

against my election was because I stood with the Government at Washington, and the Reds knew that their anti-war activities would be suppressed, come what would.

I took my oath of office on March 5, 1918, and within a few days the very men who had fought my election tried to use "soft soap" in order to sway me from my path. The business community had supported me almost to a man and most of the old resident union men had done the same. Within a few days the Chamber of Commerce, which I did not trust, offered to help me in any way they could. It was my opinion they would want something wrong; that they had ulterior motives, and the offer was but a bluff. But I am frank to say it was not. During my entire term of office the business community assisted me in every manner possible and *never tried to dictate the policy of the administration in a single particular*. They left me entirely alone, but when once embarked upon my course of action, I found helpers in every bank, factory, and business house in Seattle. The great rank and file of labour has supported my every endeavour, while on the other hand the labour misleaders came time and again for favours and privileges ranging from asking the discharge of department heads to getting out of jail men who had committed crime. I soon learned that overalls did not denote a greater degree of honesty than broadcloth. When I was in the Legislature, Big Business tried to run things; as mayor, I found the I. W. W. demanded control. The *Red employer* and the *Red employee* are interchangeable anarchists!