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## DEATH FRUIT OF MONTHS OF LAWLESSNESS

Louder, Clearer, More Insistant Than Any Words are the Call of the Dead Bodies of Our Murdered Fellow Workers for the Defence of the more Than One Hundred the Employers Would Legally Make the Victims of Their Money - Lust, Their Blood - Lust and an Enslaving Program for the Destruction of all Workers' Organizations.



### WHY?

Why these dead bodies, with their voiceless testimony of inhuman greed and murderous savagery. Victims of murder foul and unapproachable, alongside of them the Commercial Club advocates want the dead bodies of over a hundred other workers!

### WHEN?

Workers of America, what is your answer to the appeal of your dead?

The men who fired on a host load of passengers are free, their victims are in the morgue or in the jail on charges of murder. Will you do your share to defend your fighters? When?

Our Dead—Upper left, Felix Baran; Upper right, Hugo Gerlot; Central group, Fellow Workers Tooney, Gerlot, Baran and Rabinowitz; Lower left, John Tooney; Lower Right, Abraham Rabinowitz.

### RALLYING TO DEFENSE.

Over \$1,400 have been turned in to the Defense Committee for the Everett prisoners during the last ten days. All locals of the I. W. W. have written telegrams of cheer to the members in jail assuring them of the utmost support. The Defense Committee will in a few days be able to issue a call for funds. Meantime it is certain that all members of the I. W. W. faced by the greatest trial of its history, will not be found wanting.

Among the wires received was the following: The General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World now in session send greetings to the union in Seattle in this their hour of trial, extending the deepest sympathy to the grieved families, words of comfort to the wounded and courage to the imprisoned members. The entire organization is with you. The working class is rallying to your support and defense. (Signed)—W. D. Haywood.

### MESSABA PRISONERS' DEFENSE.



Buttons like the above cut will be sent to any address, one for 15 cents; two for 25 cents; five for 55 cents. All over five will be sent prepaid for 10 cents straight. As these buttons are being made in Minneapolis, orders will be filled by the A. W. O. locals in that city, all funds received from same to be used in the defense of our prisoners in Duluth. FOREST EDWARDS, Box 1776, Minneapolis, Minn.

### STERO-TYPERS BACK I. W. W.

Many of the craft unions of Seattle have issued resolutions condemning the Everett vigilantes and sustaining the I. W. W. in their struggle for the workers. Below we print a resolution sent us by the Stereotypers' Union.

Whereas, It is common knowledge that on Sunday, November 5th, a party of members of the Industrial Workers of the World were forcibly prevented from landing on the dock at Everett, Washington, and five of them murdered by the organized enemies of the working-class; and

Whereas, Said party of I. W. W. were clearly within their constitutional rights of free speech when going to Everett with the avowed intention of speaking on the streets; so therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Seattle Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union No. 65, in regular meeting assembled, condemn the action of the sheriff of Snohomish County and the so-called citizen deputies; and, be it

### FRED MOORE ON THE JOB.

Attorney Fred Moore, of Los Angeles, who is to defend the I. W. W. prisoners, arrived in Seattle on Sunday, November 12th. Since his arrival, Attorney Moore has taken hundreds of depositions from the men who have been released from jail; he has visited the men held on a murder charge at Everett; and has done considerable preliminary work towards setting the scenes for the legal conflict. Attorney C. E. S. Woods, of Portland, who is to act in an advisory capacity in this case, is expected in Seattle, Wednesday, the 15th.

Further

Resolved, That we heartily approve the fight of the I. W. W. for recognition of the right of free speech; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Union Record and the "Industrial Worker" for publication.

### WHEATLAND DEFENSE REPORT.

The following is the financial statement of the funds of the Wheatland Defense Committee:

Receipts from Sept. 10, 1914, to Oct. 31, 1916	\$577.80
Cash on hand Sept. 10, 1914	204.00
Total receipts	781.80
Expenses to Oct. 31, 1916	670.50
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1916	111.30

Owing to the small amount on hand we do not feel able to put out a report to each Local. We are sending a complete itemized report to the Convention.

This report will afterwards be filed with headquarters and any Local can write in there and ask for the date, receipt number and amount of their donation. If headquarters does not give you the correct answer according to the receipt you hold—investigate.

Yours in the fight for Industrial Freedom, Wheatland Defense Committee, C. L. Lambert, Sec.

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## Cowardly Murderers?

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB of Everett has laid the cornerstone of its proposed structure of the open shop on the bodies of five sterling fighters for the working-class. Insatiable still, they seek the legal murder of over one hundred other workers as part of the blood-saturated superstructure toward which they aim. It is but natural, that prepared and trained in a school of cruelty, the lawlessness of months carried on with the evident consent of the authorities, should reach their zenith in one coldly conceived and deliberately consummated death-carnival.

