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THE BURNING DISGRACE OF A STATE

The Socialist Party Fights for the Honor of the State Disgraced By the Gooding-Borah Cabal--Democratic Party Worse Than Republican Because Silent

The political contest in Idaho this year will be the most conspicuous in America.

All the world has been talking about Idaho ever since a United Pacific "special" thundered across the border on the 19th of February rushing Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone from their homes in Denver to the Boise penitentiary.

The secret extradition and secret arrest of these men, followed by an indictment also made secret by the unusual refusal to grant jury, all based upon the secret confession of a multi-murderer, would alone have attracted more than ordinary attention. Extraordinary methods compel extraordinary curiosity.

But this case has assumed national and international significance for another reason, namely, it marks the culmination of a terrible struggle between Capital and Labor in the Rocky Mountain region. For the last fifteen years the Miners' Union and the Mine Owners' Associations in Idaho, Montana, Colorado and adjacent states have been engaged in a constant war between Profit and Wages.

Whether the men under arrest are guilty or not, the facts of this tremendous war of the interest between Labor and Capital, is what gives the case its importance in the world's eyes.

For the whole world is filled today with the sounds of the same irrepressible conflict. Every other political and social question has sunk into the background and the fight between Capital and Labor now engrosses the attention of thinkers, authors and statesmen from St. Petersburg and Paris to Chicago and Tokio.

The revolutionary Proletariat is forcing the Capitalist, Car off his throne in Russia and that same rising Proletariat in America is the occasion of our Capitalist President's chief concern. It is the Socialist proletariat who has uncovered the packing house scandals, and it is the Socialist proletariat party, based on the War of Classes, which haunts the thought of every president's message and every speech in Congress.

It needs but a single calculation to make evident how much this case of the Federation officials means in the class struggle between Labor and Capital.

"Standard Oil" is the main owner of the metal mines in the Rocky Mountains. "The Federal Mining Co." in Northern Idaho, "The Amalgamated Copper Co." in Montana, "The Colorado Fuel and Iron Co." and "The Smelter Trust" in Colorado, to

say nothing of the great Union Pacific Railway combine, are all part of the vast Rockefeller-Morgan "System."

Calculate now how much the conviction of Moyer and Haywood will mean to "Standard Oil," which employs some fifty thousand members of the Western Federation of Miners, whose president is Moyer and whose Secretary is Haywood.

If these men, chief officials of the Miners' Union, can be proved guilty of the atrocious crime of assassinating Gov. Steunenberg last December, their Union will be so discredited, overwhelmed with disgrace and outlawed by public indignation, that it will inevitably go to pieces as a Union, and the cause of Unionism itself will suffer an eclipse. To destroy the Miners' Union means the instant reduction of wages to the extent of at least one dollar a day for its entire fifty thousand members.

That is a possible saving of \$50,000 a day to "Standard Oil" of \$50,000 a day by the conviction of Moyer and Haywood. In 300 days, or in a single year's time, this totals up fifteen million dollars, gained to "Standard Oil" by the conviction of these officials of the Miners' Federation.

Fifteen Million Dollars is a great sum of money, more than a Million Dollars a month!

This gives us a practical insight into the issues involved in this Idaho campaign this fall.

This War between Labor and Capital means no less than Millions upon Millions of Dollars, with all the wealth and power those millions can command.

This is why the eyes of the world are fixed on Idaho, because if Labor wins this fight, all over the rest of the U. S. era, where the same battle rages between Profit and Wages, Labor will be mightily encouraged.

But if these men in Idaho are found guilty, Capital all over the world will be equally encouraged and pushed forward to more victories and more millions.

Stand of Socialists On this Issue

In the great class struggle which we have outlined in the preceding article, the Labor Unions and the Socialist party occupy different positions. The Unions fight for an increase of wages, and shorter hours,

in a word, more of the product of Labor. The Socialist Party fights to capture the instruments of production and thus secure the entire product of labor.

