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## ORGANIZED HYPOCRISY.

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**K**EEN was the remark of Horace Greeley that the test of sincerity against wrong is the readiness of the decrifier of wrong to raise his voice “against a nearby as readily as against a far away wrong.”

A wrong, no doubt, a bloody wrong was perpetrated in Jolo upon a band of Moros entrenched in a fastness. Easy would the work have been of reducing them by famine and thirst. When the place was taken there was hardly any food left, and not a drop of water. Nevertheless, a bloodthirsty West Point graduate, greedy for promotion, preferring a “brilliant feat of arms,” rather than the tame results of a siege, stormed the place and killed 900 men, women and children. No prisoners were taken. There were no wounded. What that means is obvious. After the “military feat” of capturing the place, with such incidental killing as an assault renders inevitable, downright murder was resorted to, and the murderers spared neither the wounded, neither women, nor yet children. It was a disgrace to the flag, a disgrace to America, a blot upon humanity. Indignation justly fills the human breast at such atrocity. Yet let none be taken in by the affectation of indignation that has gone up from the anti-expansionist and free trade press. The Greeley test applied to them brands them, not hypocrites only, but as criminal as those whom they pretend to condemn.

In Boise, Idaho, four men lie in prison—Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John. They were arrested under circumstances that, of themselves, throw suspicion upon the prosecution. Civic rights, the rights of man, statutory law—all were trampled on, and are being trampled on now by the continued detention of the men. The very reasons with which the prosecution seeks to justify its conduct is a condemnation: the reasons are transparently fabricated, silly, perjured. And yet this wrong is not only left uncondemned by the free trade press, that is so solicitous of

the Moros, it is applauded by that press, and it gloats in advance at the prospect of the assassination of these innocent men—guilty only of activity in organizing their class, the Working Class, as they have a right to do. The distant outrage is decried; the near-by one is extolled.

Indignation by criminals at a distant wrong is but the hypocrite's mask behind which to conceal his own crimes at home. It is but a variant of the "stop thief" device. Organized is the hypocrisy that is now raising thunder on the score of the occurrences in the Philippines, and does not raise hell on account of the occurrences in Colorado and Idaho. To tolerate the latter and yet raise an outcry about the former, is mutually supplementary conduct that will contribute its share to enlighten the Working Class touching the nature of the Class whose rule it is their mission to put an end to.

Speed the day that will see the downfall of the crime-capped Organized Hypocrisy of Capitalism.

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