This most outrageous and most contemptible crime in the history of labor was not committed in the heat and excitement of passion. Every evidence seems to show a cold, deliberate, murderous intent. The deputies of the Commercial Club had guns for the massacre. The docks were cleared and the theatre of the murder-tragedy prepared. The warehouse from which the messengers of death were poured into the passengers of the Verona, many of them not members of the I. W. W., was fixed for the crime. The workers on the boat were singing the songs of unionism. They felt certain that in broad daylight the advocates of the open shop would not use the lawless tactics, before used only under the covering of night. There was, according to those who were on the Verona, no thought of the violence and death which was being prepared for them.

The vigilantes went to the dock at Everett to consummate the crime that is a lasting blot on America. They went as fiends prepared for the outrage of which that dock was to be the scene. They were not officers of the law. They had been tramping on the laws for months. They went functioning as the tools of the masters, an army of the open shop on a war footing. They had deported men without trial. They had arrested men without warrants, brought them to the jail, taken them from the jail to be handed to an unmerciful mob, who beat them into insensibility, and when they recovered and were moving away they shot after them. For months men, who, according to law, are innocent until they have been proven guilty, were denied the courts and handed over to the chief of the vigilante outlaws, functioning in defiance of all laws and acting as outlaw, judge, jury and executioner of the mandates of the employers of Everett. Only a week prior to November 5th, men—against whom no court even in class-ruled America could find any crime—were met at an Everett dock by the vigilantes. They were loaded into automobiles and in the shadows of night brought to lonely Beverly Park. Herded by the gunmen of the Commercial Club, they were forced to run the gauntlet of saps, pick handles and gun butts. When, maimed and injured, they were left to make their way back to Seattle, members who were in the crowd say, with the promise that if they came back, they would be murdered. This promise the vigilantes have fulfilled.

We believe the officers of the City of Everett and the State of Washington, who, while sworn to enforce the law, stood sponsors for these crimes, are responsible for this lawlessness and its culmination in the murders of November 5th. But it seems the authorities want to make workers the scapegoats for their crimes. No member of the vigilantes of Everett has been arrested. These are being tried before courts greater than those which have already shown their bias in this case. We feel that the verdict of the workers of America will concur with that of Mayor Gill of Seattle, who publicly places the blame where it belongs, and who brands the vigilantes of Everett as cowardly murderers.

According to the capitalist press, the Everett Commercial Club cheered when the fatalities among the members of the I. W. W. was reported there. Evidently human life is of little value to them.

Capitalism cannot destroy the I. W. W. Capitalism has tried and failed. The I. W. W. can only be destroyed thru the lack of education of the membership and a consequent compromise of its principles. Uneducated, the worker may emotionally believe in the necessity for the I. W. W. Uneducated, he cannot be a cool, determined, clear-thinking, clear-acting, fighting machine, seeing there is nothing for him but to fight coldly and calmly till the parasites of society are forced to go to work.

It is far easier to line up men, when a measure of job control has been achieved, than it is to educate them to clearly understand the place they fill under a master-and-slave industrial system.

## The Methods of Degenerates.

EVERETT has a sheriff who trampled on all laws and exacted the outlaw for his masters in the Commercial Club. Now, that as the result of his many crimes he is in the hospital, his place as terrorist-in-chief is taken by the mayor of the City of Everett. Not contented with the outrages which led to the deaths of five workers this mayor is continuing the war on prisoners thru methods which would be disgraceful to the most degenerate of savages.

Louis Skaroff, one of the volunteer free speech advocates, attempted to hold a street meeting in the City of Everett on Sunday, Nov. 5th, immediately following the murder of our members on the Steamer Verona. He was arrested, thrown in jail and charged with "attempting to speak" on a public street. On Monday night, Nov. 6th, at about 10:30 o'clock, after Skaroff had gone to bed and was asleep, he was rudely awakened and informed that the mayor wished to interview him. Skaroff was led to a private room in the jail where he was met by three men. One impersonating an immigration officer, threatening him with deportation, while the night jailer and the mayor forced the hands of the prisoner under the castors of a bed in the room and then jumped on the bed. Each finger in turn was subjected to this treatment, with the result that the ligaments were badly wrenched and the skin bruised and cut.

Under threat of deportation Skaroff was asked numerous questions, and given a general "third degree." The mayor became enraged at the prisoner; grabbed him by the hair, jerked his head forward; and struck him a heavy blow in the temple, knocking the prisoner to the floor.

Still holding Skaroff's hair, the mayor proceeded to pound the man's head upon the cement floor of the jail. The sergeant or night jailer helped the mayor in the administration of "Everett Justice" and seemed to particularly enjoy his privilege of beating-up a defenceless prisoner.

