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## Can They Put the Frame-Up Over?

MOONEY CASE WITNESS HELD ON PERJURY PLOT CHARGE.

**BITTER FIGHT AHEAD.**  
San Francisco, May 28.—Frank C. Oxman, leading witness in the murder trial which brought a death sentence to Thomas J. Mooney, was held today by Judge Mathew Brady in the police court here to answer in the Superior Court to charges of subordination of perjury. Oxman is accused of attempting to induce F. E. Rigall of Graysville, Ill., to testify falsely in the Mooney case, an outgrowth of a bomb explosion last July, when ten persons were killed.

Formerly a few side lights on the Mooney-Billings case and the attitude organized labor in San Francisco towards them would be in order. The labor movement in San Francisco prides itself upon being one of the best organized in the country, and upon being second to none in militancy. The arrest of the bomb suspects put new life into the international Defense League, which had been organized some years ago for activity in labor cases. Upon its reorganization, hard and active work was done to interest the workers in the case. Forty-eight unions responded to the call for affiliation. But in spite of this liberal response from the unions themselves, the leaders of the labor council were apathetic or hostile. I have been informed by one in position to know that the heads of organized labor agreed with Union Labor District Attorney Fickett to keep hands off and not to recant the affair as a labor case. The Labor Clarion, official organ of the labor council, formulated editorially against Mooney and his co-defendants and denounced the Defense League as a meddling interloper.

The Defense League, on the other hand, went out of its way to curry favor with these same leaders. The result has been a much greater activity for the Defense League outside of San Francisco than in the city itself. The attorney in San Francisco and in Oakland has been as far apart as the poles. The official labor paper in Oakland really acted as an organ of the defense and did everything possible to further its interests. Not because union leadership in Oakland is so different from the trend in San Francisco, but because the Oakland labor leaders have no political interests to suffer from taking a definite stand in the case.

While labor on this side of the bay was in deadly fear of a confession in the grilling of the Mooney case, the members of the law and legislative committee of the labor council—better known as the cemetery committee, all attempts to rouse the defense committee to action were frowned upon. So anxious were their partners in the Defense League not to offend the political sharks that dominate the labor movement of this city that they sought to eliminate every element not fully in accord with the policy of the A. F. of L.

A motion was introduced in the Defense Committee in line with the action of Seattle labor, calling for a committee of five to arrange a monster protest meeting and draft resolutions demanding the dismissal of all indictments against Mooney and his co-defendants; and to bring actions against those responsible for the frame-up, so far as they are known. The chairman moved that the motion be withdrawn but was refused. However, the chairman did not put the motion to the vote.

Not until the letters from Oxman to Rigall were given public notice did organized labor begin to take any real live interest in the defense of its fellow workers. In all probability had not this exposure been made, labor would have remained inactive and Fickett would have carried out his ghastly deal at the behest of the Chamber of Commerce.

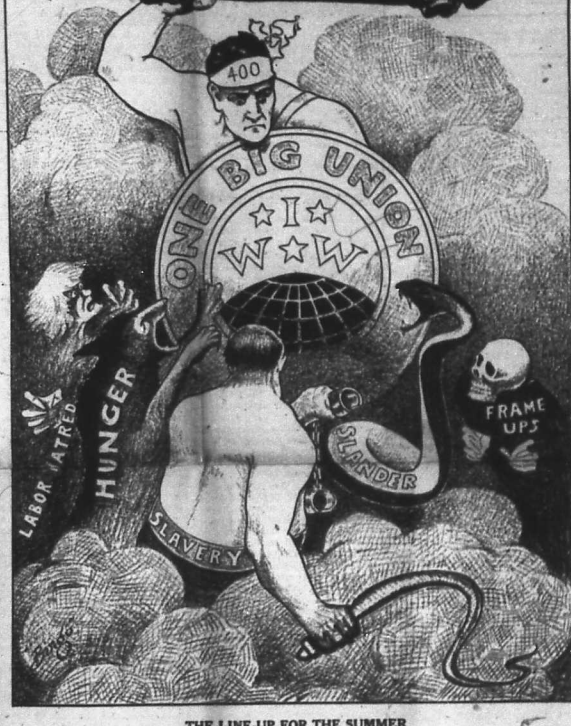
The fight is not over. There is a long, hard battle ahead. We may be assured that every means will be used to uphold the conviction of the defendants already tried and to convict those who are yet to be tried.

