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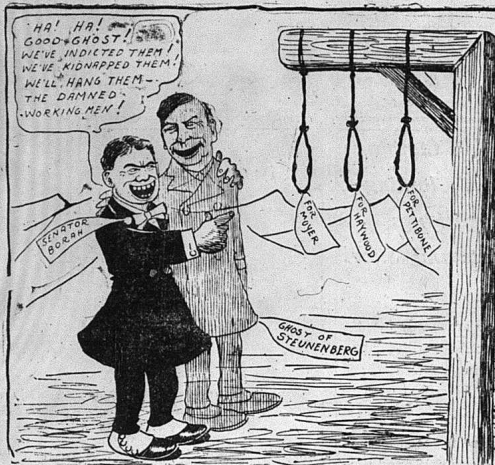
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THE GHOST OF STEUNENBERG

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HOW THEY TREAT INDICTED WORKINGMEN

We have two stories to tell on this page—the stories of two indictments. For people who imagine an indictment is an indictment, and law is law, whoever is hit, these two stories and these two pictures will prove rather startling.

William E. Borah is now a United States Senator. One year ago he was a candidate for U. S. Senator. He did not think it would injure his candidacy to be Special Prosecutor of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone. When Steunenberg was assassinated, Borah was called in at once to give advice. When Orchard was arrested and McParland secured his confession, it was Borah who helped plan the arrest and kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Borah assisted in selecting the Canyon County Grand Jury which indicted the officials of the Western Federation of Miners.

Borah heard the evidence before the Grand Jury and lent his great influence to secure the indictment from that jury.

Borah never lifted his voice to prevent the Boise "Statesman" and the Portland "Oregonian" and the whole pack of capitalist newspapers from pronouncing the prisoners guilty before they were heard in their own defense.

When these defenseless workingmen were indicted, the whole world under Borah's leadership hurled its condemnation and fury upon them as the worst foes of society. Gov. Steunenberg was regarded as a saint and martyr. These men were regarded as his assassins.

All this was on the strength of an indictment, made by Steunenberg's friends and neighbors assembled as a Grand Jury, directed by Steunenberg's friend and attorney, W. E. Borah, on evidence taken in secret session, unheard and unknown by the prisoners to this day, and never seen or reviewed by any court or tribunal.

On the strength of this Secret Indictment, made under the influence of Steunenberg's memory and in conjunction with Steunenberg's lawyer, Borah, these accused men have now been held in prison since February, 1906, over 14 months, unheard and unjust.

Verily, the ghost of Steunenberg, with his attorney, Borah, has followed and tortured Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

One of the latest issues of the Boise "Statesman," special organ of the Prosecution, has an editorial on "Grand Jury Practices." It concludes thus: "Circumstances may be used to build up a wall of suspicion about a citizen and perhaps bring about his indictment if the prosecutor be recklessly determined to accomplish such a result."

"The Statesman" never thought of such a consideration 14 months ago, when Mr. Borah was "recklessly determined" to indict the officers of the W. F. M. Now it is different. For consider who is now under indictment as seen in our second picture.

HOW THEY TREAT AN INDICTED CAPITALIST

The ghost of Steunenberg will not down. Now it haunts and terrifies U. S. Senator Borah himself. A press dispatch, dated Boise, Idaho, Friday, April 12, 1907, announces that "The Federal Grand Jury today reported a number of indictments to Judge Beatty, which were placed on secret file. All the indictments returned today ARE IN CONNECTION WITH TIMBER LAND FRAUDS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE LATE GOV. STEUNENBERG IN THE INTERESTS OF THE BARBER LUMBER COMPANY AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE. SENATOR BORAH WAS ATTORNEY FOR STEUNENBERG AND THE BARBER COMPANY."

There is a ghost indeed. Senator Borah wishes now he could divest himself of Steunenberg's memory. Only one short year ago Borah was Steunenberg's eulogist. He was the man selected to deliver the funeral oration of "Idaho's First Martyr." Now, for his association with that martyr, Borah is indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in his friend Judge Beatty's court.

The shadow of the jail already casts its chill over the distinguished young Senator, that jail into which he mercilessly cast our working class brothers and where he has pitilessly held them these weary months.