On the return trip to the cells Skaroff was subjected to a beating at the hands of the mayor, sergeant and the supposed immigration officer. Some idea of the severity of the beating may be had from the fact that the prisoner was knocked down five times on the trip. On arriving at the cell he was again knocked down, and the mayor informed him he would be justified in killing any I. W. W. son of a—

This murderous mayor resents the statement of Mayor Gill of Seattle which was: "The Everett authorities are a lot of cowardly murderers."

On Tuesday, Nov. 14th, the head of the detective department administered a beating to Osmond Jacobs, another I. W. W. prisoner in charge of the jail authorities. Jacobs was severely kicked and otherwise beaten up by this brute.

Chester Miclin, secretary of the Everett Local I. W. W., who is also a prisoner, was ordered into solitary confinement by the mayor for having "smiled" at his honor.

There are no depths of degeneracy to which the tools of the Commercial Club will not descend. Men of this stamp who should be filling their own penitentiaries are allowed freedom, while the workers are murdered.

What we want thinking, acting members of the working class to respond to the appeal of the murdered body of our dead and the call of the members of their class who will be legally murdered if they allow the designs of the employers of the Pacific Coast to achieve their full death-toll.

## Capitalizing Their Crime.

THE employers of the Pacific Coast have been capitalizing the crime of Everett. Before the bodies of the victims were cold they had distorted the facts in connection with the murder of five workers and the imprisonment of three hundred. Outside of the regular publicity, garbed to suit their nefarious designs, they are printing advertising in line with, and expressing their policy of annihilating all unions on the Pacific Coast.

The Everett outrage and the lawlessness thru which the vigilantes graduated were part of a plan which has been the dream of the employers for years. The plan is the establishment of the open shop. The five bodies, and the one hundred and twelve more to be tried for murder, take on an even more deadly meaning coupled with the statement of Harrison Grey Otis, that within five years the employers would be able to wipe all unionism off the Pacific Coast.

That Everett is backgrounded by the class-struggle in one of its newer developments is recognized by all the labor papers we have so far seen. The Union Record, local organ of the craft unions, the Socialist World and the Pacific Longshoreman, all printed in Seattle, and the Northwest Worker of Everett, set the hadic murder-plot from this angle.

The issue is as wide as the working class. The workers must be awakened to the designs of the masters, as the bosses want to murder them in their sleep, knowing that once awakened they could do down and damn the masters for their crimes. The struggle of which Everett and the courts were, and will be, the battlefield, is more than the fight of the I. W. W. It is more than the fight of all unionism. It is the death grapple of all masters against all workers. The masters think they have a hold thru which they will be able to strangle the aspirations and ideals of the workers.

In the interests of all labor, irrespective of minor differences of opinion, we call on the workers of the world to struggle with and destroy the murderous designs of the masters against all organizations of the working class.

Everything in life is supposed to have its compensations. A worker is worth little to his class till his dream has become a nightmare, and the nightmare has kicked him into wakefulness, thought and action.

After being kicked by the nightmare of capitalism from the land of dreams, the worker is in a position to line up in the fight for a system of working class emancipation under which dreams can come true.

The community that will not allow the humblest citizen to express his opinion, no matter how false it is, is only a gang of slaves.  
—Wendell Phillips.

## PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

(Union Record Editorial).

Why is it that the crowds of Everett citizens who come to view the dock apparently get the impression in their minds that the so-called "citizens" posse violated every canon of common sense, if their real purpose had been to prevent bloodshed and disorder?

Why is it that 75 per cent of the citizens of the so invaded city do not condemn the invaders as much as they do their self-constituted defenders?

Why is it that the published reports talk so much of invaders firing into innocent citizen spectators on the docks, and say so little about innocent passengers—not members of the I. W. W.—who were on the death-ship?

Why is it the sworn evidence now coming in flatly contradicts the first reported testimony of the same people?

Why is it that the ordinary laws of journalism have been violated by every daily paper in Seattle?

Have you, Mr. and Mrs. American Citizen, read any report of the tragedy as given by well known Seattle newspaper reporters who were passengers on the steamer Verona?

Have you seen any photograph of Oscar Carlson, who was a passenger on an American vessel, which was fired on without warning?

Have you read his story? Why not? You will see his full story for the first time in this paper! Also another passenger's story at first hand.

Are both daily papers of Everett owned and controlled by the same influences in control in Everett?

Are the papers of Seattle following the same lead?

Would this explain why the first page of Thursday's Post-Intelligencer says "Captain Wyman of the steamer Verona, went with the Everett authorities to the alleged gunmen, and reiterated his earlier statement to the effect that the opening volley was fired from the boat?" In the same issue of another column, in reporting the testimony of Captain Wyman, he says that he was on the United States steamer inspectors. "He could not tell whether the first shot came from the boat or not."