But the Socialist Party stands by the Unions in all their struggles for better conditions. That is why the Socialist Party has contributed already some \$4,000 toward the Defense Fund of the imprisoned miners. That is why the Socialist Party has sent a special organizer into Idaho and the Socialist papers have sent special representatives and correspondents to see justice done and to counteract the false and prejudiced reports of Capitalist papers.

The Socialists everywhere constitute the intellectual and political leaders of the wage-workers. For instance, in Russia, George Plechanoff, one of the most conspicuous members of the Social Democratic Labor Party, is the executive head of the active proletarian organization, which is driving the Duma to more and more radical measures and forms the real, intellectual force permeating the revolutionary movement.

Without the Socialists, Russia would drive blindly on the rocks of a bloody revolution.

Wherever Labor fights for its rights against Capital, either on the field of industry or of politics, there the Socialist will be found on the side of Labor.

In this Idaho fight between Capital and Labor, between "Standard Oil" and the Miners' Union, the Socialist Party has boldly taken the side of the Miners. It is the only political party which has done so.

The Republican Party is identified with "Standard Oil" with the side of Capital. Gov. Gooding is chief proponent. He will be re-nominated on his record in this case. W. R. Borah, really the chief counsel for the prosecution, is the main Republican candidate for U. S. Senator. Dr. Francis also a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination declared himself yesterday (June 29th) as heartily approving the Gooding policy. The Republicans seek to be continued in power on the Gooding record in their treatment of the Miners.

But the Socialists demand fair play. As the cartoon on this page sets the situation forth, the Socialist Party stands for Liberty and Justice.

We don't say the prisoners are innocent. We wait for proof.

But we do not say they are guilty, as Gov. Gooding does, and we will not allow anyone to say they are guilty till the proof is presented.

The Socialist Party charges Gov. Gooding and the Republican administration of Idaho with deliberate violation of the statutes of this state.

We charge Gov. Gooding and the Republican administration of Idaho with deliberate violation of the constitution of the U. S., and of the laws of the U. S.

It was an official of Colorado, who said in no words: "To hell with the Constitution!" But it is Gov. Gooding of Idaho, in conspiracy with Gov. McDonald of Colorado, who has committed those reasonable words to practice. We propose to go before the people of Idaho to try the Gooding Republican administration on these charges.

The Statutes of the State of Idaho, Vol. 1 of Penal Code, under the title, "The Trial," page 308, Section 4541, contain the following words:

A DEFENDANT IN CRIMINAL ACTION IS PRESUMED TO BE INNOCENT UNTIL THE CONTRARY IS PROVED."

We charge Gov. Gooding, who took his official oath to uphold the laws of this state, with the repeated and willful violation of the section just quoted.

Gov. Gooding has again and again declared Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone guilty of the murder of Gov. Steunenberg.

He did this when they were arrested, at a time when popular passion was aroused and prejudice easily produced, practically impossible to remove by any later considerations.



Gooding and the Flag

Extract from Governor Gooding's proclamation for "Flag Day" on Thursday, June 14th, 1906: "The flag of the Union has been and is recognized everywhere as an emblem of justice and liberty. It brings the inspiration of hope to the oppressed and to each of our citizens it guarantees individual liberty and protection to his person."

as good as the Republican—and as bad. Neither stands for Labor. Capital owns them both. The two old parties are like the two horses in the race. The professional horse race said: "I don't care which one wins I own them both."

But the Socialist Party has boldly fought for these prisoners from first to last. Mind, it has not made any fight for murderers and assassins, as the Republicans try to make it appear.

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The Republican Party is responsible for Gov. Gooding. They endorse him. They will undoubtedly nominate him for Governor on this issue.

The Socialist Party accepts this issue. Gov. Gooding has dishonored the State of Idaho by declaring men guilty of the most horrible crimes before they have been proved guilty.

The Socialist Party stands by the laws of the State, which have been dragged in the mud by the present administration.

More even than this, Idaho is up for trial before the Bar of the Nation. Shall Gov. Gooding's and Gov. McDonald's high-handed kidnapping of our brothers from Colorado into Idaho, be justified and vindicated?

