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Mooney and Labor Will Not Accept Commutation —Fickert Caught Red-Handed by U. S. Dictaphone

Nation's Workers Demand New Trial

TOILERS EVERYWHERE PREPARE TO PUSH STRIKE AND OTHER PROTEST MOVEMENTS—COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE CALLED SOP—DEMAND MADE FOR PUNISHING FICKERT RING.

(New York Call News Service)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—From his cell in San Quentin prison Thomas J. Mooney issued a statement today in which he called upon labor to help bring about his unconditional pardon. Both Mooney and his friends are dissatisfied over the action of Governor William D. Stephens in commuting his sentence to life imprisonment.

Mooney's statement was censored by Warden Johnson of San Quentin before it was given out, because it abused Governor Stephens. The statement follows:
"Governor Stephens: It is my life you are dealing with. I demand that you revoke the revocation of my death sentence to a living death. I prefer a glorious death at the hands of my traducers, you included, to a living grave. I am innocent.
"I demand a new and a fair trial or my unconditional liberty through a pardon. If I were guilty of the crime for which I have been unjustly convicted, hanging would be too good for me. Then, why commute my sentence to life?"

"Labor everywhere: I say to you, as I said the night that the Chamber of Commerce jury returned the death penalty verdict against me, that my hope, as well as the hope of Billings, Nolan, Weinberg and Mrs. Mooney, was in the solidarity of organized labor. I shall never depart from that statement.
"Workers: it has been my privilege to choose the honorable route in this case. That same offer has been made to everyone of the defendants, and even to the relatives of the defendants. I would rather have a thousand times a dishonorable thought. I mean by this that we want to be framed to tell a certain story, the same as all of the perjurers who were framed against us.
"I refuse to accept the commu-

"Mooney Shall Be Free"

By ROBERT E. BLACKSTONE.

That for months has been the slogan of millions of class-conscious workers, who had taken the trouble to think about the case from its only true perspective—the labor movement. They have been untiring in their efforts, unflinching in their sacrifices, unshaken in their devotion; yet they were all animated by one idea, and their every thought and word was: "MOONEY SHALL NOT HANG!"

The protests from these workers has had its desired effect. It gave the millionaire murder-bandits of the Labor Union-baiting Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco—a SEVERE ATTACK OF COLD FEET! They did not have the GUTS to hang Mooney. Do not delude yourself with the idea that the Governor of California—suddenly had a case of enlargement of the heart and, therefore, commuted Mooney's sentence to life.

His masters' voice spoke in his ear and just like a good dog that readily obeys its master, so to did the Governor of California obey his masters. Comrades and friends: we have won the great fight! They admit that they are afraid to hang Mooney—the agitator. Now that the death part of Mooney's sentence has been taken care of once for all, let's dig in with renewed energy; let's work longer, harder; agitate, organize, educate the workers on the "Frame-up" of Mooney and his co-defendants.

Change our old slogan: "Mooney Shall Not Hang!" to "Mooney Shall Be Free!" On the job night and day until Mooney is among us, a "free man" using the clarion voice of the persecuted wage-slave that dared to resist his masters. Mooney will be a great power for organization—come let's



Latest Photo of Thos. J. Mooney Taken Since Entering Death Cell.

get him out. Now all together: One! Two! Three! Go! Go you agitators, educators, organizers; inspire the masses with your slogan: "Mooney Shall Be Free!" And lo! the man Mooney and all his kind will cease to rot in prisons.

Oh for a taste of real freedom, devoid of its theory. Not such as is talked of, that we have not got. For of such the people grow weary. But rather a condition, where each their burden will bear, with a heart that beats true, in the work each should do, and plant joy in the world everywhere.

Come, hear the latest news of the "frame-up" of Mooney and his co-defendants, Sunday night, "Somewhere," in Cleveland. Nationally known speakers will present the case from every angle. Watch the papers for place of meeting and names of speakers. Admission free. Bring someone.

HEAR EUGENE V. DEBS

Ravenna Dec. 7th' Akron Dec. 15th, Salem Dec. 17th, Lima Dec. 18th,

Canton Dec. 19th, New Bremen Dec. 20th

Other Dates Will Be Announced Later

TELEGRAM

DEBS TO MOONEY

Tear up that commutation and fling the scraps into the brazen face of the corporation hiring that insulted you and the working class by that infamous act. Let Patrick Henry once more speak thru you—"Give me liberty or give me death!" There must be no compromise. You are innocent and by the eternal, YOU SHALL GO FREE. The working class is aroused as never before in history. They will tear the murderous clutch of criminal capitalism from your throat! All hail the general strike! If they insist on war, let it come. We have nothing to lose but our chains. Stand by your colors and the workers of the world will stand by you. VICTORY OR DEATH!
—Eugene V. Debs.

WE MUST NOW ORGANIZE

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

The war is over, the political campaign is ended, and now what? The greatest work ever cut out for it now confronts the working class and issues its challenge to the Socialist movement.

