nigger in the woodpile." Fatten him up so that he will represent you with all the grace of a polished labor fakir. All he needs is the fat.

SOUP! SOUP!

Spokane has a "joint" where free soup is dished out to the starving slaves. The soup is thickened with a goodly portion of spook doctrine, which adds greatly to the flavor. That is, if you don't like the seasoning, it don't pay to holler. To bow the head and knee and eat soup from the hand of the master has always been the portion of slaves. After the soup and prayer has soaked in the slaves can be heard discussing the merits and demerits of the boss. Jesus saves! Jesus saves! If you don't like it, get in and help to get an eight-hour day just for a starter. If you like soup and soup-erstitution, take lots of it.

TRIED IT ON THE HIRED MAN.

Hermiston, Ore., Feb. 20.—Experimenting with alfalfa root as a food. F. J. Thomas, after trying the dish on the hired man, pronounced it nourishing and delicious.—Portland "Daily News."

Now that the slaves can get along on alfalfa hay, and as this diet is cheaper than bacon and eggs, it is to be expected that the farmers will take up the work of raising hay for slaves. The boss was very particular to try the food on the hired man first, so if it did not kill him it would be all right to feed the dog. The next thing to expect will be the tying up of lumberjacks like a band of cattle with a bunch of hay before them. As the horses receive better attention than the jacks at present, it will be only proper that the choice hay be fed to our soft nosed friends. Fight to maintain the bacon and a shorter work day. Get organized in every industry so that we may be victorious on May 1st, 1912. It's down to the hay or up to Freedom. Which do you want, Bill? Well help to get it.

Any errors in the way of not getting receipts for money sent to the "Industrial Worker" or any other matters pertaining to the financial business of the paper, should be taken up with Vincent St. John, 518 Cambridge Bldg., Chicago, as well as with the management in Spokane.

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FOR SALE

AUCTION SALE
 OF THE
 CITY OF FRESNO, CAL.

The city of Fresno will be sold on the block as the capitalists refuse to accept any more bonds and at the present time the city treasury is empty, on account of the heavy board bills that have to be met, caused by the I. W. W.

Owing to the above board bills the city has had to go in darkness or be content on moonlight, instead of the light that has in the past been furnished by the San Joaquin Light & Power Company. This city will therefore be sold to the highest bidder.

A bit of advice to the purchasers will be in order. The city at the present time is engaged in a fight with the Industrial Workers of the World, who want to speak on the public streets (a right which is guaranteed by the constitution of the United States). We have a chief of police here who will trample any little thing like "Free Speech" as no one more than willing to sell out, as mayor are more than willing to sell out, as Fresno. Our present chief of police and Fresno, cheap city, this is your place, right here in that you are equal to the task and want a could muzzle this I. W. W.; so if you feel

So far there has been no capitalist that MISSEVENNESS will be done away with. these things called IGNORANCE and SUB- but unless you can muzzle this I. W. W., whom we can throw in for good measure. We also have plenty of submissive slaves Pinkerton sheet called the "Inter-Californian" and the "Evening Star," as well as the slimy Mayor Rowell's "Morning Cosmos."

The slimy papers that this town is noted for say that we will also throw in with the city it will perhaps be some inducement to I. W. W. prisoners that are boarding with us. have no outstanding bills amounting to \$200,000.00 city treasury is completely depleted and we in conclusion will say that at this time the organization known as the I. W. W. cash, as he will need it to fight this thing whoever buys this city must have a stripe so "oo" Mr. Mayor is of the same stripe as and under his too tight if it will him to they are more than anxious to get from under the whole thing and would be glad to shift the blame on any one else who will stand for it.

The Raisin Growers' Association, S. P. R. R., San Joaquin Light & Power Company, Santa Fe R. R. and the California Fruit Grwers' Association have been trying for months to muzzle this I. W. W. and deny Free Speech, but as the city has run out of funds, we ask you to hurry along.

CIVILIZED CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.
 Fresno, Cal.

FROM FRESNO

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL.

A week ago the label section of the council brought in a resolution for the council's indorsement, asking that a systematic agitation for the universal label be started by the council, to the end that the A. F. of L. as a national organization, might, at the next annual convention, if possible, adopt such a label. The resolution also requested the council to put the matter to a vote in all the constituent unions of the council, in order to ascertain their respective attitudes toward the universal label. The resolution carried, with considerable opposition on the part of the fakirs.

