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## THE I. W. W. WINS A COMPLETE VICTORY IN FRESNO

### INTELLIGENCE AT STAKE

**MOYER ISSUES REPORT TO W. F. OF M. ON AFFILIATION AND APPEALS TO THE MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR INTELLIGENCE.**

A report dealing with the proposed affiliation with the A. F. of L. has been issued by Charles Moyer, president of the W. F. of M. The report deals with the work of the committees both in the A. F. of L. and the W. F. M., that have been working on the affiliation game, together with telegrams from Gompers to Moyer of the W. F. of M., and Perry, the financial secretary of the U. M. W. A.

The following is the telegram to Moyer from Gompers, vice president of the Civic Federation and president of the A. F. of L.:  
"Washington, D. C., January 20, 1911.  
"Mr. Charles H. Moyer, President,  
"Western Federation of Miners,  
"Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir and Brother:

"I beg to hand you herewith a copy of the action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor upon the application of the Western Federation of Miners for a charter. The executive council has applied itself assiduously to the instructions of the St. Louis convention of the American Federation of Labor, and has earnestly striven to meet the situation with which we were confronted.

"Sincerely expressing the hope that the action of the executive council may meet with the approval of yourself, your colleagues, and your organization, and that we may hear from you at the earliest possible convenience, so that the charter may be issued, I am, with best wishes,

"Yours fraternally,  
"SAM'L GOMPERS, President,  
"American Federation of Labor."

The gist of the whole thing is, that the W. F. of M. can have jurisdiction over all men working in and around the mines, mills and smelters, except the machinists. That is, to hear Gompers tell it, but there are a few precedents established whereby it is impossible for Mr. Gompers to be able to promise anything. The brewery workers have jurisdiction over all workers around the breweries, etc., but it has been one continual jurisdictional fight for years by the firemen's union, the teamsters' union and others to control the workers in the brewing industry, who should, according to the craft idea, belong to these different crafts. The following is the closing statement by Chas. Moyer in his report to the rank and file, and shows to what length a labor leader will go and what insults he will hand out to gain his ends:

"I have endeavored to present for your careful consideration a full statement of facts covering what I consider one of, if not the most important question that has ever confronted our organization. I sincerely trust that it will be met and disposed of in a manner which will be a credit to the intelligence of our membership and that the results of our action may be such as to strengthen the arm of labor's organized forces."

When did this question of affiliation with the A. F. of L. become an important one? What changes have been made in the program of craft unions of America that warrants this assertion? It's important to the boss and labor fakirs only. What is there in the U. M. W. A. that any body of rebels would want to affiliate with? They have the same old contracts of old, the same old labor leaders, the same old state scabbery, where one state scabs against the other in time of strikes, the same old clause in their contracts agreeing to allow the engineers and pumpmen to continue work while a strike is on among the miners, the same old blacklist system whereby miners are blacklisted from hell to Peru if they dare to violate the SACRED CONTRACT, the same old check-off system whereby the company collects the fines and dues from the members and hands it over to the officers of the union, the same old fines like were meted out to 300 coal miners in Panama recently for daring to go on strike to protect their lives. The U. M. W. A. has a set of rules and regulations called an AGREEMENT with the boss that would horrify a Fiji Islander to read. It ties the miner hand and foot and delivers him body and boots to the master class, where he cannot move while the boss is free to exploit him for all he is worth. It will be a credit to the intelligence of the W. F. of M. members to join this Civic Federationized



HE SAYS THE I. W. W. IS TOO D—D RADICAL

### TELEGRAM

To Fred W. Heslewood,  
Spokane, Wash.

The Free Speech Fight is over, and won. All men are released from jail. Terms are satisfactory. Complete victory.  
I. W. W. COMMITTEE.

