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### MINERS WON'T STRIKE

MINERS IN CONVENTION IN BUTTE—CONVENTION DECIDES NOT TO GO ON GENERAL STRIKE.

Special to the "Worker."  
The convention of the Western Federation of Miners which opened in Butte on Monday, July 17th, is now in full swing and many important matters have come before the body of delegates and although by a very close margin, the resolution calling for a general strike the day McNamara goes to trial, was defeated by a vote of 172 to 124. This vote was taken after one of the most heated discussions which has so far marked the convention. An appeal from Gompers asking for an assessment of 25 cents per month was adopted. Mahoney says he expects the trial will cost \$500,000.00.  
Rutledge, a delegate from Arizona, had a resolution to place the election of committees in the hands of the convention. The resolution was handed to Mills, the secretary, before any committees were appointed on Monday morning, the day the convention opened, but it was not read until after Moyer had appointed the credentials committee. Moyer said he was quite willing to have the convention decide the matter; it was put to a standing vote and the resolution was defeated 75 to 24.

Speeches were made to let the trial of McNamara GO ON ITS MERITS. The following remarks of Delegate Wilkinson of Cooper Union No. 30 is characteristic of the A. F. of L. slush that is being peddled:

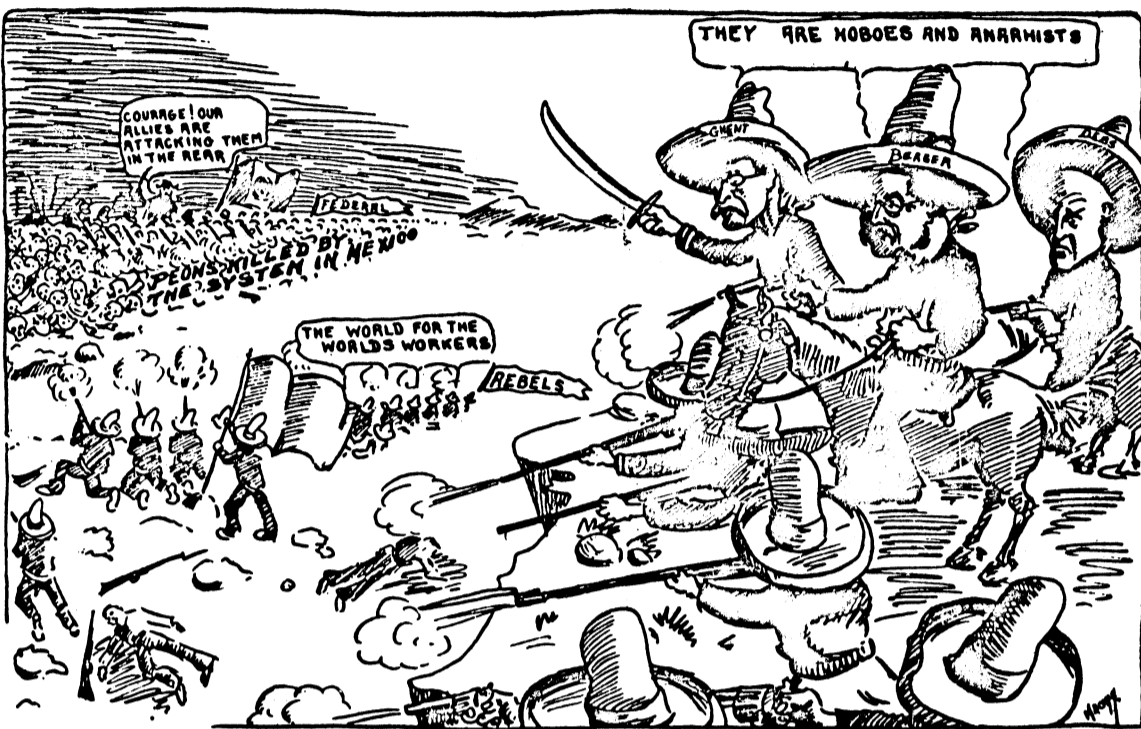
"If a general strike is declared we will be scabbed on from the Atlantic to the Pacific and government and military will soon compel us to rip out the lumber for our own coffins. Let that trial go on its merits and let us give our imprisoned brothers all the aid in our power and we will save their necks just as the country-wide influence of labor organizations saved the necks of our own Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone."