On Sunday night there was a story in circulation in Everett that after the massacre an ordinary citizen who had slipped into the prohibited area overheard a group of panicky citizen-deputies say, "We must stick together on this story, about the first shot from the boat." This never appeared in any newspaper.

At the proper time other published statements will be reversed. In the meantime let every lover of justice prepare to spread the antidote to all this poisoning. Get extra copies of the Record and circulate them among your neighbors. They will appreciate reading the truth about Sunday's terrible tragedy.

## EVERETT PEOPLE HOSTILE TO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Union Record, official organ of the A. F. of L. Unions of the State of Washington in its last issue devotes six or seven columns of its space to the crime of Everett. The following is clipped from a story written for the Record by its Everett correspondent, and conclusively shows that those who were in the best position to know the fact of the "deliberate" and "cowardly" murder, as Mayor Gill of Seattle calls it, place the blame on the Commercial Club of Everett.

The Record correspondent says in part: **Temper of People Dangerous.**

Your correspondent was on the street at the time of the battle and at the dock ten minutes after. He mingled with the street crowds for hours afterwards. The temper of the people is dangerous. Nothing but curses and execrations for the Commercial Club was heard.

The I. W. W. was heard with a voice, and women who are ordinarily law-abiding and in their home circles, openly hoping that the I. W. W.'s would come back and "clean up."

The community spirit that formerly prevailed in Everett—that made the City of Smokestack famous for her civic pride and industrial activity—has gone, and it may take a generation to bring it back. Just as in Europe, the grim hand of war has laid waste in a day's battle what the hand of man was centuries in building, so has this industrial battle destroyed the civic spirit of the day laborers no less than the business man, have been a decade in building.

That's the city of it!  
**SACRAMENTO DOING WELL.**

C. L. Lambert, Secretary of the Sacramento Locals writes the "Industrial Worker" that the Sacramento Locals are in first-class shape at present. We have our hall rent paid to January 1st, 1917, over 400 due stamps on hand and paid for. All literature bills paid for the month and a little money in the treasury. We expect to start the winter hall meetings this month and also to start open-air meetings.

Fellow Worker Val Stark will please communicate with F. A. Martin, Box 85, Nippon Station, Seattle, Wash.

## SLUGGING THE I. W. W.

(Socialist World Editorial).

Beware of Truth! You may produce the most arrant nonsense, you may produce the most untruthful and howl and damn, but you will rue the day you ever swore devotion to so ruthless a thing as Truth. The world does not care for the virtues of the obstacles that Power ever sets in the path of Truth. The Industrial Workers of the World are motivated by conception of two great Truths, the class domination of the toilers, the other that this domination is always maintained in the last analysis by Force. Unlucky these facts may be. Harsh they may be. Volatile to some silly notions of the social optimists they may do. But true they remain, though all the impa of hell and the police of earth leap at their throats. And heart. They are strike terror to the master's heart. They are to him the sleep disturbing ghosts that will not down. And always the retaliation of man made overanxious and hasty by fear is brutal.

Thus the I. W. W., in its fight for free speech in Everett, has been met by repression and brutality. What the Everett forces have lacked in logic in their opposition to I. W. W., they have made up in police tactics. When they have lacked in justice they have made up a brutality and cruelty. For exercising their constitutionally guaranteed rights of assembly and free speech the members of the I. W. W. have in the past weeks been jailed without charges, the most heinous of the beaten up, have been deported forcibly, have had their money forcibly taken away from them, have been slugged, clubbed and generally treated as slaves. And the reason for this treatment can be traced to the one great sin of industrialism—the sin of being abjectly obedient. The industrial solidarity of the workers, a solidarity made militant by consciousness of exploitation, stretching round the world, is one mighty organization—One Big Union—is a power great enough to rock the earth. And since the masters' intellectual sycophants can find no holes in the logic of the One Big Union, the I. W. W. has been met by persecution.

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## SEATTLE A. F. OF L. ACTIVE IN DEFENSE OF VICTIMS

A really gratifying evidence of class solidarity was shown by the Central Labor Office of Seattle at its regular meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8th. At that time the Everett outrage was freely discussed and unanimously condemned. A more spontaneous resentment of the abuse of workers has never been shown by any group of organized men.

The "professional pessimism" element that is so much in evidence, and that has a serious mental shock had they been presented to witness the vigorous manner in which the members dealt with the Capitalistic spirit of the "murders." A special committee was chosen, with the voice, and given full power to act in defense of the rights of the workers, crushed by the authorities and held incommunicado in an attempt to create adverse opinion.

The action taken by the Labor Council and since that time a committee consisting of three members from each of the two organizations has been actively engaged in arranging a monster mass meeting of protest and preparing for the defence of the workers now held by the authorities.