Fresno, Cal, March 6, 1911

of the rank and file to join the A. F. of L., any pay their per capita to the Civic Federation officials, many coal miners are joining the I. W. W., with the idea that they are making a very intelligent move, as they are trying to get away from the yoke of wage slavery and they know they can never do it as long as they are bound hand and foot to scab on each other by state contracts. Since Moyer has issued his report, which is dated February 15, a local of coal miners has organized in the I. W. W. in the state of Washington. Every one of these members are members of the U. M. W. A. Why did they leave the U. M. W. A? Answer, Moyer; answer, Gompers; answer, every labor fakir in America. They can tell you in very few words why they left. If the U. M. W. A. is organized to protect and work for the best interests of the coal miners, why is it that the coal companies have issued a notice to all miners in large mining towns in the state of Washington to the effect that if the men join the I. W. W. they will be discharged? Why have the shoe manufacturers offered to grant 7—WORKER—Houtchens all demands to the shoe workers in Brooklyn if they would only sever their connections with the I. W. W.? Why does the boss want the workers back in the A. F. of L., and under the old CONTRACT? Moyer knows and ever other labor fakir knows. Have these thousands of shoe workers shown their intelligence or their ignorance in quitting the A. F. of L. and joining the I. W. W.?

The following is the ballot that every member in good standing in the W. F. of M. will have a chance to cast:  
"QUESTION: Shall the Western Federation of Miners accept a charter from the American Federation of Labor under the proposed terms as submitted by the American Federation of Labor council, which is embodied in the report of President Charles H. Moyer, which accompanies this ballot.  
"Yes..... No....."  
Show your intelligence by voting to join the A. F. of L. and pay per capita tax to a lot of pot-bellied fakirs who dine and wine with the master class. Do your DUTY to your class regardless of the insults of Moyer or any one else. Your DUTY is to forge ahead and overthrow the capitalist system. If that is not the mission of the working class it has no mission. It's freedom or misery. Which do you want?

The man or woman who would not sooner work eight hours than 10 or 12 is certainly a queer specimen of humanity. You will not get it presented to you for a Christmas gift. You will get it when you are organized strongly enough to take and hold it. The way to get eight hours is to refuse to work more than eight-hours. Organize first, so that the agitation can be systematically carried on.

### JUST BEFORE THE VICTORY

**SHERIFF REFUSES MORE PRISONERS. THE RESPECTABLE CITIZENS TALK OF LYNCHING I. W. MEMBERS.**

Fresno, Feb. 27, 1911.

The sheriff refuses to accept any more prisoners charged with violating a city ordinance, on the ground that the jail is overcrowded.

To prevent us from speaking on the streets, the police do not arrest us, but resort to clubbing and turning us over to the pinks, pimps and toughs.

Two men were beat up by the hoodlums today for speaking on the street. One of them was dragged half a block. The police pay no attention to the protests of the on-looking citizens against these fendish practices.

One man openly informed us that we were going to be lynched tonight. The chief of police, who was standing near, studied the effect this remark had on us. He was rewarded with a "horse laugh."

The people are inclining more and more in our favor. A large number of our papers were sold. On the 25th of this month the Citizens' League sent a committee to the bull pen to ascertain our terms, which we stated to them. The committee pronounced these terms just and wise and promised to present them before the next meeting of the citizens. We haven't heard from them since. If the present tactics are aimed to frighten us off the streets, then a mistake has again been made. This fight for free speech in Fresno will continue until we have free speech and are protected in the exercise thereof.

I. W. W. COMMITTEE.  
Box 209.

### ARE AGAINST THE CONTRACT

ITALIAN WORKERS, 130 STRONG, SERVE NOTICE ON NORTHWESTERN IMPROVEMENT CO.

Deputies Guard Mines—Union Workmen Are Armed Ready for Fray in Case the Laborers Attempt to Interfere.

Cleburn, Wash., March 3.—One hundred and thirty Italian miners discharged by the Northwestern Improvement Company yesterday served notice that they would fight if the company opened its mines, as announced, tomorrow morning. Sheriff German of Ellensburg and a big force of special deputies are guarding the mines tonight with rifles and are ready for trouble.