The criminal chill of Steunenberg's ghost already holds Senator Borah in its awful embrace. He now knows what it is to be "indicted."

But no! What has happened to the Indicted Tool of Capital? Is his criminal relation to Steunenberg heralded through the world? Is the Senator condemned and disgraced, like Mitchell of Oregon and Burton of Kansas?

No! The indictment is suppressed! Judge Beatty, when asked if the Indictment of Borah was among those returned to him by the Grand Jury, replied "he did not know, he had not read the indictments."

The Attorney General at Washington says "he has no official information of any indictment of Senator Borah."

The Boise "Statesman" of April 14 declares: "The indictments have been buried in the archives of the court." The nearest to news it can give is this: "The supposition is the indictment of Senator Borah was filed with the rest."

The latest news claims Senator Borah will get Attorney General Bonaparte at Washington to review the Grand Jury's evidence and quash the indictment, if he finds said evidence unsatisfactory. U. S. Attorney Quick has been called suddenly to Washington to consult on the case.

Borah's Indictment by the ghost of Steunenberg is not so lovely as the Indictment of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Moyer and Haywood are called "undesirable citizens" by Roosevelt. And Borah is a desirable citizen, one of Roosevelt's own kind.

But the ghost of Steunenberg seems to know no difference between desirable and undesirable citizens. Unkind Ghost! Unhappy Borah!

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Local Seattle Stands for "No Compromise"

Mills Slate for State Convention All Defeated—Largest Session of Local Seattle Ever Held—Bold Attempt to Shut Out Finns—Mills Takes the Lead in Person—Avoids All Reference to Charges Against Himself—Hutchison's Letters to Capture the State Convention—Reproduction of One of Them.

The bold attempt of Walter Thomas Mills to capture the delegation of Local Seattle to the S. P. State Convention proved a signal failure. One slate of 29 delegates and another of 29 alternates were presented by the Mills contingent, but both were defeated. There were several names of the Mills tickets not authorized by the comrades named. In fact, some of these comrades were present at the mass meeting and voted against the ticket containing their own names.

The Mills printed slate was met by a "No Compromise Ticket," selected by 29 or more comrades hastily called together in the middle of the week for the purpose. It was felt there was no use in mixing matters. A slate must be met by a slate. It would not do to scatter the strains and votes while the Opportunist votes were concentrated. That would be to invite defeat.

Five of the elected delegates were nominated by the Finnish Branch on Sunday evening, April 7, at their regular business meeting. The Finns have at least one-quarter of the mem-

bership of Local Seattle and will have six delegates out of a total of some thirty.

The two most striking things about the Mass Meeting were, (1) the persistent attempt to shut out the Finnish comrades, and (2) the absence of all denial by the opponents of the compromise tactics charged against them and their leader.

The Finns had not been able to obtain one stamp to post in their membership cards. There were several other comrades in English-speaking branches in the same predicament. They had paid up their dues and were therefore entitled to seats in the Convention, but they had no stamps to show for it. A motion was made instructing the Credentials Committee to accept the testimony of the Branch Secretaries that dues had been paid, even if the stamps were missing. For over two hours this motion was fought by every parliamentary device. Walter Thomas Mills leading the fight in person. Divisions were demanded on every motion, standing votes called for and tellers appointed to count them.

Again and again the compromisers laid by votes usually averaging 66 to 77.

Finally, Mills moved an amendment that the Branch Secretaries "must show their books to prove that comrades had paid their dues. This was as chance for Mills and his tactics, as the Finns are clear Socialists, every one of them.

Mills even opposed the chairman's ruling that one of the Finns should translate the motions to the rest of the countrymen, so that they could know exactly what they were voting on.

In spite of all these obstructive and exasperating tactics, the comrades

Seattle Delegates

Here is a copy of the successful ticket voted for at the Seattle Socialist Party Mass Meeting last Sunday:

"NO-COMPROMISE" TICKET.

We here present to you a list of delegates for the 1907 Socialist Party Convention, who are positively opposed to fusion.

Vote this ticket if you are against fusion.

