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questionnaire to some three hundred who were at one time in quarantine and there were no skilled or trained workers among them and only one that even claimed to have attended a high school. They were an ignorant, dirty, incompetent, uneducated crowd, whose mentality was on the average not as high as children of fourteen. They were mostly un-moral, not immoral. They were so ignorant, few realized what they were doing to the soldier boys; few indeed sensed the gravity of their condition at all, and almost invariably had no moral sense whatever. The war did one thing for the American people—it opened their eyes to this menace. Some day the Government will, as I have said, by a continuous, forceful campaign, clean it up.

The I. W. W. halls were still open, their propaganda was still being distributed, and many wondered why I had not closed them at once. I knew why. We waited until May 2nd, nearly six weeks after my election, for two reasons. One was to secure the names and addresses of all who were members of the I. W. W., and the other was to ascertain where they secreted their literature. The day after the European Labour Day, May 1st, we struck, and *closed every I. W. W. hall in Seattle and kept them closed*. We confiscated their literature, burned up what we did not turn over to the Government, and stopped every street meeting. Hall meetings were closed to everyone who preached overthrow of our Government by force and violence and we received the united support of the vast majority of the citizens of Seattle.

In the summer of 1918 the election of officers of the