This war frame-up has shaken the faith of many in the authority and integrity of the courts. The knowledge of this fact on the part of the people, and a desire to regain this lost prestige, and to re-establish confidence and respect for authority and the courts, which have been undermined by these exposures will make every citizen every ounce of energy to get convictions against all the defendants, in order to clear their own skins, and bring the doubling element back to the fold.

**ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT RAILROADING**  
Appeal from Lavine Defense Committee for Financial Assistance.

Portland, Ore., May 17, 1917. Agents are compelled to send out a call for help in behalf of Fellow Worker Lavine, who is charged with shooting a brakeman Nov. 20, 1914. Lavine, in company with another fellow worker named Butts, were going on a freight train in the direction of Hornbrook, where they expected to get a job. Two brakemen came along and as soon as they found out they were I. W. W., ordered them out, although the train was going 25 miles an hour. This, of course they refused to do. The brakeman then started after Lavine with a club. Lavine dodged the club and jumped down from the car with the brakeman following him, grabbed the top rung of the ladder and the brakeman clung to his hand. Finding that the brakeman started to pull Lavine's hair, according to Lavine's statement he had nothing on him but a small piece of silver. He pulled them down and started after Lavine with a club. Lavine and Butts got off at the caboose. Lavine and Butts got off at the caboose.

## THE LINE-UP FOR THE SUMMER



## Construction Workers Strike in Rockford

**Pickets Arrested—Mayor Co-operating with Police.**

Rockford, Ill., May 24. On Wednesday, May 16, ten fellow workers employed on construction work of the Morgan street bridge, who were picketing the Rock River at this city decided it was possible to compel the contractors to work the men eight hours instead of nine and ten for the same wages, \$2 per day; consequently 1,115 men, about 25 men on the Morgan street job work and about 2 p. m. three hundred held appeared ordering all those who quit to leave the bridge. The contractors handed each man his check. We proceeded to the Chestnut street bridge about street bridge, but were ordered by the police to keep entirely away from the job.

On Saturday morning, May 19, Fellow Worker James Collier, was on picket line on Chestnut street bridge, on the public street, and was placed under arrest and held until 3 a. m., Monday, May 21. When brought before court he asked for a jury trial. The members of 400 put up a cash bond securing his release, but before this was done we held a meeting, elected a committee to explain the case to the Mayor, thinking it possible to secure his release through the influence of that gentleman.

But contrary to our expectations, after rehearing the case thoroughly and also explaining the attitude of the police force in arresting members for selling "Solidarity" and the "Worker" and many other petty persecutions which have been going on for several months, his highness informed us that he would not interfere in the case and that picketing was unlawful, the Supreme Court of Illinois having decided this some time since. The committee informed the Mayor, after being convinced he was determined to help the police, the court and the contractors in every way possible, that we would, as a last farewell but not stern emphasis on the following words: "All right." Will report future developments in Solidarity.

**MACARONI WORKERS' STRIKE CALLED OFF.**  
The strike of the macaroni workers in Chicago has been called off. This action was taken by the M. W. I. U. of Chicago, because of the weak tactics of the A. F. of L. officials. The men have gone back to work with their union intact, so we can figure on hearing from them again at an early date.

## THE ONE BIG UNION IN NEVADA

MINERS IN GOLDFIELD JOINING I. W. W.

Disgusted with Low Wages and Rotten Conditions.

Goldfield, Nevada, May 21.—The most formidable and convincing spectacle is that presented by unorganized miners. Captive in the folds of the exploiters who own the mines, whom they could demolish if they only would, they can't run away, and they haven't the heart to stand and fight for better conditions. All they do is cringe and suffer in silence—a miserable picture of incompetence and cowardice. This shows some of labor is not the employer, but the unorganized worker.

The wages in Goldfield are the lowest paid in any camp in the west, even lower than in many camps of California. The average pay for miners is \$2.75, and for miners \$4 per day. Men working in the mill are getting as low as \$3.50 per shift. Everybody is acquainted with the "High Cost of Living." The bill of fare of Goldfield's restaurants gives an illustration by quoting 50 cents for ham and eggs, the grocer American breakfast. The same amount is charged for three eggs, any style. Will the miner round out his breakfast with a bowl of soup, some stewed prunes, but eaten through his "burgees," he has to dig "200" for the same in the form of 21. The great "Coffee and—" or pie, costs 25 cents. A decent meal is not to be had for less than 75 cents.