The mass meeting to be held by the Local Seattle in the Labor Temple Sunday, April 14, at 10 in the morning will decide how many candidates are to be voted for. The first four candidates were nominated by the Finnish Branch.

Vote this ticket from the top down until you have voted the required number.

Make a cross opposite the names you wish to vote for.

HUTCHISON'S LETTER

C. B. Johnson
Puyallup Wash

Dear Comrade - what success are you having in organizing or reorganizing locals in Victoria B.C. don't let anything stand in the way of you at least getting three delegates to the Convention. We are making an open boat right a journal the Ring from present indications are going to get all but two of the delegates in Seattle that will give us 31 and then C. B. Johnson get busy we must have any thing you hear but get busy we must find the gang in the Burn work me what you are doing.

Sincerely
A Hutchison
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could be met face to face by his critics. He had organized an attack on the State Committee and a State Convention. He had selected a slate of delegates for the express purpose of doing both. He was met by a "No Compromise Ticket" and by an open accusation in "The Socialist" and in a circular letter sent out to members of Local Seattle in company with that ticket, an accusation that his slate meant compromise and fusion and vindication from the Victoria charges.

Why did he completely ignore this issue? Why did he not boldly challenge his accusers face to face and have the whole thing debated on the floor?

If the time had not been consumed with the obstructive tactics described above, the No Compromise comrades would have demanded that the candidates on the two tickets stand up and say what they stood for. But there was no time for any such procedure or discussion because the Mills followers had used the whole day in fighting the Finns.

The charges against Walter Thomas Mills are exceedingly simple and direct. We reprint them on this page as found in the letter of the Dominion Executive Committee to the Washington State Executive Committee.

Comrade Mills has only to say something like this:

"SINCE I JOINED THE SOCIALIST PARTY, NEVER IN VICTORIA OR ELSEWHERE HAVE I SUPPORTED CANDIDATES OF ANY PARTY OPPOSED TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND OPPOSED BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY."

That is all. Mills says the charges are not definite enough. The date is not named, etc., etc. But why hedge in such legal ways? Just come out flat-footed and deny the whole charge, false or no date. We hereby invite Comrade Mills to make such denial in the next issue of "The Socialist," the last which will appear before his trial by the Local on April 28, at 10 a. m. in the Labor Temple. If he is guiltless, it certainly cannot harm

For delegates to the State Convention:

1. Helkinnen, Miss Hilja.
 2. Whalman, Chas. A.
 3. Koski, Matt.
 4. McCorkle, J. A.
 5. Wagnenknecht, A.
 6. Curtis, J. D.
 7. Brown, E. J.
 8. Ault, E. B.
 9. Maurer, Miss E.
 10. Herman, Emil
 11. Long, Thos.
 12. Martin, J.
 13. Hawkins, Dr. G. M.
 14. Steele, J. H.
 15. Bohrens, H. J.
 16. Hotz, Leo.
 17. Lund, Jas.
 18. O. V. Stapp.
 19. M. McCracken.
- The five alternates elected were: J. C. Carlson, H. P. Tills, Sam Williamson, A. G. Deby, R. Kreuger.

"Don't Believe Anything You Hear"

Comrade A. Hutchison is now Walter Thomas Mills' chief lieutenant in Seattle and in Washington. In an envelope of "The Saturday Tribune," the following letter was received by Comrade Johnson, of Puyallup. It must have been intended for some other Johnson, living in some other town, but it was addressed to him all right.

Comrade Johnson is a member of the State Committee and as such one of "The Ring" and "The Gang" referred to in the Hutchison letter.

This letter reveals the plot of Mills and Hutchison to capture the State organization for compromise and fusion tactics.

The writer was a poor prophet, as the 20 delegates he was sure of in

Seattle did not materialize last Sunday.

The motto of the letter seems to be, "Don't believe anything you hear."

That's a pretty good motto for sleep but hardly for men.

The Mills Charges

This letter is given to our readers line for line, letter for letter, as produced by photo-engraving process. It proves, what nobody seems disposed to deny, and what "The Socialist" outlined last week, a plot of the old expelled Protaganda Club of Seattle, under the lead of Hutchison and Mills, to capture the city and state organizations of the Socialist Party for the policy of Opportunism and Compromise. That is what a "broader" party, a more "liberal" administration.