The Central Labor Council committees have proven invaluable. They have been tireless in their efforts to make both the proposed meeting of protest and the defense an unparalleled success. These may be particularly fitted to function to an advantage because of their personal and official connections.

The United States of considerable local standing have been secured for the meeting and Dream-casts the largest protest meeting in Seattle's history.

A really remarkable public sentiment exists here; and we have been assured the co-operation of many of the local organizations. The United Workers have already made arrangements for the benefit of the Everett defence. Many of the other organizations are now considering various plans for furthering the defence program, financially and otherwise. Publicity is the important factor—publicity and finances—and every effort is being made locally for both.

All of the arrangements for the meeting have not as yet been made, and for that reason we cannot give full details in this issue of the Industrial Worker. We have no doubt, however, of our ability to report a very favorable expression of public sentiment, in the next issue.

## CONVENTION BALL.

The tenth convention ball given by the Industrial Workers of the World will be held at Yondor's Hall, 938 W. North Avenue, corner of Halstead St., on Saturday evening, November 25th. You can meet delegates to the general convention at this ball. Frisch's hand has been engaged to furnish the music. Refreshments will be served. "Licks in the Jungle" will be staged by Joe Foley. Tickets will be 50 cents; ladies free.

## A RANCHER.

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## EDITH FRENETT EVERETT

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# THE VERONA MASSACRE

## The Circumstantial Story of the Outrage Which Culminated in Murder Most Fiendish and Unnecessary; Workers of the World Must Awaken, Organize, Rally to the Defence of Their Fighters; the Employers Want Absolute slavery and are Willing to Pay for it in the Blood of the Working Class.

Five workmen killed and thirty wounded! Two deputies dead and sixteen wounded! Such is the tale of disaster that follows in the wake of capitalist administration of "law-and-order."

And this list of casualties is by no means complete. In the waters of Puget Sound, it is asserted, are many bodies of other workmen who perished on that fateful day. Perhaps, it will never be known how many gave up their lives for their beliefs on that day of red madness.

And now nearly three hundred workers lie in jail awaiting trial. One hundred and twelve of them have already been selected by the prosecution to face charges of murder. Attempts will doubtless be made to railroad the rest to long terms in the penitentiary.

What was, then, the fearful crime committed by these men? Of what dark deed were they guilty, that they should be thus shot down and hounded to the death-in-life of the jail?

Their crime? Their crime was that of being true to their class. Their crime was that of believing that in America there was still a measure of freedom. Their crime was that of struggling to the right, for the speech, that right which is supposedly guaranteed to every one of us under the American Constitution.

It is the duty of every workman and woman, of every citizen, to carefully consider the facts.

What was it, then, that happened in Everett?

**The Cause.**  
Everett, Wash., "the City of Smokestacks," as it is sometimes called, is a small, but thriving town, between thirty and forty miles from Seattle. When we say that it is a thriving town, we mean that it thrives from the point of view of the masters. But the workers of Everett do not thrive by any means. Everett is a port on the Sound; it is a place from which much lumber is exported. Lumber, in fact, is the main economic cause of Everett's existence. In the surrounding country, the woods are plentifully dotted with logging camps. In and around the city are many sawmills. Salmon canneries and other industrial establishments all contribute to the prosperity of the place.

But the share of prosperity that has fallen to the workers is a very small one. The sawmill workers are paid disgracefully low wages for a ten-hour day. The shingleweavers there had been on strike since last May. The longshoremen had also been involved in industrial conflict. On the Pacific Coast, the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, the Commercial Clubs, and other employers' unions had been straining every nerve to fight the organization of labor and to bring about their longed-for "Open Shop."

The Industrial Workers of the World, as with all other labor bodies, came in for their share of persecution at the hands of the profit-lusting bosses. The first intimation in Everett came in the form of the sudden stopping of an I. W. W. meeting. The speaker was taken from town in an automobile and severely beaten up.

After this, the outrages became common. Union men were arrested, held incommunicado in jail, and subjected to vile beatings. The so-called "prosperous" and respectable element of the community—composed of members of the Commercial Club, some salm-swappers and the obedient officers of the

### "EVERETT COWARDS REAL MURDERERS," SAYS MAYOR GILL

"In the final analysis it will be found these cowards in Everett, who, without right or justification, shot into the crowd on the boat were the murderers, and not the I. W. W.'s."  
"The men who met the I. W. W.'s at the boat were a bunch of cowards. They outnumbered the I. W. W.'s five to one, and in spite of this they stood there on the dock and fired into the boat, I. W. W.'s, innocent passengers and all."  
"McRae and his deputies had no legal right to tell the I. W. W.'s or anyone else that they could not land there. When the sheriff put his hand on the butt of his gun and told them they could not land, he fired the first shot, in the eyes of the law, and the I. W. W.'s can claim that they shot in self defense."

law, who were the object tools of the lumber interests—formed a Vigilance Committee. This committee immediately went to work jailing, slugging and deporting all men suspected of I. W. W. membership or sympathies.