To offset the C. of L. of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Co. opened a grocery store, by buying out about fifteen small stores, which robbed the miners. The old stock of this store, some of it years old and rotting on the shelves, was sold over the counter by the Consolidated for the purchase price.

The miners justified, the high cost of the necessities, which within the month the miners found out to their great surprise, that the mine company was not in the grocery business for the miners' sake, but for its profits. The prices charged today are higher than ever before. The company increased its price for the purchase price of 10 per cent. That this ten per cent has been added to the selling price of the groceries first, comes to the mind of our folk.

The enterprise of the Consolidated was intended to stall off the demands for an increase in wages, as other camps, as Tonopah and Manhattan, pay one dollar more per shift.

The Metal Miners' Union, No. 650, the M. W. I. U. of Nevada, by its president C. H. MacKinnon into Goldfield about a month ago. MacKinnon unionized Goldfield in the early days and left the camp at Todd's troops broke up the miners' union. The first weeks were spent in surveying local conditions, and it was found that some of the old fighting spirit was still apparent. The miners listened to the gospel of the O. H. U. and took out cards. Plans for a thorough organizing of the camp were laid out and will bring results in due time.

The bosses worked to the consciousness of the institution. Their pocket-books were in danger. The delegation was considered as bringing trouble into the peaceful community by interfering with the unadvised rights of the mine owners to rob the miners of their just claims. The work of education and agitation was kept up. Small groups of miners were approached and the necessity of a general community was discussed. Literature was distributed and found its way into many homes. The mine owners got busy, too. They employed their old tried tactics to frighten the "businessman." But what does a strong labor union mean to the mine owner? Just this: it means that the miner has enough to spend for the necessities and some luxuries in life; a 25¢ rent instead of a \$15 one; better furniture at home, with other comforts; good seats in the theaters and a little saved against future debts, or to buy a small future loan bond. The union miner is the merchant's one real friend.

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**ROCKFORD.**  
Write to Solidarity, P. O. Box 21, 2017 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. We will send you a copy of this paper. Advice will be given as to how to get a copy. We are persecuted by the police and the courts. We are active in the struggle for the rights of the workers.



THE ONE BIG UNION IN NEVADA.

(Continued from Page 1) This again the origin of the threat to "close up" on the miners...

The talk about a strike stalks through the streets. Citizens get their heads together, asking one another...

The I. W. W. is not in the camp to locate strikes. We want work, and work at good wages. Our demands are clear...

There is not a single miner in the whole state who has not the same wage as the I. W. W.

The talk about the strike will not break anybody. The strike in 1907 was the "Reds" - the crooked bank system at that time...

The miners' strike, and Teddy Roosevelt was asked to shoot the miners...

A federal commission was sent to investigate this strike, and it reported in favor of the miners...

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"GOD ONLY KNOWS"

That is the substance of the answer to a question that was asked...

When asked whether or not the attitude of the women in industry...

Now, then, when it is seen that the industrial conditions after a war...

It is further considered that the approved method of procedure...

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A SUMMARY OF THE EVERETT CASE

HOW THE VERONA MASSACRE AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS IMPRESSED A MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT.

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG

"Not guilty!" With these words the trial growing darker and darker...

Everett was in the midst of labor troubles of its own when the organizers...

New speakers and foot-boots rebelled against Everett to speak; they were thrown into jail and deported...

A meeting of citizens was called at the Commercial Club in Everett. The meeting was held at the Commercial Club...

Obviously the Commercial Club assumed the right to run the city of Everett...

Long before speaking on Hewitt and Wetmore became unlawful, the law into their own hands...

Here is a complaint - men who have worked in the open as they have here is the only element of continuity...

Perhaps the most surprising thing to the general public in the course of the trial...

Chester O'Sullivan was torpedoes on the S. E. "Kama," please write to the Editor...

NEWS FROM DULUTH

Fellow-Worker Frank Wilson, who was elected on the Organization Committee...

A group of Everett ministers held an indignation meeting and one minister went to the I. W. W. hall in Seattle...

"Who's your leader?" "We've no leaders." "You can't lead here."

A shot rang out, then two, then a fusillade. Each side claims that the other side fired first...

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REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL

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NEW BOOKS FOR OLD

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