

police, endorsed by myself, for more police, Councilman Erickson leading the opposition.

A great throng of women from all parts of the city then went before the committee and told them of outrages being perpetrated in the suburbs, but it was of no avail—the committee again turned the request down. After the committee had been attacked and ridiculed in the public press, however, the council itself granted a small increase. But there were other ways to get police without securing the votes of such men as Erickson. When the time of necessity came, I appointed emergency police, many of them, and an appropriation was made for their payment by the votes of all the council, including Erickson.

With additional recruits pouring into the shipyards daily, the activities of the I. W. W.'s on the outside were redoubled, if such a thing were possible. In the early part of January, 1919, five leading members of the I. W. W. met in secrecy in Room 310, Collins Building—the headquarters of the Metal Trades Council—and after carefully studying the procedure used in Russia, formed among themselves a soviet, which was to be called the "Soldiers, Sailors, and Workmen's Council." Several revolutionary speeches were made and it so happened that every word was overheard, except the words of one man who was clever enough to hold his hand over his mouth as he spoke, so that his words were but an indistinct mumble.

Thus a soviet came into existence by secrecy and stealth with only five members present. It was decided to call a great mass meeting on the corner of Fourth