The men were discharged for bringing suit against the company to collect accident fund dues, as per agreement with the union. Three hundred other miners belonging to the union will go to work.

The meeting of the discharged men was held tonight and they claim they will fight if necessary to prevent the mines being reopened without them. The mines were closed today. Union workmen are armed.—"Spokesman-Review."

Take notice, you members of the W. F. of M., and remember this instance when you are voting for or against affiliation with the A. F. of L. These coal miners are rebelling against the SACRED CONTRACT. The Northwestern Improvement Company is the Northern Pacific Railway Company. Jim Hill likes the U. M. W. A., as they bury the dead and support the widows of those miners who have been murdered in the mines. The union agrees to do this. The Northwestern Improvement Company discharges any man who dares to talk in favor of the I. W. W. The meal tickets of the fakirs are always secure with this brand of unionism. Show your intelligence and join a union where men have to take guns to defend themselves against a SACRED CONTRACT that is always in the interest of the BOSS. Where ignorance is bliss, etc.

This week's receipts have shown an improvement over the last two weeks. Every LIVE member and sympathizer is urged to go after the suits. Increase your bundle order if possible and try to get outside locals to take a bundle. All together and we will carry the eight-hour day.  
Editor.

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Wherever the search after truth begins there life begins. Wheresoever the search ceases, there life ceases.—John Ruskin.

## PRINTERS STRIKE.

Printers on the Chicago Examiner and American, two Hearst papers, went on strike on February 29th and went back to work on March 2nd. They were forced back by the president of the Typographical Union for violation of the Sacred Contract. The following telegram was sent to the Chicago Publishers' Association by President Lynch of the Union:

"Strike unauthorized, illegal and without warrant. You are authorized to publish this dispatch.

"J. M. LYNCH,

President International Typographical Union."

It's just another CONTRACT that must be lived up to regardless of what injustice other workers must suffer. Had the pressmen went on strike the contract between the Typographical men and the boss would be lived up to. It's not organized scabbery, but unionism, so they say. It's what the W. F. M. wants to affiliate with, and what Moyer terms a VERY IMPORTANT move.

## MITCHELL QUILTS CIVIC FEDERATION?

John Mitchell prefers to stay in the U. M. W. A. at no pay rather than the Civic Federation at \$6,000.00 a year. Any one that believes it is easily "gulled" in. He quits officially, but that he will continue to serve the master class is a "cinch." Following is his letter of resignation addressed to Seth Low, the president of this harmony fake:

"At the recent international convention of the United Mine Workers of America an amendment to the constitution of that organization was adopted providing that any member of the United Mine Workers of America accepting a position as representative of the National Civic Federation shall forfeit his membership in the union.

"It is needless to say that I regret the action of the miners' conventions not so much that it requires me to choose between the two organizations as because of the unjust and gratuitous attack upon the National Civic Federation, which, in addition to its many other useful public activities, has stood consistently as an advocate of righteous industrial peace."

## RACE SUICIDE.

"The size of the family should be regulated by the father's income."—Professor Carver.

"A mother should have a child every two years, and this she should continue until the mother is 40, resulting in eight children."—Dr. Eliot.

As the statement of Professor Carver involves race suicide, a Spokane daily paper is asking its readers to write short letters for publication each day, stating their ideas on the subject. The answers are very interesting. Some give an intelligent answer, but more state that the children are sent by GOD and he will take care of them.

As screens are being placed above the heads of the people in Chicago that have to walk the sidewalks, to keep the victims of capitalism from falling on them while in the act of getting rid of their misery by the suicide route, it is quite evident that God takes little care of the children that are born into the world.

To a slave that is tramping and has ever suffered the misery of starvation and privation the question is easily settled. Under capitalism there are too many children. Too many unemployed; too much misery, and too many suicides, therefore we say that it is a question of choosing between two evils: Race suicide, or a slow and calculating death that robs daily from society thousands that had they an opportunity in life might be the very best members of society. Race suicide by all means, than the torture of the bread-line, the poor house or the den of prostitution.