The workers of Everett, and the more enlightened and liberal of the business and professional elements, indignant at this government by thugbery and requested the I. W. W. in Seattle to endeavor to test this arbitrary and unexpected prohibition of free speech. Accordingly, on Monday, October 30th, about thirty men from Seattle, Everett by steamer, with the intention of peacefully trying out their right to hold a street meeting in the town. At the dock they were met by a large party of gunmen, armed with loaded gas guns and with scarves around their necks which they drew up, masking their faces. The men were loaded into waiting machines and driven out to Beverly Park, a wild patch of woodland on the outskirts of the town. Here they were received by another gang of Commercial Club helots in full snapping trim. The men were released one by one and forced to run the gauntlet down between the long ranks of the gang.

Struck all of them bloodthirsty and many drank on bootleg whiskey. A perfect hail of blows fell on the bodies and heads of this handful of defenseless workers; and the air was filled with the cries of "labor" threats against unionism, together with some hurrahs for the sacred "Open Shop." Some of the men were also dragged so roughly across cattle guards on the car-tracks that the hands and feet were injured and they were clothed with blood. Also, the men were searched and those who had any money were robbed of their few hard-earned dollars by these wealthy fiends.

After the little party had struggled back to Seattle, a number of them were treated at the City Hospital for troubles ranging all the way from serious internal injuries, broken shoulders and arms, to scalp wounds, lacerations and bruises.

The next day, a number of Everett citizens visited the scene of this drunken and outlandish exhibition of mob-violence, and viewed the evidence in the shape of torn and stained clothes and blood-stained hats.

The report of this atrocity aroused the wrath of the better portion of Everett's citizens. Several ministers spoke from the pulpit on the matter, and those local papers which were not subsidized by the lumber barons were loud in protest. The growing sentiment among the people of Everett determined the Free Speech Committee to make yet another effort to regain for the people the rights filched from them by this

gang of masked and armed prowlers. It was thought that, on a Sunday and in broad daylight, there would be too much publicity for the official criminals to indulge their blood-lust.

#### The Day of Blood.

It was decided to hold a meeting in Everett on Sunday, November 5th, at 2 p. m. A big attendance of friends and citizens was expected by local sympathizers. A handbill was widely distributed in both Everett and Seattle which read as follows:

"Citizens of Everett! Attention! A meeting will be held at the corner of Hewitt and Wetmore Aves., on Sunday, Nov. 5th, 2 p. m. Come and help maintain your and our constitutional rights. —Committee."

The above was given out some days before the event. It certainly does not appear as though desperadoes, plotting a dark deed of murder, would advertise the fact by means of handbills! Yet, the bosses would characterize this simple announcement of a peaceful meeting as "inciting to riot" and "intent to resist lawful authority."

The steamer "Verona" left the Seattle docks with some 250 men on board. About forty left later on the S. S. "Calista," but never reached their destination. The men aboard the "Verona" had all paid their passages in the regular manner, entitling them to a landing in Everett. They were charged on the boat with carrying their criminal tactics in the light of day and before a host of conscientious citizens.

Therefore, they sang, that day on the boat, made merry. They were class-conscious men, enlightened workmen who believed in the glorious future of their class and who were willing to give their all in the great fight of the workers for bread, happiness and liberty. Little did they think, that bright morning, that the hour was so near in which some of them would be called upon for the supremest of all sacrifices—life itself.

There were men of many trades and callings on the boat—laborers, loggers, railroad clerks, seamen, farm-hands; members of the Longshoremen's Union, the I. W. W., the truckmen, the Seaman's Union and others. But they were all united in the one common desire to secure the interests of their oppression of the voice of labor.

But not a man of them set foot to land. Arrived at Everett, they were greeted from the dock by the voice of Sheriff McRae, the same man who had headed the other outbreaks of violence. He stood there with his mob of deputies behind him. They stood

behind him upon the dock and others were behind barricades, yet more were in the shelter of adjacent warehouses. On a tug and on a dock on the further side of the boat, were other bands of desperadoes. And this time the gunmen were armed with high-power rifles and the entire stock of ammunition in the town had been appropriated by the Commercial Club. The citizens were massed upon the hills and high places hard by, for they were not allowed upon the docks by the gunmen. The rule of the thugs was in complete sway.

"Who is your leader?" shouted Sheriff McRae.

"We are all leaders" replied the men, who had no intention of having one of their number used as a scapegoat.

