

JUSTICE, OR A CASE OF RAILROADING TO GALLOWES?

Trial in Idaho of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, Western Miners' Federation Officials Charged With the Murder of Ex-Gov. Steunberg, Will Be Memorable—Power of State and Mine Owners Allied Against the Men—Strong Feeling Over the Country.

(Note—Jacob Waldeck, the well known correspondent, than whom there is no more reliable in the country, has been in Idaho for some time investigating for this newspaper all the circumstances before and since the murder of ex-Governor Steunberg, for which three high officials of the Western Federation of Labor have been arrested. Mr. Waldeck inquired into both sides of the now famous case, and in five articles, of which the following is the first, he will present the facts and the situation truthfully and impartially just as he found them.)

The trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone begins in July, and the story of Correspondent Waldeck is not only timely, but will be found instructive to the newspaper reader who expects to follow the news dispatches of the trial.—Editor.)

By Jacob Waldeck.
BOISE, Idaho, May 16.—It is clear enough now, if there ever was doubt, that the trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, on

the charge of murdering former Governor Frank Steunberg, will be one of the most memorable in the history of the country. Its influence will be national. The outcome, if justice is done all concerned, will prove that three leaders in a great labor organization are guilty of plotting in cold blood assassination foul as ever perpetrated or that they are victims, because of being labor leaders, of a conspiracy wicked and dangerous as has ever been contrived against American citizens. Organized labor and organized capital, at least of this section of the country, will be on trial. Both sides have gone to the limit in ingenuity and expense in preparing for the trial. Every corner of the mining regions is being ransacked for evidence. The careers and associations of the leading figures are being thoroughly investigated. The power of the state and the system of the mineowners are arrayed against the resources of the federation. Few issues in this country have aroused such intense and widespread public interest. Much of this is perfectly natural, and some has been encouraged by partisans of the contending interests. Word that comes here from all

parts of the country seems to indicate that, in behalf of the prisoners, there has been aroused a feeling almost strong enough to form the basis of a revolution. Great numbers of men see in the kidnaping of the prisoners from Colorado (for it was virtually kidnaping, whether or not it was within the form of law), a case of "railroading to the gallows" because the pris-

oners are union men and Socialists. Their suspicion is based, too, on the character of the evidence, so far as it has been made public, and the fact that it has been gathered through the agency of the mineowners the bitter foes of the federation. On the other side no opportunity is lost to impress on the public mind, in advance of trial, a conviction of the absolute guilt of the prisoners. The charge of an "inner circle" in the miners' federation to give the members graft and great power and by terrorism to swell the influence of the organization has been published everywhere. The killings that have marked the warfare between the miners and mineowners during more than a dozen years are charged against this secret "inner circle" and the prisoners are declared to be the controlling power in the circle. They are classed with the "Molly Maguires" who were destroyed largely through the work of the

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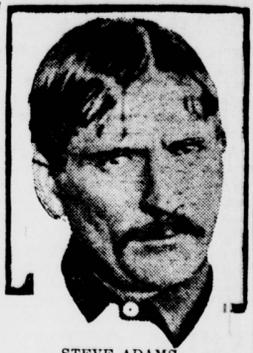
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HARRY ORCHARD.



STEVE ADAMS.

The trial of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone will begin at Caldwell, unless there should be a change of venue, July 15. It may be a few days before or a few days after that date. They are held in the county jail in this city. Orchard and Adams, the two prisoners who have made confessions and will be used as witnesses by the state, are at the state penitentiary, which is also in this city.

(Waldeck's second article, to be published tomorrow, will tell of the Russian like hardships endured by Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone in the prisons of Idaho.—Editor.)

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER IS VERDICT

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EXCURSION ON COEUR D'ALENE

Freshmen As of the Spokane high school will take an excursion to Coeur d'Alene on a special train over the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane railway on next Saturday. The train will leave Spokane at 7:30 a. m. and will return at 11 p. m.

POLICE BRIEFS

The police received a report today that someone entered the Inland brewery last night and stole several tallow pots and oil cans.

William Wenck, a newsboy, lost a saddle last night and has asked the police to locate the thief.

A suit of clothes was stolen from the room of F. B. Stout in the Crescent hotel some time last night.

A silver bugle was stolen last night from C. A. Hunt, living at 317 Main avenue.

While J. C. Wilcox was enjoying the blandishments of the Coeur d'Alene theater last night someone walked away with his overcoat. He made a report of the matter today to the police.

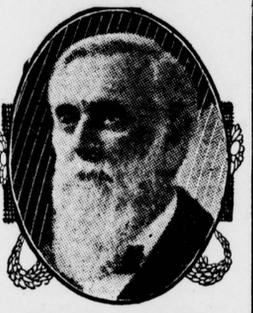
Five large kitchens are now in operation and within another week these kitchens will be feeding 50,000 refugees, many of whom will pay for their meals. The school authorities have decided to establish summer schools in Golden Gate park, where 12 tents will be erected. School work will begin Monday.

CIRCUS HAS DARING ACT

It is claimed for Edna Maretta, the dashing young horsewoman with Norris & Rowe's circus, that she is the only woman in the world who can turn a true complete back somersault on the bare back of a swiftly running horse. There is but one other woman in the circus arena who even attempts to accomplish this most difficult and dangerous of all feats, but this performer has never succeeded in accomplishing the true somersault. Together with a notable array of riding talent, Miss Maretta will appear here with the greater Norris & Rowe circus when the shows exhibit at Spokane two days commencing Monday, May 21.