The Syndicalist movement of Sweden is teaching the workers how to stop having children. These workers realize that the child of the slave is but a piece of human flesh to be ground to death by the iron heel of the boss. No child of a worker can thrive, blossom and bloom under capitalism. Stop wage slavery first and then it's time to talk about race suicide.

## THE ENEMY.

Some are saying, "Let us just fight the boss and let everything else alone." It should be understood that the BOSS amounts to nothing when stripped of his weapons. His weapons are Superstition, Patriotism and Labor Fakirs. The labor fakir is today the most dangerous enemy of the workers, as, in the name of LABOR the workers are handed over bound and contracted for years at a time with the master class, which leaves the master a free hand to carry on further and further his exploitation unharrassed by the workers. Take the weapons away from the boss and this parasite, this non-producer, this murderer of human life is about as impotent as a new born babe. Yes, we are fighting the boss when we are fighting the allies of the boss. Organize and educate our class and the boss will die for the want of something to suck the blood out of. The IGNORANT worker is an ally of the BOSS.

## THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

The first real taste of freedom the wage slave of America will have is when they can lay down the tools when the eight hours are up. With this "taste," it is quite natural that the workers will want another "taste" and then a bite. The argument used to get the eight-hour day for all is the same argument that will be used to go after more of the good things of life. The main thing is to get the TASTE. The rest will be easy. We don't wish half the workers to have eight hours at the expense of the other half. All must share in the TASTE. On to victory. Stick up the stickers wherever they will stick and pound away at the meetings everywhere. If we try hard we cannot lose.

## A. F. OF L. ASKS FOR RAISE OF PAY FOR THE POLICE. SAYS THEY ARE WAGE EARNERS.

The Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council, representing the craft unions of Spokane, believes that the police should have more pay. As there are thousands of workers in Spokane that are getting a long way short of a policeman's pay at present, one would think that the place to make a fight would be with the men who are real producers and not slugs for the master class. If this is not a case of licking the hand that smites us, we do not know what it is. When the A. F. of L. unions of Spokane wished to speak to the officials of the city in regards to police matrons and \$3.00 a day for labor in the city, they were forced to go into a vacant lot, and did not dare to stand on the street to make their speeches. The vacant lot was a mire of slush and manure. There were thousands of these craft members yet they were afraid to stand on a public street to make their appeals to their servants to treat them more kindly. The free speech fight was on at the time. The next time the members of the A. F. of L. wishes to appeal to their servants they can stand on the pavement and then be thankful for what the capitalist press calls a few ragged hoboes, for this privilege.

The very men who are now appealing to the City Council for more pay for policemen were manhandled by the police at this meeting. What is all the more exasperating about the affair is that the speakers who were roughly handled were SOCIALISTS. Votes must be had now, as the election is coming up in a few days for City Commissioners under the new charter. After workmen have been kicked, clubbed, beaten and starved by the police till some of them found rest in the cemetery and then to have the police rewarded by increased pay at the instigation of LABOR is certainly one hell of a situation. Politicalism, Parliamentarism! What a slimy, sneaking, slippery, obnoxious thing it is! Men of labor, drop it before it winds its slippery coils about you. No honest man or woman can afford to play with it. It's the weapon of grafters and cowards that are afraid to fight the boss on the economic field. This is some more of the "mess" that the W. F. of M. wishes to affiliate with. Show your intelligence and get in, says Moyer, the president of the W. F. of M. We are indeed thankful for our IGNORANCE if this is intelligence. The fire department should also have more pay. They turned the fire hose on the I. W. W. when the workers wished to speak on a public street. Following is the resolution, which speaks for itself:

"Whereas, the members of the Spokane police department have petitioned the city council for an increase in wages, making the maximum after three years' service \$110 per month, and,

"Whereas, the Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council, representing the forces of organized labor in the city, approves of every effort of wage workers to better their conditions through a raise in wages, and believing, as we do, that the best efficiency of the police force can not be attained by the present inadequate wages, therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Spokane Sectional Central Labor Council that we endorse the petition of the policemen for such wage increase and urge the city council to grant such petition. Be it further

"Resolved, that we also believe that a higher efficiency of the fire department could also be acquired by a like raise in the pay of members of the fire department."

