

# A. C. M. VICTIMS NEAR DEATH

## Manning Sinking Rapidly and Two Others Are Not Expected to Live

### Convicted By Their Own Testimony

Condoning deliberate murder, lying with a callous indifference that is unbelievable until one sees the falsehoods in cold print, the copper press of Butte this morning falls to the lowest depths to which it is possible for newspapers and newspapermen to sink.

Fortunately, there are thousands of people who know that without provocation, as stated in last night's extra Bulletin, a gang of Anaconda Mining company gunmen, numbering about fifty, according to the testimony of dozens of witnesses and victims, led by Roy Alley, opened fire with rifles, riot-guns, pistols and revolvers upon a peaceful gathering of miners just after they had concluded a conference with Sheriff O'Rourke, who stood passively by and allowed the gunmen to work their will upon the unarmed miners.

The statement of Sheriff O'Rourke and the copper press that a shot or shots was fired from a nearby boarding house before the gunmen opened fire, we brand as a lie manufactured out of the whole cloth to clear the skirts of county and mining company officials whose hands are red and dripping with the blood of workmen, whose crime was that they were on strike for a living wage and decent working conditions.

We have the testimony of dozens of witnesses, including police officers present at the time, that the shooting was done by gunmen—sworn in as special deputies by the sheriff and paid by the mining companies—and that not a shot was fired by the miners either from a boarding house or from anywhere else.

**THE MINERS WERE UNARMED.** They started down the hill at the first shot, which witnesses state was fired by Roy Alley. The gunmen continued to fire at the fleeing miners, many of whom were shot from behind. Not content with shooting unarmed and helpless workers, some of the thugs attempted to beat a wounded miner who was rescued by Chief of Detectives Jim Larkin. Miners attempted to rescue some of their wounded comrades and were again fired upon by the blood-crazed thugs commanded by Roy Alley.

The Butte Miner states that Patrolman Haltunen was knocked from his motorcycle by a rock.

They lie and they know they lie.

Haltunen himself states that he was struck by a weapon in the hands of a gunman while he was walking down the hill in company with the striking miners. The gunman struck at Patrolman Nyland, missed him and cut open Haltunen's head.

Sheriff O'Rourke's statement—in all probability written on the sixth floor of the Hennessy building—is one mass of lies, contradictions, distortions and half-truths.

His statement of the alleged disorder night before last is a lie. The miner's committee proceeded in an orderly manner to the places where liquor was being sold in defiance of the law—the law that O'Rourke has never enforced for reasons that we intend to print in full at some future time—and told them to close while the strike was on. The fact that the committee entered the Finlen hotel, where gather the rotten political gang who are cronies of O'Rourke, probably incensed this official, who stood without raising a hand while murderous degenerates led by the secretary of John D. Ryan, poured a rain of lead and steel into a peaceful gathering that O'Rourke had just assured of protection.

O'Rourke says in his statement that he saw no shots from the boarding house, but that he was "informed" that shots were fired from there. HE NOR ANYONE ELSE SAW OR HEARD ANY SHOTS FROM THE BOARDING HOUSE. There were none, despite the fact that witnesses state that after the shooting, the gunmen entered this house and beat up 22 men who had taken refuge there from their fire.

O'Rourke says nothing about his regular deputies doing any shooting, he does not say who shot the fifteen strikers for the very good reason that THEY WERE SHOT BY GUNMEN LED BY ROY ALLEY. HE IS ASHAMED OF HIS MASTER.

Perhaps O'Rourke's deputies did no shooting, but if they did not, they stood passively by and watched the slaughter of unarmed men who had previously asked O'Rourke to inform them if they were breaking the law by picketing on a county road, and if they were, to arrest them.

O'Rourke had said after hearing the arguments, "ALL RIGHT, STAY HERE!"

A number of striking miners had pointed out gunmen in Alley's crowd who had previously assaulted them and asked him to arrest them. He replied: "ALL RIGHT, I'LL INVESTIGATE THIS. WE'RE HERE TO GIVE PROTECTION TO EVERYBODY."