"Well, you can't land here!" cried the Sheriff; and his hand shot to his gun-holster. And then came a volley of shots, pouring into the crowd of men standing upon the unprotected docks. This outrage, this absolutely illegal and uncalculated assault upon peaceful, legitimate passengers, naturally enraged the men. Out of the 250 who were there, even Prosecuting Attorney Holsell is reported to have said that not more than from 18 to 25 of the men were armed with revolvers; and this is merely guess-work. And this against that small army of gunmen with Winchester!

Facing the sheriff and his detail—on the further side of the "Verona"—were more men on a tugboat and a wharf. Their fire swept the steamer and must have also done much destruction among their own comrades on the opposite wharf, according to the reports of many witnesses. In fact, it is more than probable that the mortality among the sheriff's posse was caused by the wild firing of the other section opposite them, on the other pier.

Upon the bloodstained decks of the vessel, the dead and dying began to drop. Eyewitnesses assert that some wounded or killed men toppled over the railings into the water, also that some men leapt over the side and went down while swimming. Five men were killed upon the boat, the number of men who fell from the ship, the number of dead may be as much as twelve.

With their grim cargo of dead and wounded, the "Verona" turned about and made back for Seattle. On the way back, she passed the steamer "Calista" aboard of which were thirty-eight free speech warriors. The captain of the "Verona" stopped the "Calista" and cried to them:

"For God's sake, don't land; they'll kill you! We have dead and wounded aboard now!"

Thereupon the "Calista" put about and returned to Seattle.

In Seattle, the men upon the two steamers were met by a large force of police and militia and conducted to the city and county jails.

The first thought of the men was for their wounded comrades. "Take the wounded off first!" they cried; and the injured men were taken by ambulance to the hospital. Some men were already dead and another died shortly afterwards in the hospital.

The newspapers commented upon the serious and contained manner of the prisoners. All through, the men conducted themselves with the solemn dignity of heroes. And heroes they were, noble warriors in the greatest cause the world has seen! Yet astonishing contrast in the army of labor's martyrs!

All precedents of law are being overturned by the prosecution. They are endeavoring to prove guilt of murder by showing that men have assembled, or talked, for purposes that unexpectedly led to killing. This is what is known as constructive crime, which has been proved in famous cases to be utterly opposed to jurisprudence and the just administration of the law. The law requires the proving of immediate acts in the course of the alleged crime, and not of previous acts which were not designed to result in a certain way. It is returning to the method of using the policy of constructive murder, the prosecution is abandoning all legal precedent and is resorting to an old, archaic interpretation of law which, is discredited by all civilized nations.

Such was the bloody battle of Everett and its dire results. This is the most important working-class case that has occurred since the massacres of Ludlow. It is the concern of every worker that these men receive a fair trial and a worthy defense. The battle was fought in Everett, but it was a battle for the rights of the working class world over, and, as such, it demands the aid and sympathy of every member of our class.

The bosses have millions of dollars and great influence. We have our naked hands, our few coins of hard-earned money, our stout hearts and our unquellable spirit—the spirit of labor! Which shall win?

It is for YOU to say which shall win. It is for the workers to take up this fight and rally to the rescue of our class comrades!

Money is needed for lawyers and for publicity. This case must be tried before the jury of the workers of the world! In order to get the facts among you, we must carry on a strenuous campaign of publicity. This costs money! Good lawyers must be hired to watch over the interests of our fellow workers. This also costs money!

It is to YOU that we appeal, to the great working class, for whose sake our brothers have met their death in the penitentiary! Only the workers can work in this hour of need!

Workers, what will be your answer?

Funds should be immediately collected. Protest meetings must be held and literature circulated.

Protests should be sent to Governor Lister, Olympia, Wash., and to President Wilson.

Funds should be forwarded to: DEFENSE COMMITTEE, Box 85, Nippon School, Seattle, Wash.

#### NECESSITY FOR AGITATION.

By Wendell Phillips.

There is nothing stronger than human prejudice. A crazy sentimentality like that of Peter the Hermit hurlled him of Europe upon Asia, and changed the destinies of kingdoms. We may be crazy. Would to God we would make us all crazy enough to forget for one moment the cold deductions of intellect, and let these hearts of ours beat, beat, under the promptings of a common humanity! They have set wisdomliness into the statute book, and its destruction is just as certain as if they had put gunpowder under the capitol. That is my faith. That it is which turns my eye from the ten thousand newspapers, from the forty thousand pulpits, from the millions of Whigs from the millions of Democrats, from the might of sea, from the might of government, from the iron army, from the navy riding at anchor, from all that we are accustomed to deem great and potent—turns it back to the simplest child or woman, to the first or poorest protest that is heard against had laws. I recognize in it the great future, the first rumblings of that volcano destined to overthrow these mighty preparations and bury in the hot lava of its full excitement all the laughing prosperity which now rests so secure on its side.