LASSIES PRAYED

Women of Volunteers of America Believe Their Efforts Helped Elect St. Paul's Mayor.



MAYOR ROBT. A. SMITH.

ST. PAUL, May 16.—The re-election of Mayor Robert A. Smith, Democrat, by a plurality of 1511 votes in this city, normally Republican, is construed as a direct answer to prayer. This is the view of the women of the St. Paul's corps, Volunteers of America, take of the outcome of the battle of ballots. "We prayed for Mayor Smith's election," said Captain Christine Evanson of the woman's corps, "because we believe him to be a kind, Christian gentleman. He has always had a kind word or some cheerful encouragement for the Volunteers, and as we women could not vote, we did the only thing we could, prayed for him." The Volunteer "lassies" sent Mayor Smith a big bouquet the day after election.

CONFIDENCE IS RESTORED

(Scripps News Association.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 16.—The decision of the savings banks to open on May 28 has removed any lingering doubt concerning the stability of those institutions and the announcement created good feeling among the small depositors. It is now assured that all the commercial banks will open not later than June 1, while some will be ready for business several days earlier. With the reopening of the banks and the payment of insurance losses, reconstruction will begin with a rush.

SULTAN PICKS HIS SON FOR NEXT SULTAN

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 16.—Lately it has been reported that the sultan of Turkey is dying of an incurable disease. The sultan recently has given much thought to the succession to the throne and his approaching death has hastened plans he has worked out for the alteration of the Turkish law, in order that his favorite son, Prince Mehmed Burhan-Eddine Effendi, may succeed him. According to imperial law, the sultanate does not descend to the eldest son of the ruler, but always goes to the eldest member of the Osman family. The present heir is Prince Reschat, brother of the sultan, and after him comes the sultan's nephew, Prince Youssouf. Both these princes are degenerate and Abdul is anxious that neither shall follow him as ruler of Turkey. Reschat lives solely for the consolation of his harem and has no friends who would object to the sultan's plans to cut him off as heir to the throne, but Youssouf, while dissolute, is a man of courage and he is feared. At present Abdul has placed him in exile in a village in Asia Minor, where he



Prince Mehmed Burhan is guarded from plotters and plotting by a company of soldiers.

Abdul's son, Prince Mehmed, is 21 years old and is the brightest member of the royal family. He has had a sea training and is an intellectual giant compared with the harem raised Osmans. However, he is by the present laws but fourteenth in the line of succession and for that reason Abdul is trying his best to fix things so that some day he may be the commander of the faithful.

LABORS' REALM

STRIKING MEN REMAIN FIRM

There is no change in the strike situation today, the strikers remaining as firm as on the day they went out, while the company continues to refuse to recognize the union and open the way for a settlement. It is probable that the local unions will never again place the company on the fair list, even should the linemen return to work as individuals, which is very improbable unless the right of the employees of the company to organize into unions is recognized by the company.

If the unions assume this position the fight promises to continue for a long time to come, and that members of organized labor and their families will have to seek rest and recreation in parks and pleasure grounds reached by the Traction lines. Just what effect the placing of Natatorium park on the unfair list will have on the amateur baseball league is too early to conjecture, but it is reasonable to assume that the union men or sympathizers playing on the teams will object to playing on the grounds of the company.

MAY ENFORCE THE LAW

Labor Commissioner Hubbard has written a letter to the Central Labor Union in which he says he will take official notice of any violations of the state law on the part of the local laundries which may be called to his attention. In the letter he does not state he will prosecute anyone, but says he will make them stop such violations. In view of the fact that the central body offered to furnish evidence that the law was being openly violated and asked that the commissioner take the matter up it would seem that the local laundries are safe in disregarding the law, the most that can be expected is that the commissioner will request them to conform with the law.

STRIKE WILL BE ENDORSED

The strike of the electrical workers was endorsed last night by the Building Structural Trade Alliance. The action of the Alliance was then reconsidered and action deferred until next Tuesday night. The unions affiliated with the alliance are taking a referendum vote on the question of sustaining the strikers, so the matter will go over until the vote of the unions has been received.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR DOINGS

Mr. A. W. Jones who has been in attendance at a meeting of the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor, returned home yesterday. In an interview this morning Mr. Jones stated that the meeting was largely attended and was a success in every particular. Legislative matters were the principal subject before the board and it was decided to send a representative to each of the party conventions and endeavor to have the conventions endorse the following measures: The "Initiative and Referendum", "Direct Primary Nominations", "Eight hour day for Minors", and a few other up to date and much needed reforms. The executive board instructed Mr. Blackman, ex-labor commissioner, to attend the convention of the State Grange to be held in Spokane June 5, 6, and 7, with a view to forming a partnership with that body in legislative matters for mutual benefit. The executive board also instructed its members to organize and foster the initiative-referendum and direct primary clubs in their respective localities. A committee of Seattle citizens appeared before the board and stated that

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COAST BEER NOW BEARS THE LABEL

The local brewery workers union has received official notification that the coast breweries have signed up with the brewery workers on the coast and that the beer hereafter shipped from the coast will have the union label. While it was understood that the trouble between the brewery workers and their employers on the coast has been settled the agreement has been kept a secret and until recently the beer coming from the coast had been without the label. The communication from the brewery workers on the coast would indicate that the great struggle which took place on the coast is a thing of the past.

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