W. T. Mills does not believe in a dues-paying membership and he does believe in a Socialist Party composed of all who vote the ticket, like the Republicans and Democratic Parties. This is what he advocates in his book and promises to advocate in his paper.

We do not believe in these policies and we propose to do all in our power to keep the party along straight Socialist lines. Every straight Revolutionary Socialist in the state of Washington needs to "get busy," as Hutchison urges Johnson to do, in this letter.

So far in its history, the Socialist Party of this state has stood for Working Class and uncompromising principles and tactics. We do not believe Walter Thomas Mills can succeed in changing either.

Notes by Burgess

In my recent trip across the state, I found almost all avowed Socialists to be hopeful. Most of them are becoming aggressive. As a result the interest in Socialism is growing. It is now very easy in most localities to get a larger audience out to listen to a Socialist talker.

Property has left many people with empty pockets; and all the misery, worry, care and anxiety that this implies, and, as a result, these people are no longer frightened by the sneers of the masters.

With honest Socialists, fusion has no standing; it is a many dog. Fusion and graft are the same door. Washington Socialists have always fought shy of these foul birds.

I find Socialists generally are beginning to appreciate the necessity of organization. The recent elections have demonstrated the absence of organization, even in those places where we supposed that we had at least the semblance of organization. We are learning that organization has a definite meaning and purpose. We now know that we are mis-organized until we can function as a political agency.

To most this has been a revelation. But it is a revelation that we welcome, for efficiency depends upon clearness of conception.

The National Executive of the French Socialist party has designated "L'Humanite" the Socialist daily, as the official paper of the party in Paris. As remarked last week, the foreign Socialist papers pay a great deal more attention to the party work than do these of this country.

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"COME THEY MUST." Editor Socialist: Received late copy of "The Socialist," and see that Comrade Price, of Outlook, is still fighting our "proletarian hobby horse." Well, he recognized through the columns of "Progress Record" there were only 20 per cent of the people in the United States that own their homes. Then there are 50 per cent that do not own homes. Since it only takes 51 percent to win in this political revolution, we have plenty of our own and to spare, as such an educated and organized group as I should think any school boy or girl in ten could solve such an easy problem.

As a member of Local Seattle, I feel it my duty, as well as a privilege, to say a word in regard to this matter. Can it be possible that Local Seattle has again fallen under the control of those who condone party treason? Did we fight the fight for clear-out, revolutionary, working-class Socialism in vain? Surely there are enough of us revolutionaries in Seattle to keep the element who are for putting a man ahead of the principle in the minority. As a member of this branch, I wish to urge upon every member of the branch to carefully weigh and consider this matter without regard to the persons involved. When we allow six members of our party to decide a matter for us, especially one involving a fundamental principle, democracy has ceased to exist. The doing of Local Seattle has been a disgrace to the Socialist movement, and the local that should have been the inspiration of the smaller locals throughout the country has, in fact, been the stumbling block. It seemed that when the local was re-organized last spring that we had gotten on the right road at last. Now the work of the past few months is to be ruthlessly torn down by a few who insist upon finding a bond of contention, or in producing one, instead of fighting hand in hand with us against the common enemy.

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REJECTED RESOLUTIONS. Comrades—Following resolutions refused our local press, the editor saying that he like to write the pollit for his paper. He seems to be afraid the readers might get something in their "think-box" that would not well with his G. O. P.

HOT STUFF FOR THE DEMOCRAT. Tacoma, Wash. March 6th, 1907. Carl D. Eshelman, Secy. Chairman Democratic Committee. My Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter urging me to go out among the boys and stir up all the enthusiasm possible for the ancient and honorable Democratic party.

As our relations have always been pleasant, I feel that I ought to tell you frankly that I am out among the boys and that I am stirring up some enthusiasm, but the work I am doing, and the enthusiasm that I am stirring up, is not in the interest of the Democratic party, but will redound to the interest of the Socialist party, the party that represents the interests of the workers.

KEEP AWAY. Denver, Colo. March 25, 1907. The Socialist, Seattle, Washington.