The above resolutions will be embodied in a communication to be submitted for reading before the city council in its next meeting.

## A CORRECTION.

The cartoon appearing in No. 99 should have been credited to the "Oakland World," and not to the "Oakland Herald." The "Oakland World" is a rebel paper and its editor, Fellow Worker Tuck, from the last reports we had, was serving a sentence in jail for telling the truth about some policeman. Fellow Worker Tuck is a blind man. While other Socialist papers with large circulations had little or nothing to say of the battle waged for free speech in Spokane as well as in Fresno, the "Oakland World" gave up every inch of its columns in its efforts to assist the workers who were battling for freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is a very unimportant matter to some socialist papers if there is no chance to turn the fight into a vote-catching affair.

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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## WHAT SCARED THE MASTER

FRESNO, CAL., IS DESTINATION.

One Hundred Beginners Expect, by Recruits, to Get 1,000 Strong, So as to Overawe the Police.

An army of 100 unemployed men, consisting of three members of the Industrial Workers of the World and 97 sympathizers, left their quarters, 309 Market street, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to march on Fresno, Cal., and take part in the free speech fight to be made there by leaders of the Industrial Workers.

By twos the army filed out Market street to Vandeventer avenue, and south on Vandeventer to Tower Grove Station, where they expect to catch freight trains to Kansas City. Kansas City has been made the first stopping place. Probably all will not be able to catch the same train, and a meeting place has been arranged by the order in that city.

The army was led by Joseph Sorensen, captain. Each man's name was registered in a book, and he was given a postal card with which to notify the order should he go astray. These postals will be addressed to the association at Kansas City or El Paso, Tex., the next stop.

The army created much excitement in the downtown district, and many stood at the corners and watched them as they passed. It was said at the headquarters yesterday afternoon the men probably would all arrive in Kansas City about Monday night. It was estimated about 30 men could ride in a box car, and that it would be impossible for the car crew to put them off on account of their number, and for the policemen to arrest them for the same reason.

When the "army" reaches Kansas City the number will be enlarged to about 200. By picking up the unemployed along the route the marchers expect to number more than a thousand when they reach Fresno.

They claim they will have a perfect right to "free speech" at Fresno. They say they cannot be arrested, as their number will be too large and the city will be unable to provide for them should they be arrested, as this would cause the taxpayers to protest at the expense of feeding them.—"St. Louis Globe-Democrat."

## FIGHTING THE WRONG MAN

"AND SO I JUST HAD TO SMASH 'EM."

New York, March 1.—John Stewart is 24 years old. He is an American. He is a big, strong, homely, unemployed, desperate man.

While the daily afternoon promenade of fashion and wealth in Fifth avenue was at its height, he deliberately and viciously attacked two well-dressed Japanese, giving them a fearful mauling before a policeman could arrest Stewart.

The policeman was no match physically for Stewart. But the latter offered no resistance to arrest, saying that he would go to jail peacefully if allowed to say a few words to the crowd of several hundred people who had gathered. This is what he said:

"Look at me! I am an able-bodied man. I was born in the United States. I can do hard work, but I cannot get it. I am cold, I am hungry, I am starving, and I have no place to lay my head. I am without a home and without a friend.

"I was coming along the street, thinking about these things, when I saw these two fellows come out of a building. Their fine clothes attracted by attention. They look like millionaires. They are foreigners, Japanese.

"They cannot have been in this country more than a few years, but they swagger along the street, swinging their canes, and with money in their pockets to buy every luxury they want.

"I, a native American, cannot even find work, and must starve. My blood boiled, and I just had to smash 'em."