A moment after this he was watching the gunmen firing into a crowd of unarmed men.

**O'ROURKE STATES THAT HE HAD REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION. TO THE ETERNAL CREDIT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BUTTE POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, MEMBERS STATE THAT THEY REFUSED TO BE DEPUTIZED FOR THE BLOODY WORK IN HAND.**

The Butte Miner states that the sheriff's deputies did not fire a shot; that their guns were examined after their return to the courthouse and found not to have been fired.

The Miner also states that the city police who were on the scene did no shooting.

**DID THE FIFTEEN STRIKING MINERS SHOOT THEMSELVES?**

**OUT OF THEIR OWN LYING MOUTHS WE NOW CONVICT THESE CONDONERS OF MASS-MURDER.**

**THE ANSWER IS: THE MINERS WERE SHOT BY GUNMEN EMPLOYED BY**

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WE PREACH THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS AS A CLASS

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## TROOPS ARRIVE TODAY

The copper press states this morning that Sheriff O'Rourke's deputies did no shooting. Sheriff O'Rourke states that his deputies did no shooting.

The city police state that they did no shooting.

The question occurs:

Did the fifteen miners shoot themselves?

By a process of elimination we arrive at the answer and that answer, based solely on the contradictory statements of the copper press, convict by their testimony the slayers whom the shameless journalists of this community attempt vainly to shield.

The answer forced by the testimony of the copper press to the above question is:

The miners were shot by the gunmen of the Anaconda Mining Co.

## TWENTY-FIRST INFANTRY WITH MACHINE GUNS NOW ON WAY FROM FT. WRIGHT

Not content with the deadly work of its own murderous gunmen, as exemplified by the massacre of unarmed, peaceful miners on Anaconda road yesterday afternoon, the Anaconda Copper company, fearing the wrath of an outraged public, is now bringing in regular troops, who are expected to reach Butte this afternoon or tonight.

Authentic reports received by The Bulletin this morning from Spokane, Wash., stated that several companies of the Twenty-first regular infantry, fully equipped with machine guns and bayonets, had embarked there for Butte and were already on their way to this camp.

## ONE MORE VICTIM ADDED TO THE ROLL AGAINST ALLEY AND THUGS

The accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of Joe Popst resulted in the almost instant death of Hugh Hearn in The Bulletin plant early this morning. The boys had been raised together and were bosom friends. Popst is almost crazy with grief. He had been practicing the manual of arms, and as he laid the weapon down it was discharged, the bullet entering Hearn's body below the right breast and passing out below the shoulder blade.

An ambulance was called but the body was already stiffening when it arrived. The coroner was notified and made an examination. The inquest will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Indirectly, another death can be charged to the account of the Anaconda Mining company because as a result of the threats made to wreck the Bulletin plant the two young men had volunteered to act as watchers.

Hugh Hearn was 21 years of age, and was well liked, being known as a steady, hard-working boy, the main support of his widowed mother, who resides at 307 West Copper street. In addition to her he is survived by four brothers, Joseph, James, Emmett and John Hearn; two sisters, Mrs. Owen McDevitt and Miss Katie Hearn; his grandmother, Mrs. Annie McBride; an uncle, Owen McBride, who has lain in St. James hospital since January 8 with a broken back received in the mines, and who is expected to die; three aunts, Mrs. James McGarry, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Mrs. Katherine Runkle, all of Butte; one aunt in Portland, Mrs. Charles Holloway.

He was born in Wyoming, but was brought to Butte when two years old. He attended St. Mary's school until 14 years old when his father was killed in the mines and he was forced to go to work to help support the family.

In commenting on the death of her boy this morning, Mrs. Hearn, his mother, although prostrated with grief, declared with pride that her boy's "whole heart and soul were wrapped in the labor movement for the amelioration of the conditions which men and women must now labor."

**BULLETIN—1:45 P. M.**

Thomas Manning, St. James hospital, sinking rapidly.