The following was delivered by a Socialist who is also a staunch advocate of the affiliation of the W. F. M. to the one thousand and one brands of organized, scabbery and job trusts that infest the country. This comes from the noted Guy Miller of Colorado:

"All this talk about calling a general strike is cheap noise. The people who have made similar noises on occasions in the past are the last to go down in their pockets and do something practical and effective in the cause of labor."

This GUY believes that going down in the pocket of a slave is evidently going to whip the master class of America. These fellows are true to the A. F. of L. tactics and as they stand for affiliation with this aggregation, it is to be expected that they will stand for the policy of Gompers and the A. F. of L.

The class struggle is drawn as plainly in the W. F. M. convention as it is between the Manufacturers' Association and the working class. The organization is loaded down with reactionists and pure-and-simplers who are afraid that some one will scab on them or that the soldiers will shoot them down. Its safe to say that there are more revolutionists in the United States army than there are in the rank and file of the organization if these delegates are a fair sample of their respective locals. The vote on the general strike resolution will give a fair idea of the line up and to what proportion the real rebels stand to the conservative wage slave who wishes to leave well enough alone and who will not mind digging up 25 cents a month to help save someone's neck. The attitude of the delegates of the W. F. M. convention in Butte will create joy in the camp of our enemy, the master class. This is the gang that wants to belong to the A. F. of L. and they are true to their desire to go backward while the boss forges ahead. Butte has a solid delegation for the real thing and many other delegates are here which certainly gives hope to the rebel who wishes to build so that we can win. How long a fighting minority has to be held in check and throttled by a bunch of reactionists and conservatives, time will soon tell.  
A DELEGATE.



THE NEW RURALES

### POLITICAL GHOULS DESPISE THE WORKERS

SOCIALIST HAS "NO SYMPATHY" FOR INSURRECTOS IN MEXICO—THEY ARE ANARCHISTS," SAY THESE RESPECTABLES.

With every subsidized newspaper in America hurling broadsides of vituperation and abuse at the Mexican peon and their allies because they dared to stand and fight for LAND AND LIBERTY and with our "respectable" Socialists denouncing the insurrectos with the same language as the capitalist class, with the cry from both sides of "anarchist," "hobo," "blanket stiff," etc., the man that would fight the battle for freedom today is certainly in a sorry plight. We had nothing to expect from the master class of America who owns title deeds to a great portion of the land of Mexico, and if we expected anything from the parliamentarian who is going to "CAPTURE THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT" we can at least say that such expectations have been "knocked on the head." One would suppose that such men as Debs, Ghent and Berger, as well as the "Appeal to Reason" would at least keep their mouths closed up if nothing could be said in favor of those who are fighting and dying on the desert in defense of their home and family. Speaking through his secretary, Berger, the United States congressman, has the following to say in regard to the battle for freedom in Mexico:

Comrade Berger is wasting no sympathy on the "insurrectos" of Lower California... Comrade Berger is a Socialist, and he stands by the principles and traditions of the international Socialist movement... The "insurrectos" are not Socialists, but are, in the main, opposed to Socialism. Their movement is not predominantly a Mexican movement. It is a movement originating in the United States and its promoters and followers are a mixture of men of every creed except Socialism. Some of them are merely vague utopians. Some of them are so-called "direct actionists." Others are avowedly Anarchists... Still others are revolutionists by temperament and would as readily revolt against a Socialist administration as against a capitalist administration. The Socialist party can afford to have no connection with this movement.