Henry T. Koshiba and Toyo Kikuchi, the Japanese whom Stewart attacked, are both photographers, with Fifth avenue studios.

Magistrate O'Connor sent Stewart to the workhouse for four months.—"Spokane Press."

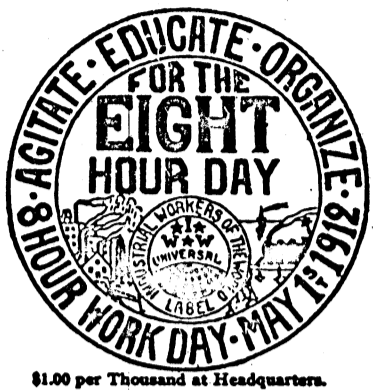
## MONEY TALKS.

Ruby, Wash., March 3, 1911.

Editor Industrial Worker, Spokane, Wash.  
Fellow Worker: We have got to have the Industrial Worker, and there are no two ways about it. There is no chance to get subs around here, but I enclose \$10.00 check for which send me some sub cards and I can sell them later.

Yours for Industrial Freedom,  
C. E. PAYNE.

## RED STICKERS



\$1.00 per Thousand at Headquarters.

## GETTING AWAY FROM MISERY

PROTECT PERSONS FROM THOSE WHO THROW THEMSELVES FROM WINDOWS.

Peril on Ground Floor—Men When Taking Own Lives Fail to See That Their Way Is Clear.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—So many suicides by jumping from upper stories down into the rotunda of buildings have occurred recently that the building department of this city has taken steps to protect persons on the ground floor. Owners of 16 downtown office buildings having rotundas more than three stories in height were ordered yesterday by the building department to stretch screens across the second floor openings to protect those on the main floor from being struck by persons making suicidal leaps.—"Spokane-Review."

Those who are interested in the RACE SUICIDE problem should study up on the cause of this brand of suicide. They are coming thick when screens have to be erected at an enormous cost to protect those who are not yet ready to "cash in." The excuse offered by these people just before making the leap to death is that they were hungry and had tried for days and weeks in a vain search of employment.

Why can they not find employment? Because there is not work for all. Because the boss owns the machine and the machine displaces labor. Because a few own everything and the many own nothing. Those who do nothing have everything, and those who do everything have nothing. The machine under capitalism is a CURSE, as it displaces labor and makes tramps and prostitutes. When the workers are in possession of the machine it will be a boon to mankind. It will shorten the hours of labor to the minimum and make life worth living. This kind of suicide or any other kind is not a question for any Gods or spooks to settle; but, being an economic question, it necessarily must be settled by those who are now the exploited. That means that the workers must free themselves. The Industrial Union movement is the only sound and logical proposition so far advanced or ever can be advanced. We must ORGANIZE, EDUCATE and AGITATE until we are strong enough and intelligent enough to take the machine and operate it for ourselves. The eight-hour day fight will be the first real battle towards this end. Are you an agitator?

## I. W. W. MAN BEATEN AT FRESNO.

Fresno, Cal., Feb. 28.—Dragged through the gutter for three blocks and subjected to violence at the hands of 300 rioters, a member of the I. W. W., who attempted to speak on the streets here yesterday, is suffering today from severe injuries. The rioting followed the refusal of Sheriff McSwain to receive other Industrialists in the county jail. The speaker was knocked down repeatedly. A bystander who protested was thrown under the heels of a kicking horse and his nose broken.—"Spokane Press."

## CIVILIZATION

I. W. W. BAND IN CLOVER—KENNETT OPENS ITS ARMS AND THE TRAVELERS WILL LINGER.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 26.—The smelter town of Kennett gave the marching Industrial Workers of the World, who are on their way to Fresno 100 strong, so warm a welcome that the band will remain there until Wednesday to recuperate. Eagles' hall was turned over to the tired men when they came in last night, and comfortable bunks were made up on the benches and cots. The Industrialists held a public meeting, at which a collection was taken up. This afternoon a baseball team of the travelers played a game against one from the smelter.