Jim Sullivan, St. James hospital, hardly any hope for life.

Rocco Lavus, Columbia hospital, shot twice through the back and lungs; pneumonia developed; no hope.

Peter Marovich, Columbia hospital, shot through the lungs; may die.

Nels Falt, Columbia hospital, shot through hip and knee; may be crippled, but not expected to die.

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## Butte Shocked by Unwarranted Slaughter of Unarmed Workers by Alley and A. C. M. Gun-Thugs

Butte today was shrouded in grief, mixed with considerable awe, as the result of the unprovoked massacre of unarmed, peaceful striking miners by Roy Alley and his selected band of Anaconda Copper Mining company's hired killers, which occurred on Anaconda Road about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. All night and today, awed groups of men stood in clusters on the streets and discussed in quiet tones the facts of the outrage as they have developed and frequently the belief was openly expressed that the time has come when the rule of the Anaconda company in Butte and Montana through the use of its political crooks, backed by armed thugs must cease.

This morning in two of the city's hospitals men are lying wounded and suffering, and several of them are expected to be relieved of their pains by merciful death. In various homes throughout the city other less seriously wounded men are being cared for. In all the homes of workers the topic of conversations and thoughts is yesterday's massacre and what may be expected as the aftermath, for few believe that the blood lust of the gunmen by yesterday's tragedy and with the expected arrival of regular troops, further assaults by armed thugs on peaceful workers are expected.

Prominent among the expressions heard on the streets and offices generally, was emphatic condemnation of the cowardly action of Sheriff John E. O'Rourke, who, according to scores of witnesses, stood clammily by and watched Roy Alley and his special horde of gun-fighters shoot down the defenseless miners without raising a hand in their defense, within a few minutes after he had promised "protection" to the strikers from the gunmen. O'Rourke's published statement in this morning's copper press to the effect that it all "happened so quickly and was over so rapidly" that he did not know who did the shooting, is characterized as a deliberate falsehood made for the purpose of assisting in alibis for the murderous gunmen-thugs of the copper companies.

It was pointed out that just previous to the giving of the order to shoot by Roy Alley, O'Rourke and Alley conferred and O'Rourke turned his back and walked into the

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## Sentiment at Centralia Changes As Facts of Tragedy Are Known

### PRIMARY ELECTION TOMORROW AT NOON

Voters of Butte tomorrow afternoon will be called upon to express their preference for presidential candidates and for electors and delegates to national conventions. The polls will open at noon and will remain open until 7 o'clock.

On the republican ticket the voters may express their choice among Harding, Hoover, Johnson, Lovden and Wood for president. There are no democratic presidential aspirants on the ballot.

(By the Federated Press.) Centralia, Wash., April 22.—Organized labor throughout the northwest is bringing the tremendous leverage of solidarity to bear upon the officials of Lewis county to compel prosecution of the murderer of Wesley Everest, ex-service man, on Armistice day.

Demands for full justice in this crying horror are coming in from many corners. The movement was started officially in Everett a few nights ago when Labor Juror Theodore Meyer reported his observations on the Montezano trial. Money toward \$3,000 reward for conviction of Everest's murderers was offered by the Everett central labor council. This fund will be raised among the labor organizations of the state of Washington.

But the prosecution and conviction, if it is possible—will come

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### HALTUNEN DENIES INTERVIEW IN KEPT PRESS

Characterizing the interviews printed in the kept press this morning in which he is quoted as saying a "picket struck him," as lies, Motorcycle Officer Sam Haltunen this morning emphatically denied the statements and reiterated the interview published in The Bulletin extra last night that he was struck on the head by one of Roy Alley's gunmen.

Haltunen further states that the pickets were proceeding

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## PAPER FUND DRIVE

See statement on present paper situation on editorial page.

The donations to the Paper Fund to date are:

Previously collected.....	\$3,985.72
Today's donations to Paper Fund.....	23.50
<b>Total collections.....</b>	<b>\$4,009.22</b>