This same "Ghent" who spews out the slime for his master, Berger, in answer to a statement which appeared in the New York "Call," and in which the insurrectos were defended by Comrade Sawyer, has further to say as follows:

Comrade Roland D. Sawyer seems to me to mistake the Socialist position in regard to revolution and to misunderstand the character of the "insurrection" in Lower California. This "insurrection" was no more a class war than

would be an invasion of Comrade Sawyer's front yard by a dozen hoboes intent upon starting a "rough house." The warriors were not Mexicans, and they had no more business across the line than would the hoboes have in Comrade Sawyer's yard... They were not Socialists, but "blanket men," "direct actionists" and anarchists... Anarchists do not fight the class war in behalf of the workers, and any one who thinks so needs badly to read Plechanoff's little book. Anarchist philosophy is an opposite of Socialist philosophy, and Anarchist activity is directed quite as much against Socialism as against capitalism... Socialists have no more right to support an Anarchist revolt than they have to support a rebellion such as that of the slaveholders of 1861 or of the Magyars in 1848-9... A good deal of sentimental Anarchism is being absorbed at this time by Socialists here and there, and the fact bodes ill for the future. It would seem that this vexing question must some day be fought out all over again.

The revolutionists have never appealed for "sympathy," but they have asked men who believed in no flag and no country, no international boundary line, to assist in overthrowing a system of slavery that is a thousand times lower than the chattel slavery of olden days; worse than chattel slavery because the peon has no value on him as had the negro of slavery days. The peon is whipped and tortured in the burning sun with long hours of labor and the lash is applied if the boss is not satisfied with the day's work. Who could read the account of Mexico by Kenneth Turner and then have the brazen effrontery to say that it is not the class war in Mexico. True the insurrection so far as Madero was concerned, was not a class war, it was a fight between Madero with his million acres of land and his millions of dollars on the one side and Diaz and his followers with their millions on the other side. It was a battle between masters and who ever heard of slaves getting anything from a Madero that he wasn't prepared to TAKE? That this insurrection did not originate in Mexico is the direst of all lies. Is not Magon and his associates of the Mexican Liberal Junta, Mexicans and has not these men suffered in jail for years on a stretch because they have dared to fight for LAND AND LIBERTY in their native land? Is there not a price on the heads of these Mexican revolutionists by both the Madero and Diaz governments?

"Blanket men," "hoboes," "direct actionists!" How is that, you slave, coming from your representative and the first and only one to hold a seat in the United States congress? Can you discover any difference between this language and the language used by the Capitalist

press? If these craft scabs have no sympathy for men who wish to free themselves from the yoke of tyranny, then we have no sympathy for THEM and we wish to place them where they belong. No language has yet been coined that could express our indignation and hatred for a slimy rat that fattens on votes from slaves, yet ignores the man that has no permanent residence and who helps to make up the great army of the unemployed, through no fault of his. If ever a moral leper has been discovered that can sink lower in the depth of degradation than this band of political rats then so far they have not been unearthed and brought to light.

The insurrectos were opposed to nothing but oppression and no coined words like "SOCIALISM" can any longer hide those who gloat and glory over their defeat. The battle has yet to be fought in Mexico and all the "noise" from OUR REPRESENTATIVES will not stop us from stocking over an imaginary boundary line to assist our fellow workers in time of trouble. The waters which divide us from France or England would not hinder us if we could assist our fellow workers in those countries. Socialists have NO RIGHT to support anything if they do not wish to and the fact that there are many who do not wish to, but who would rather assist in torturing men and women who desire freedom and have the "guts" to fight for it, only proves that these so-called Socialists are nothing but a lot of office seekers who had to the skies the men that has a vote and hates the man that is without one. That this bunch will soon be known by the stench which arises from their political slime is a foregone conclusion. "WORKERS OF THE WORLD unite," but stay in YOUR OWN COUNTRY. You have no business across the line! What a travesty on the international labor movement? Spare us from our friends the enemy.

