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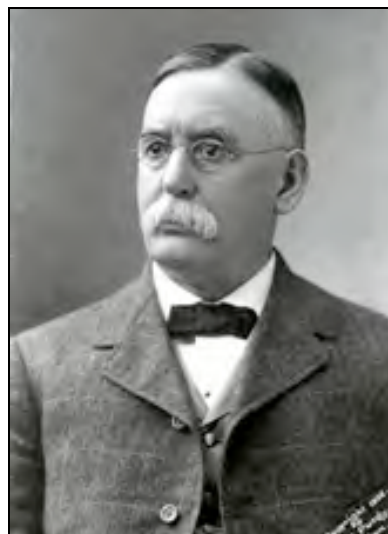
EDITORIAL

WHERE IS PATTERSON!

By DANIEL DE LEON

IN the Senate of the United States there is a gentleman by the name of T.M. Patterson; he is a Senator from the State of Colorado; his home is the city of Denver; and, on more than one occasion, he has posed as the bright particular shield of the outraged Working Class of his State in general, of the doubly outraged miners' population of Colorado in particular. The "sanctity of the Law", the "safety of man's civic rights"—these have been the gentleman's favorite subjects. Was all this sincere, or was it mere declamation, noise, signifying nothing, except to entertain the groundlings?

In the State of Colorado, in his very city of Denver, a double crime has been committed against the "sanctity of the law" and the "civic rights of man." Two citizens of the State, Charles H. Moyer and Wm. D. Haywood, have been feloniously snatched from their homes and deported to another State. Upon a requisition from the Governor of Idaho, the Governor of Colorado signed extradition papers, without complying with the prerequisites guaranteed by law as a guarantee of individual freedom. The men were given no hearing. No witnesses were examined. No prima facie case was even attempted to be made out that they had committed a crime in Idaho and were fugitives from the justice of the State. These are requirements, without which transportation is felony. None of these requirements was complied with. The men were seized, imprisoned and spirited away to another State. Nearly two weeks have passed since this felony against the majesty of CONSCIENCE, and yet not a voice of protest has been raised by the "representatives of the people of Colorado" in the



THOMAS M. PATTERSON
(1839-1916)

Senate of the United States.—Where is Patterson?!

The malefactors, who trampled over the elemental precepts of civilization, glory in the threat that their two kidnapped citizens of Colorado will “not leave the State of Idaho alive.”—Where is Patterson!?

The social bonds have been snapped in the State of Colorado. A conspiracy of men, high in office, with the criminal refuse of the land, defies public decency, public morals, and threatens the land with Chaos.—Where is Patterson!?

High officials of the State of Colorado, perjured by the direct violation of their oaths of office, connive at the continuance of the Reign of Anarchy initiated by Roosevelt’s and Helen Gould’s nasty pet, the so-called General Sherman Bell.—Where is Patterson!?

The example of lawlessness is set by the officials of Colorado in a way that it is not even limited to their own State, but that it affects the safety of the citizens of all States. Colorado officialdom sets the pace.—Where is Patterson?!

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