WORDS AND DEEDS. Minneapolis, Minn. March 14, 1907. Dear Comrades, This and Am, and All the Rest—I hope the \$2.25 I sent you will help to cheer you up a little. I hope every comrad subscriber will get just real good and mad and well set, all the \$1 subscriptions he can, 50c or even 25c. But the last dose do not bring much financial help, but it counts one, and will make a longer term subscriber to "The Socialist."

GOING AT IT RIGHT. Carlton, Oregon, March 24, 1907. H. P. Tins, Seattle, Wash. Dear Comrades—Please send enclosed P. O. money order for six months' subscription for the "Socialist." You are going at it right! I will try and help out some here. Yours for the revolution, CHAS. LAMPE.

COULD NOT SHUT HIM OUT. Seattle, Wash. April 18, 1907. Editor "The Socialist." Last Thursday night my card was submitted to the Sixth Ward Branch and I was hurriedly transferred from it. I did not think there would be any objection to my right to membership in said branch as my place of residence for the past year has been the Franklin Hotel. I registered at this place and voted at the last school election. The only reason, therefore, that I was rejected is, I understand, that I was not wanted to have me from the mass convention to be held the next Sunday.

With all due respect for the splendid achievements of the Democratic party, I suggest that you do now bury the corpse with decency, placing a marble slab at its head on which you inscribe, "Sacred to the Memory of the Democratic Party, which died, as do all organisms in this universe, because of a failure to perform any vital function."

With best wishes, I am, Yours fraternally, JAMES KIRWAN, Acting Secy-Treas. W. F. M.

Insurance and Real Estate ALASKA BUILDING SEATTLE Secy-Treas. Local Emmett. Dated January 20th, 1907.

EMIL HERMAN. I was determined, if possible, to participate in said convention, and on being informed that the Third Ward Branch would meet Saturday evening, April 13th, I changed my place of residence to 326 1/2 Third Avenue South, applied for and was admitted to membership in the Third Ward Branch.

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MORAL QUAD nas A. Sladden of the "Oregonian." I of the free and the indignantly bundled of a house into a pasture of cattle dump them there to prove their to the officer in charge, so inclined, to lie in a if they proved their in- offence to the police

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Postoffice Fiddlesticks!

More power to the Trusts, we Socialists say, as tending to hasten on the social revolution.
It by no means follows, however, that mere nationalization, or even nationalization, under our present

General Notes

An attempt of the Socialist delegates to have the convention of unionists who have organized the Ontario labor party adopted, but the

UNDER SOCIALISM.

The less that professed Socialists are able to do for the people, the more they can tell about how things will be under Socialism, and this is precisely what they are doing.

Price a Socialist

As stated by Comrade Walter Price in a late issue of "The Socialist," saying: "I have been asked to give an expression of opinion as to the price of a Socialist. I may best express my opinion in the form of a little story."

Financial Reports

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Renton, Wain, Tiger, Lopes, Sunnyside, Everett, etc.

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Receipts.

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Expended.

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Summary of Receipts.

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Dues, Extra dues, Special organizing fund, etc.

Liabilities.

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Expenses—Executive Com., Printing, etc.

SOCIALIST PARTY OF OREGON.

Table with columns: Name, Amount, Total. Includes entries for Monthly Report of State Secretary, Balance on hand, etc.

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Socialist Public Ownership

In our last article we considered the capitalist brand of public ownership. We found that the farmer's best transportation cheaper because he would be paying interest on government bonds or on the roads with, instead of dividends on stock.

What They Say

Am out of the race at present, my friends, for the doctors have passed the sentence and tomorrow I will be in the hospital. I have already made payment on my bill, but the doctors do not apply to you. In such cases the notice is sent you, but you are not posted. If the notice does apply to you, kindly remit as promptly as you can.

Business

Notice that stock payments are due. I receive a notice, but have already made payment on my bill, but the doctors do not apply to you. In such cases the notice is sent you, but you are not posted.

MORAL QUAD

As A. Sladden (the "Oregonian") writes: "The free and the have, I see in 'Mora' to be given still more of a disciplinary hand."

Economic Status of the Farmer

The farmer is a peculiar social factor. His problems, his history and his evolution, present vast relations and relations unknown to any other class of the population.

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