A death photograph of Fellow Worker Johnson, the fifth known victim of Everett, will be used in the next issue of the Industrial Worker.

#### OUTRAGE PREARRANGED.

(Special to Industrial Worker).  
EVERETT, Nov. 9th.—The scene of the tragedy of Sunday, November 5th, is mute testimony to the deliberate manner in which the murder of our fellow workers was arranged. There is a warehouse on the end of the dock. This warehouse I have examined very carefully. In the side of this building towards where the Verona was to land were a large number of bullet holes. These bullet marks show that they were fired from the inside of the building, as there are splinters on the outside. I think the holes were made by 30 caliber bullets. The statements that there were a number of army rifles in use on the docks during the prearranged outrage is generally made here in Everett. This statement is given color by the condition of these bullet holes.

On the side of the shed at which the boat lands there were a number of boards pulled off. These boards were a foot to a foot and a half above the floor. This would be about the right height for men sitting on the floor to fire with comfort, and without taking any chance of being hit themselves. These boards about which the capitalist papers are silent have been replaced, but as they were replaced in a hurry they show clearly they had been removed.

Everett is very quiet and after 9 p. m. there are very few people on the streets. There are a few regular officers on the streets during the day. As soon as the lights are lit they are no longer to be seen. The regular officers rule by day and the special deputies by night. I have spoken to a number of Everett people

#### PLACING THE BLAME.

(By Thomas R. Horner in the Union Record).  
When all the facts are known, the Citizens' Committee and the posse they organized can give their choice between pleading to manslaughter because of stupidity and incompetence, or to murder in the first degree, because of criminal conspiracy to murder in cold blood unarmed men, on a regular passenger boat in American waters.

The public has been kept in darkness about the unexplainable cruelty of the Everett officials and "Citizens' Committee" in this strike. Colorado and Michigan never surpassed the outrages that have been perpetrated on unarmed men in this town and the officials either wink at it or openly approve it.

A few days ago forty-one unarmed men were seized, taken to Beverly Park, beaten up, shoes broken, and then were rushed over a sharp blade of a railway cattle guard, smearing it with blood to an extent that was revolting. Sixteen were taken to the hospital and all of them were badly injured. This is but one of the many outrages that have been committed and which the press will not publish.

#### HILL EDITION NOW IMPOSSIBLE.

The Joe Hill Memorial Edition of the "Industrial Worker" could not be printed this issue, as we intended. With every member of the I. W. W. in Seattle doing the work of two men in connection with the arrangements for giving the world our story of the crime of Everett, attending to the interests of the nearly three hundred in the jails and for the care of the dead, the issuing of the memorial edition was impossible.

Great as was the legal crime of the murder of Joe Hill and the use of our courts for the imprisonment of others of our fighters, the plans of the masters growing out of the Everett outrage are even more far-reaching. Much of the space of the "Industrial Worker" must of necessity be devoted to giving the greatest possible number of workers the real facts in connection with this outrage.

We feel certain that no extended explanation will be necessary in view of conditions which the fellow workers can easily imagine. All funds sent the "Industrial Worker" for extra copies of this edition will be returned after we have attended to such other matters as call for immediate attention. The articles will be made either in some future special edition, or from time to time in the regular editions of the "Industrial Worker." It is impossible to make definite announcements, as any arrangements we may make must be dictated by future conditions.

Bisbee Local is to give a large Saturday for the defense of the Duluth prisoners.

#### THE TRUE COMMERCIAL CLUB SPIRIT.

The spirit which led to the murder of Everett is breathed in a letter received by the I. W. W. of Seattle. The man writing the following letter is a murderer in all but the opportunity and perhaps the courage. If he would murder it would be in the dark, slinking and squirming, a rattling snake in all but the rattling. We reprint part of this stone-age letter which is unsigned, as one would naturally expect from the type of cur that has been terrorizing the workers of Everett.

This murderous gentleman says in part: "You know you are a God-damned liar and a son-of-a-bitch when you wired the president saying the Everett men fired first, and used a machine gun. You know we can prove there were 300 I. W. W.'s and 150 Everett men, only half or less of them armed. I know they had a machine gun and killed all of you sons-of-a-bitches and threw your bodies in the bay."

"I hope the President sends out a bunch of soldiers to hang everyone of you to a tree and fill you full of bullets. Hoping all the 41 I. W. W. murderers get hung and the rest of you are kept in jail for life. I hope the president drives all you I. W. W.'s out of the country, as you are nothing but a bunch of murderers, trouble makers and loafers."

Oakland, Cal. wants a first class soap box. Living expenses will be guaranteed.—E. C. Plankett, 338 5th Ave., Oakland.