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THE GILLHAUS DEPORTATION.

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THE deportation of August Gillhaus, the national organizer of the Socialist Labor Party, from Cripple Creek, Col., is an act of which the Socialist Labor Party can well be proud. The character of a movement is reflected in the conduct of its opponents. The repressive measures of the Naylor and Mine Owners' Association, is proof that the Socialist Labor Movement is a movement of the working class and, as such, is a danger to capitalism that it cannot afford to tolerate.

This fact will prove inspiring to the militant Socialist. It will make him buckle on the armor more firmly and prepare for a renewed onslaught upon the citadels of Capitalism. He will recognize that while this incident reflects the value of the movement of which he is a part, it also demonstrates the need of strengthening and building up that movement, so as to make these repressive measures impossible of future success. The working class must be aroused to the unlawful assumption of power by the capitalist class, growing out of their ownership of the means of production and distribution. The evils of the hour, due to this ownership, must be pointed out to them, so that they may prepare politically and economically to overthrow the capitalist class and inaugurate social ownership. With a working class thoroughly awakened to the true nature of capitalism and organized in industrial unions and a class conscious political party to wipe it out, the infamous Naylor and their more infamous masters, the Mine Owners' Associations, will be impossible. It is only because the working class are kept in the dark as to the real character of the present system of production, and are led by false leaders into organizing capitalist unions and voting for capitalist political parties that the criminal acts of the Naylor and the combined capitalists, are possible of perpetration. The duty of the hour, then, is plain to every Socialist: agitate, educate

and organize the working class for the unconditional surrender of the capitalist class and the immediate overthrow of capitalism. Circulate Socialist literature; secure subscribers to the party press; organize Sections, and contribute to the National Organizers' Fund in order that the Socialist Labor Party may send out more Gillhauses to cause the capitalist class to tremble, and, in their trembling, perpetrate the tyrannical acts that are hastening their own downfall. Fall to, comrades; this infamous outrage must be resented in a manner that will prove most effective and abiding in the long run. Agitate, educate and organize!

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