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As the Russian started away from the scene, hurrying down the alley toward Union Street, Sullivan painfully followed, never losing sight of him. In front of the Post Office Building he caught up to him and made him prisoner.

It was a free-for-all fight before it was over, but when things commenced to be fairly equal, the cowardly Reds "hunted their holes," as they always do and always will do. There is no courage in them! Their teachings have taken all sacrifice and ability to battle out of them! They never won a single fight with the police while I was mayor. Given 200 Seattle blue coats and 1,000 Reds—the Reds run!

A total of thirteen men were arrested and when one was asked what his nationality was he said: "I am an American, and ashamed of it." Thus ended, in the Reds' defeat, the first open battle between the forces of law and order and the I. W. W. in Seattle.

The well-laid plans of the "Soldiers, Sailors, and Workmen's Council" could not be carried out on account of the help given the police by the loyal citizens and returned soldiers. In the entire crowd of Reds, there was but one returned soldier.

The Union Record the next day, in flaring headlines, denounced the police for enforcing the law. It also published an editorial, calling the police "Prussians," and abused the chief.

The next day, January thirteenth, I made the following statement:

Order will be maintained. Laws will be enforced. Riot and disorder will be suppressed.