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"HELL FOR THE PROLETARIAT"

Sherman Bell's Memorable Declaration Carried Out By the Governor of Colorado In Latest Attack On Workers

In last week's Socialist we announced that Comrade Titus' reports of the Moyer-Haywood case would begin this week. At that time we were not aware that he had an engagement to represent Socialism in a joint debate in Seattle, Sunday, March 4. This compelled him to delay his departure for Idaho, but he is due to reach Caldwell for the habes corpus hearing set for Friday, March 9. Before leaving Seattle, Comrade Titus sent the following dispatch to The Socialist:

Seattle, Wash., March 5.—It seems likely that the trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone will be set as early as possible. This will give all those conducting the persecution and daily press of the country opportunity to continue prejudicing public mind with false evidence and affected confessions. It should be particularly noted that not a shred of evidence has yet been disclosed. Nothing but assertions without a sign of facts to support them. Newspapers which usually are able to print columns in advance of ordinary murder trials, divorce scandals and similar occurrences, giving actual facts and details, are not doing so in this case.

Sensational reports being sent out from Idaho are intended to convict prisoners before trial and justify extreme measures. The story about dynamite being stolen to blow up Caldwell jail is now admitted to have no basis, the discovered powder having been buried some time ago by mining prospectors.

The habes corpus trial set for March ninth will probably be a farce, like the grand jury hearing from which defense is barred and at which Pinkerton McFarland can say what he pleases. The special summoning of the grand jury was for the express purpose of returning true bills against miners' leaders. The attorneys for the defense do not expect the writ of habes corpus to be granted, as it is the evident purpose to keep the prisoners confined as long as possible so as to try and demoralize the miners' organization by depriving it of experienced leadership.

The working class of America is the real party in this vital case and they will not condemn trial and true members of their class on Pinkerton evidence.

The capitalist class is really on trial and it must make good or be convicted of anarchy.

Meanwhile every member of the working class, unionists of all kinds, Socialists and progressive citizens generally, should hold public mass meetings and protest against this outrage, in such a manner that the capitalist class will have to hear and heed.

HERMON F. TITUS.

The Plot Thickens

The following is taken from an editorial in the "Miners Magazine," official organ of the Western Federation of Miners, Haywood, Pettibone and every member of the organization who are victims of the latest conspiracy, must be defended in the courts, and the membership of the local unions need no further caution as to why they should be so.

The plot seems to be thickening and thickening may come home to roost. The people of the state of Colorado are familiar with confessions that were made during the stormy days in this state, when corporation anarchists devised devilish schemes to send members of the Western Federation of Miners to the penitentiary and the gallows.

The McKimney confession showed another conspiracy that was no more hellish than the plot that has been laid, planned and carried out on the 12th of February, 1936.

Behind all this there is a motive and the incentive which actuates the conspirators is the hope that the organization can be destroyed through arrests, imprisonment and persecution of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners. The members of the organization are being persecuted and children who will grow discouraged or dependent under the roar of the enemy's guns.

"Brave determined men who know that they are fighting for principles that are founded upon the bedrock of eternal justice, do not flinch or quail under the lightning of corporate anarchy."

"The time is now when every member of the Western Federation of Miners must stand firmly upon his feet with face to the foe hiding defiance to the conspiracy of wealth."



When the News Reached Colorado

South Dakota on a business trip. Secretary Haywood was arrested as he was leaving the offices of the Western Federation of Miners, in Pioneer building, Fifteenth and Larimer streets, about 11 o'clock.

"After their arrival at the jail the two prisoners were not allowed to communicate with either their attorneys or their families. Mrs. Haywood and Mrs. Moyer did not know of the arrests until yesterday morning. The two prisoners were held incommunicado until 5 o'clock yesterday morning, when they were hurried out of the city."

"G. A. Pettibone was arrested at his home, 1225 Evans street, by Glen Duffield, warden of the county jail. Warden Duffield received his instructions from Sheriff Nisbet and immediately went in search of Pettibone. Pettibone was not found until after midnight, and did not get to the jail until nearly 1 o'clock. He, like the others, was not allowed to see the other friends, obtain counsel or notify his wife."

"The three men, charged with being accessories to the assassination of ex-Governor Frank Steiensenberg, of Idaho, were kept in the county jail for a little over six hours."

Special Train is Used. "Promptly at 5 o'clock yesterday morning Adjutant General Buckley Wells of the National Guard of Colorado, appeared at the jail, accompanied by three militiamen and three deputies from Idaho, headed by Deputy Sheriff Hill of Boise. This ample guard took the prisoners to the union depot in hatches, where a special train was in readiness. It had been supplied by the Union Pacific company. The three prisoners were placed aboard the special, guarded by the ad-

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PREPARE FOR ACTION

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What I have to say about the latest and boldest stroke of the plutocracy will require but little space. It is not that that is wanted, but action.

The issue is clear. There can be no mistake about it. The labor leaders that cannot be bribed or bullied must be smashed and murdered. This is the situation in a nutshell. If we shall we meet it? In just one way. We have got to fight.

Another Haywood attempt will precipitate a revolution. Another Moyer attempt will commit it. It is not the working class alone that will furnish the victims this time.

Moyer, Haywood and their colleagues are absolutely innocent. The writer knows them to the heart's core and will take his all on them. The only crime they are guilty of is that they have been unworshipfully true to the working class, and the working class class can do no less than stand by them to a finish.

A million of men at the least will meet the issue with guns. The workingmen and all other workers who have red blood in their veins will rise up against this murderous plot of the plutocracy.

They have stolen our country, brazenly, and have established our judiciary and ridden over us roughshod, and now they propose to murder those who will not abjectly surrender to their brutal domination.

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We have tried them for years, and for one I am opposed to squandering our means going up against a brazen gang of scoundrels.

We are men and we have got to prove it. This fight is not of our seeking. It has been forced upon us, and we can only evade it by showing the white feather of cowardice.

If we stand by apishly and see our loyal leaders murdered in cold blood, we deserve a similar fate. We shall not escape it.

Let mass meetings be held all over the country and the workers aroused.

When they put our leaders in the penitentiary without trial, we will pull them down as they did the bastille in France a hundred years ago.

The governors of Colorado and Idaho are but executing the mandates of their master plutocracy.

The issue is the Workers versus the Plutocracy. If they strike the first violent blow, we will strike the last.

Comrade S. Titus

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THE COMMON HEEL - Industrial Japan

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