STRIKE! STRIKE!

"They say McNamara is to have a fair trial. Do you believe it? Does it look like it? But you have the power to force a fair trial. Fold your arms for one day, the day the McNamaras go to trial is all that will be necessary. No boats will slip anchor that day, no trains will run, no telephones, no newspapers. Remove your gnarled, red and crippled hands from the wheels of industry and the world stops. How many of you will do it?"  
WM. D. HAYWOOD.  
Ex-Sec. W. F. M.

### MINERS SENT TO JAIL

PERSECUTION IN COLORADO—MEN IMPRISONED FOR IGNORING INJUNCTION—SHOULD RESPECT COURTS, SAYS JUDGE.

DENVER, Colo., July 15.—Found guilty of violating District Judge Whitford's injunction preventing picketing in the northern Colorado coal fields, two members of the United Mine Workers today began serving one-year terms in the county jail imposed by Judge Whitford. Twelve others were assessed heavy fines.

This is the second crowd of miners Whitford has sentenced for ignoring this injunction... The court denied the appeal filed by the miners, but allowed the attorneys thirty days to file exceptions.

Edward Doyle, former president of the miners' local union at Lafayette, Colo., and William Crawford, secretary of district No. 13, United Mine Workers, received the jail sentences... The men who were fined were committed to jail until the fines are paid... All announce they will not pay any fine.

Court Attacks Toilers.

In pronouncing sentence the court denounced the miners' union for lack of respect for courts and court orders... He said in part:

"Idleness begets lawlessness. Here is organized refusal to work. Bitterness and animosity are in the breast of each against those who do work. Declarations have been made by members of the union that they will yet win the strike, despite Judge Whitford's orders... These declarations have come from those high in the councils of the union."—Ex.

This is all the proof necessary to show that the courts are the bulwarks of the boss. The injunction is one strong weapon. When we have an organization strong enough we will resist injunctions as well as everything else that stands in our way and to resist them we will use the POWER of the ONE BIG UNION of the workers. As injunctions are only used by one side in the great class struggle, the workers have a moral right to violate these injunctions. Every coal miner should go to jail in Colorado and once they start such a campaign we will fill Colorado with men to follow them in. Fill every bastille in the State and in the United States if necessary, but the first thing to do is to stop the wheels of industry until these men are released. The coal miners are lauded by fakirs throughout the length and breadth of this country as an Industrial Organization. Any one who knows anything about state contracts, time contracts and contracts expiring at different times, knows how absurd the statement is, that the U. M. W. A. is an industrial organization. If it is, then we would like to see the U. M. W. A. in action for once. One general strike of coal miners alone would cripple every industry in America; it would win the strike in the Crows Nest Pass in B. C., the strike in Nova Scotia and the strike that has gone on for over a year in the Irwin fields in Pennsylvania as well as release the men from jail in Colorado and win that strike also. Coal is being shipped into B. C. at the present time to take the place of coal that used to be mined by the members of the U. M. W. A. in B. C., who are now on strike and have been for several months. The same men that are mining this coal and shipping it to B. C. are also paying assessments to help keep the men on strike from starving. We protest against this U. M. W. A. being called an industrial organization in any sense of the word. Industrial organizations will fight and be prepared to fight every day. Close down every mine or forever close up about industrial organization.

WILL HIRE BY THE HOUR.

LACROSSE, Wash., July 17.—A number of I. W. W. members were in Lacrosse Saturday, leaving yesterday. Before leaving, however, they decorated almost every building in town with a red sticker worded as follows:

"Read Solidarity and Industrial Worker."  
"I won't work more than eight hours after May 1, 1912. How about you?"

"Join the union of your class."  
Many Lacrosse farmers talk of hiring farm hands by the hour since seeing the stickers.—"Spokesman-Review."

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH ESTABLISHED IN DULUTH! POLICE BACK DOWN