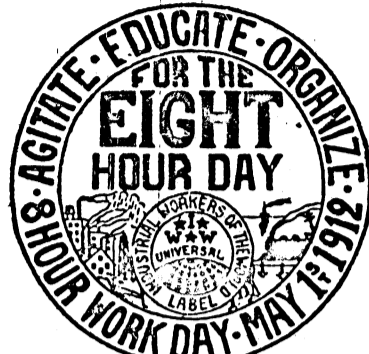
During the same evening a resolution declaring sympathy with the Mexican revolution came before the council. It was rejected upon the grounds of "politics in the union." In the next breath the politicians persuaded the council to meet Mayor McCarthy as a body at the Ferry building upon his return from Washington, where he has been working to the best of his ability to bring the Panama fair to San Francisco for the (negative) prosperity of the slave class of the town. This, of course, was not "politics in the union."

A communication from Local No. 173, I. W. W., calling upon the council to declare a general strike in favor of the Los Angeles strikers and criticizing A. F. of L. tactics generally was received and filed in a friendly spirit.

After all, the shadow of fakirism is growing fainter in the San Francisco labor unions, as elsewhere in the A. F. of L. For the searchlight of radical industrial unionism has often and vividly pictured the fakir as he is—a vicious and snarling creature, with upraised club held high over the workers' heads, ready to dash out the brains of freedom in the service of his master.

BY A DELEGATE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL.
 February 12, 1911.

RED STICKERS



\$1.00 per Thousand at Headquarters.

ON TO FRESNO IS THE CRY

HOBOS PLAN EXCURSION.

St. Louis Knights of Road to Go on Fresno Crusade—Battalion from Chicago to Join Band Here, and Off They'll Go to California to Fight "Battle of Free Speech."

A personally conducted excursion, composed largely of hobos, will leave St. Louis Saturday afternoon for California. Pullman cars will not be in order, however, and many of the travelers will have to forego the luxury of the observation end of the train and stick to the break beams.

The invitation to the hobos was offered yesterday at the meeting of the Brotherhood Welfare Association by Carl Rave, organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World.

The object of the tour, according to Rave, is to fight the battle for free speech in Fresno, Cal., where, he claims, members of the association he represents are being persecuted by the police and the fire department. When asked in what way the fire department had been persecuting the speakers, he said they turned the hose on the gatherings.

Mr. Rave said the speakers are being arrested and sent to the rock pile. He advocates harassing the people of Fresno by pouring into the city hundreds of men, thus creating a heavy expense to the state in prosecuting them. He claims the taxpayers will finally rise up and ask that the men be called off, and that free speech be "reinstated."

Rave's speech was on the subject, "The Unemployed and the Eight-Hour Day."

"I sent a letter to the governor of California, protesting against the conditions in Fresno," he said, "and calling his attention to the fact that it is a violation of a man's constitutional right to deny him free speech."

Rave called for volunteers to go to Fresno and many said they would be on hand for the "excursion." The expedition, according to Rave, will be led by Rudolph Munzinger, formerly a Methodist preacher, who has made several trips to the coast and knows the way. The men will meet Saturday at noon at No. 309 Market street and will be strengthened by reinforcements from Chicago.—"St. Louis Republic."

FREE SPEECH IN NEW YORK.

New York, Feb. 22.—Political or social propagandists of every stripe are to have the right of free speech in New York as long as Mayor Gaynor holds sway. This declaration the mayor made today in a special message to the aldermen. Explaining that he ordered the methods of the police changed radically, Gaynor said:

"I have particularly made the police authorities understand that those entertaining views on government or of the social order which are different from ours are not to be interfered with or denied the right of free speech on that ground. Propaganda by intellectual persuasion or by any peaceable means for a changed government or in economic or social order is lawful and will not be interfered with, much less oppressed by the police. That the flag of the persons protesting may be red instead of yellow, blue or green, does not annoy or alarm intelligent people."—"Spokane Press."

Thus spaketh the mayor of the largest city in the United States. Of course Fresno is not in the United States and is somewhat larger than New York. Anyone who takes it upon himself to deny any other person the right to express what he believes, is a fool and a knave. The mayor of New York is evidently not a cheap lickspittle of a politician, who has been placed in office to do the bidding of some particular railway company and in that respect does not compare favorably with the brand of corporation despots that hold the reins of government in some western cities. Of course, we don't mean Spokane or Fresno. That red flags do not annoy intelligent people makes us still think that Fresno has a bunch of muttonheads at the helm who would be in a more fitting position in life if tamping ties on the railroad grade.

