

Gunmen Defeated Copper Strikers, Says Moyer

Denver, Colo., April 11, 1914. To the Public.—Fully realizing that the ending of a strike which has commanded the attention as that of the Michigan copper miners will call for much comment, and in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the position of the Western Federation of Miners in connection with the same, we make this statement to the public.

The strike was called July 23rd, 1913, by taking of a referendum vote of the miners themselves, after having exhausted their efforts to secure a conference with the mine managers to discuss the following questions: An eight-hour work-day, a minimum wage of \$3.00 for underground workers, that two men be employed on machine drills instead of one, and recognition to their union.

Occurrences during the past eight and a half months of this great industrial conflict are now history. The people have been told through the press how the governor of the great state of Michigan came to the support of the powerful copper interests, furnishing them the military to assist in driving their underpaid, overworked labor back into the mines, and how, in violation of all law, a large army of gunmen were brought into the state for the purpose of instituting a reign of terror, clubbing and shooting these workmen whose only crime was their refusal to continue to work under unbearable conditions.

The public knows the efforts of the representatives of the Western Federation of Miners to bring about an honorable adjustment of the strike, how they offered to arbitrate, going so far as to waive all of their rights and agreeing to be bound by the findings of a board of arbitration selected by the governor of the state of Michigan and the president of the United States.

We wish to convey to the original workers and all those who co-operated with us in supporting the striking miners of Michigan our sincere thanks and while we sincerely hope they may never be called upon to undergo a like experience, yet, should it come to them we pledge the Western Federation of Miners to reciprocate as generously as have they to the men of the mines.

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LAND TENURE NOT SURE C. C. Epp of Colorado Has Remarkable Experience.

That private ownership of land does not, under the capitalist system, insure absolute and sure possession, is well illustrated in the case of C. C. Epp of Prowers county, Colorado. The case is notable from the fact that it involves a great deal of property and shows how every man of wealth and influence may become involved in the complexities of "private ownership" in such a way as to cause him to lose his property.

Mr. Epp formerly owned land in Harvey county, Kansas, to the value of \$39,000. He was approached for a trade for land in Colorado in the irrigated district, and under the belief that the land in question was all irrigated and worth \$125 an acre, made the exchange, involving himself in indebtedness to the amount of \$20,000.

Then the judge proceeds to declare that the agents making the exchange of land were "clever and shrewd business men, well experienced in business generally," and had taken advantage of Epp, "who was not much experienced in business matters."

A further contention by the defendants is that even if the statements complained of were false, there is no evidence that the defendants knew them to be so.

Of course, the appeal to the supreme court meant delay and expense for Mr. Epp. The necessity of threshing the thing out again in the lower court meant further delay and expense.

On March 21, 1910, the defendant, Charles R. Hinton, executed and delivered to the defendant, D. H. Bain, a note secured by mortgage upon section 1, township 23, range 3, west, in Harvey county, Kansas, to secure payment of \$4,500 due in one year with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum.

There is something wrong in a government where they who do the most have the least. There is something wrong when honesty wears a rag and rascality a robe; when the loving, tender, eat a crust, while the infamous sit at banquets.

Turner Will Tell Why. There is one thing I should like someone to explain to me. Why does congress have investigations? Congress investigated West Virginia and found all kinds of violations of law. Nothing was done.

The answer to the above questions and many more like them will be found in John Kenneth Turner's forthcoming articles. Every man who works for a living should read these articles.

It Works Both Ways. Whereas it has been known and declared that the poor have no right to the property of the rich, I wish it also to be known and declared that the rich have no right to the property of the poor.—John Ruskin.

GOVERNOR IS CZAR. Amazing Decision of West Virginia's Supreme Court.

The supreme court of West Virginia has decided adversely to the editor of the Labor Star of Huntington, in his suit for damages against Governor Hatfield for wrecking of the Labor Star office by soldiery under command of the governor during the coal strike of '13.

The writ, which makes it impossible to inquire into the action of the governor of the state, establishes a despotism as severe as that which prevails in Russia. Judge Ira Robinson dissented from the opinion of the other judges, arguing:

The unspoken principle established by this decision permits a governor to deal with private rights and private property as he pleases. Such a view is wholly un-American and inconsistent with constitutional government.

Now comes another decision holding that the courts cannot inquire into the actions of the governor. This is broad and sweeping and cannot be accepted as law.

There can be no true understanding of Socialism apart from the recognition that society, by the system of social production for private profit, is divided into two classes, engaged in perpetual war with each other.

Nor ought there to be. It is an utterly irrational and immoral society, an insanely wasteful industrial arrangement, by which the bulk of the world's population is engaged in producing wealth it is never to enjoy.

A Vision. In the twentieth century, war will be dead, the scaffold will be dead, hatred will be dead, frontier boundaries will be dead, dogmas will be dead; man will live.

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