

STATE POLICE TOO EXPENSIVE; OWNERS WANTED "MILITIA"

Further Evidence that Columbine Massacre was Framed by Powder Workers "Within the Law" as an Excuse for Troops.

Walsenburg, Colo.—Excerpts from the Denver Evening News: "Five of the State Constabulary who were stationed at Walsenburg resign."

Escalator Labor Advocate of November 24, 1927: "Official investigation of the shooting at the Columbine Mine began Tuesday when Alvin Karpis..."

"H. Van Horn, Greeley, deputy district attorney, and Coroner J. A. Weaver of Weld county accompanied the coroner's jury to the scene of the shooting..."

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Mother, Wife and Six Children Left by Victim

Six children, a mother and wife grieve in Erie, Colorado, for a victim of the massacre at the Columbine mine. The victim was John Eastene, whose bereaved family, except one child, is shown above.

GREAT CROWDS OF COAL MINERS ATTEND FUNERALS OF WOBBLIES MURDERED BY COLUMBINE THUGS

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 29nd, we laid to rest fellow worker John Eastene who laid his life to rest in the same dark quarry that he fell in.

At the union hall the Rev. Borer read the service and the miners quartette sang "Some day they will understand", a most appropriate song for the occasion.

Thursday afternoon another victim was interred. Fellow worker Nick Spanudakhis was followed by his last resting place by 1,000 fellow workers.

Friday the largest funeral ever held in Walsenburg was held for the victim of the Columbine massacre.

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BISHOP DEFENDS STRIKERS BEFORE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS; COUNCIL OF FOREIGN BORN PROTESTS MASSACRE

Former District Attorney Says "I. W. W. Must be Treated Rough;" Also Says Uniforms Command Respect of Foreign Born; American Legion Post Pledges Aid to Miners Who are Still Out Solid Despite Slaughter.

Bishop J. Henry Thien of Denver, addressing a meeting of the Knights of Columbus at the Denver Trades Goods Company assembly room last Tuesday noon, in referring to the strike situation...

When he came to Colorado ten years ago, said Bishop, he was knowing how other states felt about the Industrial Revolution of this state.

The Bishop expressed the regret that it was so often necessary to call in the military to handle Colorado economic disputes.

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This was "Cald" Philip S. Van Cise, former district attorney who stated "I treat the I. W. W. rough," in an address before the members forum of the Denver Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon yesterday.

Why Colorado Miners Previous to the strike very few of the state laws in regard to safety were being observed in the mines.

Since the strike has been in progress there have been many atrocities committed but they have all been on the part of the coal miners out on peaceful picketing.

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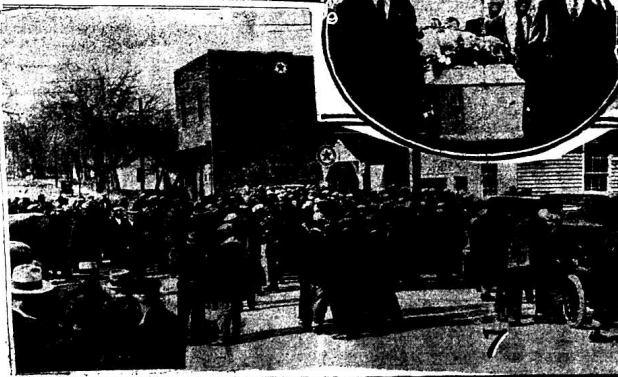
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- Scenes of the Columbine Mine Massacre -



1.—Columbine tippie where two machine gun nests were stationed.
 2.—Road scene where the slaughter that resulted in six deaths took place.
 3.—The north gate that the mine owners have placed across a public road.
 4.—Long line of miners and their families who followed their dead to the cemetery.
 5.—Part of one of the large crowds which gathered five times to bury the six victims.

6.—One of the caskets being carried from the hearse to the grave.
 7.—Crowd of miners gathered at Erie, Colorado, near the office of Drs. C. W. Bixler and W. M. Cunningham where many of the wounded were taken for emergency treatment.
 8.—L. Reyes, of Erie, one of the wounded in the Longmont hospital.
 9.—George Mazzine, of Erie, another wounded miner.
 10.—C. H. Nielson, of Canfield, in the Longmont Hospital.
 11.—George Kovitch, Erie miner, who died of his wounds shortly after this picture was taken.
 12.—Claude Brierly, of Erie, another wounded miner.

13.—P. Kripvokphes, of Erie, a wounded miner.
 14.—John Zook, Lafayette miner, also in the Longmont hospital.
 15.—Strikers watching the arrival of the militia at Lafayette; notice not a bit of animosity is in evidence; "They won't hurt us any," one miner said. Also notice how young most of them are, mere boys in the mine pits.
 16.—Group of miners who joined the strike after the massacre.

GREAT CROWDS OF MINERS

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 me a message for strikers, "Tell the boys I'm with the strike to the finish." Such is the spirit of the miners. The assassins' bullets can not break their spirit. True they may kill a few, and think thereby to break the strike, but that only opens the strikers on to greater efforts.

The road on which the fellow workers were killed last Monday was paid for by the miners of this district and is a public highway although the fellow workers were brutally murdered for walking on it.
 In 1923 the miners employed at the Columbine had from three to five dollars deducted from their wages to pay for that particular road. Each of the men then employed at the mine was requested to sign a sheet authorizing the deduction of a certain amount from his pay envelope for the construction of the road, those who did not sign had the money deducted also.

Yet a coroner's handpicked jury finds that the miners who paid for this road were unlawfully trespassing on it at the time of their murder.
 The families residing on the Columbine property who desired to move after the massacre of Monday last were refused permission to do so and had to remain on the mine property against their wishes. Among them were a few scabs who were not recognized as such by fear as they were by shame at thinking of their part which necessitated the massacre on the public highway and led to the killing.