

# FOSTER'S LAST DESPATCH

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(Special to "The Workingman's Paper.")

**SPOKANE, Wednesday, Dec. 15.—** Lawyer Crane was convicted today in Superior Court on the charge of "Disorderly Conduct." Jury out two hours. Judge Hinkle reserves sentence for few days. Crane out on same bond as before. Street ordinance not ruled on as Crane was charged with using profane language from his office window and acting in a disorderly manner on the street.

Crane made a passionate plea, shedding tears and claiming a police conspiracy to ruin him.

Authorities threaten to close Headquarters as Disorderly House.

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**Editor's Note.**—Foster's last prediction came true five days later. Monday morning, Dec. 20, Capt. Burns, in company with the landlord, raided the I. W. W. Headquarters, which was rented and paid for, and turned some 300 men into the street, homeless, most of them. The excuse given is that the new Criminal Code of Washington declares "every place where Vagrants resort" a public nuisance and every person maintaining such guilty of a misdemeanor. A "vagrant" is defined as a "lawd, disorderly or dissolute person," and also as one "having no visible means of support who does not seek employment nor work when employment is offered him."

The Police raid was unquestionably

itself unlawful, prior to conviction, and the Police should be arrested for violating Sect. 359 quoted last week, which makes it a "Gross Misdemeanor" for any officer of the law "Unlawfully to dispossess another of any tenements."

If the I. W. W. in Spokane would employ some lawyers who would push aggressive tactics and put the police on the defensive for their arbitrary, tyrannical, un-American defiance of law and order, they might register something else than a series of ignominious and deserved legal defeats. Let them learn that in Spokane, as elsewhere, the way to fight is to fight.

The Agnes Thecia Fair letter did more to arouse public attention to the Spokane case in America than all other means put together. Yet the cowardly and respectable and bourgeois I. W. W. counsel in Spokane tried his level best to suppress it and belittle it after it was published. It's about time some revolutionary methods were adopted in the legal proceedings at Spokane. Get Clarence Darrow or C. E. S. Wood or Judge Richardson or some attorney at the top, if you must have any lawyers at all.

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Attorney Tone, of Chicago, who came to Spokane for the express purpose of defending the I. W. W.'s returned in disgust. "I can't practice law in Spokane," he is reported to have said, "for the simple reason that there is no law in Spokane."