The Socialists declare the U. S. Constitution has been defied. The Republican Borah admits it, when he confessed before the State Supreme Court, that there was no other way to get the prisoners into Idaho, except to over-ride the constitution.

Disregard of the provisions of the U. S. Constitution and Statutes makes impossible an appeal to the immortal right of Habeas Corpus, the overthrow of those fundamental safeguards of human liberty which we are supposed to have secured centuries ago, is what the Socialist Party charges against the Republican Party in Idaho.

We shall go before the people of Idaho on this issue.

The Socialist Party is the only Party in Idaho which can redeem the state from the disgrace put upon it by Republican and Capitalist defiance of their own constitution and Statutes.

The Socialists fear no investigation. They court publicity. If their fellow workmen are guilty—as charged—of the awful crime of murder, we do not defend them. We shall be infinitely sorry, if they have made any such false step. We shall condemn them as strongly as any one.

Even more strongly than any capitalist, for their crime would reflect fearfully against their own class.

But we demand proof before we will believe our brothers guilty. We denounce those who dare to dis-obe the laws and pronounce any men guilty before fair trial and proof of guilt.

Haywood-Pettibone case. He has committed three crimes against human liberty.

First, He has violated the U. S. Constitution and laws in kidnapping men, where legal extradition was impossible.

Second, He abetted the writ of Habeas Corpus for these men in their own state of Colorado.

Third, He has declared men guilty of murder who have not been proved guilty—thus violating his oath to uphold the laws of the state.

In one word, the Socialists are the sole defenders of the honor and good name of the State of Idaho.

The state is on trial before the world and the nation.

The Republican Administration has defied the constitution and laws and the Democrats have allied themselves with the Republicans in this crime and disgrace.

The Socialists are the one political organization which stands squarely for ordinary Capitalist justice; for the impartial and unswerving execution of the laws as they stand. There are only two sides.

Voters of Idaho, what will you do?

Some of our subscribers have complained because "The Socialist" has not reached them during the month of June. Our announcement of removal from Toledo to Caldwell should have contained the date of re-appearance at Caldwell as July 7th, but it was omitted by a misunderstanding at Toledo. All subscribers will receive this paper four issues beyond the time of expiration marked on subscription address. We hope that this will be satisfactory, as it was practically impossible to make the long transfer in any shorter time.

"The Socialist" is in a position to announce that the most startling disclosures yet made in the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone case, may be looked for in the next few weeks, or even in a few days.

McFarland has been busy, and the "Statesman" says he has gone "home" to Denver. Prosecutor Borah is also travelling a good deal. The prosecution plainly has something "up its sleeve." Very well, gentlemen, show down your cards. The defense has nothing to fear, except denial of speedy trial and eternal imprisonment without bail.

GET OFF THE ROOST AND BOOST

Our motto is "Redeem Idaho from Capitalist Rule." Make Idaho the first Socialist state.

The entire nation will watch Idaho this fall. The national Socialist Party should concentrate its energies on this state, towards which the whole working class has been looking the last four months.

Mark Hanna said the next great political contest in the United States would be between the Republican party and the Socialist party.

That contest begins in Idaho this fall, if we all do our duty.

Campaign Offer.

Twenty-five cents for the campaign—about five months. This is in club of four.

That is, One Dollar will send "The Socialist" to four addresses; if sent in together. This is a reduction of almost one-half from

our regular rate of a dollar a year. It will not pay expenses unless we have a large list.

If comrades and friends in other states desire to help in Idaho, they can send their dollars and we can send to addresses of voters in this state.

The Daily Socialist Offer.

For 55 cents, "The Socialist" (weekly) will be sent for the campaign and "The Daily Socialist" will be sent one month of the trial whenever it begins.

We expect subscriptions for "The Daily" will come in right along on this special offer, as it puts "The Daily" on a 60 cent basis. Whenever the trial occurs and wherever it occurs, "The Daily Socialist" will be "on the spot." We want our necessary 2000 subscriptions all in by the 1st of the trial begins, so we shall not have to delay a single day.

CUT THIS OUT AND SEND IT IN P. D. Q.