The world is now ready for the workers, but are the workers ready for the world?

That is the great question of the day and its answer will shape the future and determine the destiny of the race for another generation and perhaps another century.

The choice the workers of the world now have to make is between capitalist despotism and Socialist freedom; between wage-slavery and industrial democracy. Their masters and exploiters are of course uniformly for capitalism and slavery and it naturally follows that their press, their pulpit, their political henchmen and their retainers on the bench, at the bar, in school and college and every other social institution, are for the same program.

Against this powerful and hitherto impregnable combination the workers of every nation have contended in vain, the only result of the beating of their wings against the bars of their industrial prisons being to obtain a few paltry concessions from their masters, and these have served to placate discontent and silence protest except upon the part of the small minority of revolutionary Socialists who have kept the agitation alive and who have persistently demanded the overthrow of capitalism and the destruction of wage-slavery, thereby incurring the hatred of not only the master class but of the very slaves by whose side they toiled and for whose liberation they were battling as well as their own, knowing that the solidarity of their class, at whatever cost to themselves, was the price of liberation.

And now these revolutionary Socialists, these "undesirable citizens" in the eyes of the thieving profiteers and exploiters, looking backward over the past, especially the last four years, are asking the workers of the world if they are prepared to take their masters at their word—the masters of all nations who united in the battle cry of "Democracy"—and establish democracy, real democracy throughout the world.

The profiteers, plutocrats and pirates who constitute the ruling class of every nation on earth under the present system of capitalism all shouted in unison that the war was for "Democracy" and now let their exploited slaves who outnumber them twenty to one, proceed to carry out the purpose for which the deluge of blood was washed in the war, the purpose which justified the war and made it a patriotic and humane war according to the aristocratic and plutocratic masters—let the toilers, peasants and soldiers, the common people, the useful people who operate the mills, till the soil and harvest the crops, delve in the mines, sail the ships and perform all other necessary social service, let them now unite to carry out the program of the war as announced by the masters and establish the democratic commonwealth in every nation on earth.

The extent to which the workers will succeed or fail in carrying out this program will be determined by the extent to which they are industrially and politically organized. Without organization or with organization that is either lacking in revolutionary spirit and purpose or entirely reactionary, there is no hope. The revolution may be precipitated by the forces underlying society, but the workers will be in no position to take advantage of it and install themselves in power, thereby achieving their freedom and enjoying its blessings for soon, very soon the counter-revolution will throw their unorganized, undisciplined ranks into confusion and dismay and drown their revolution in their own blood.

Now, as never before, the working class have their opportunity to free themselves from the bondage of the ages and walk the earth its sovereign rulers. If they fail and sink back into the slavery which existed before the war and still exists, the catastrophe will be due entirely to lack of revolutionary industrial and political organization.

In Germany the workers are at this hour face to face with their immediate fate and their future destiny. At the beginning of the war the great majority failed the cause and were swept into the torrent of militarism and reaction. Their weakness, to put it mildly, destroyed the International and created bitter disappointment in Socialist circles throughout the world.

Will the German workers measure up in the supreme crisis and stand as staunchly for Socialism and democracy now as they weakly yielded to capitalism and militarism in 1914?

Will they follow the brave and inspiring examples of their Russian comrades and scorn compromise in every form, determined to survive or perish with their revolutionary principles?

Shall it be Liebknecht or Scheidemann? It cannot be both. These two elements will not mix. It must be one or the other. Let us hope there is no real basis for doubt as to which it will be. Scheidemann in any form means death to the revolution. A thousand times rather that the revolution should perish with Liebknecht than survive with Scheidemann!

But to return to the question of organization. That is the question with which we are at this hour most vitally concerned.

The late elections were in some respects disappointing because our party

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Her Last Meetings and Then to Jail



Comrade Kate O'Hare is booked to speak in Cleveland Dec. 8. Dec. 9 she will fill a date at Canton and at Columbus the 10th.
Go hear this wonderful and inspiring woman. Appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court has been denied Comrade O'Hare and she has been cited to begin her prison term about Dec. 20.

Celebrate Victory DISTRIBUTE "Victory Edition"

If you are an internationalist you will want to celebrate the victories of Socialism. The best way you can do this is to order for distribution a hundred or more copies of the "Victory Edition" of the Ohio Socialist, which will be issued Dec. 31.

This edition will be the best we ever got out. Filled on every page with articles of the world revolution, which is sweeping along like a torrent, it will prove of intense interest to all workers.

Start the New Year right. Distribute the "Victory Edition" in your town. Wake up the workers. Bring the distribution of the "Victory Edition" before your local. Decide upon a wide distribution of it in your city. Send all orders in time to reach us by Dec. 25. \$1.00 per hundred.

IF THE BOSS HIRES THEM

By ANISE in Seattle Union Record.

Here are two straws That show How the WIND BLOWS These days

At a Central Labor Council. There was a resolution Not to allow workers To become DELEGATES

UNLESS they are AMERICAN CITIZENS, And much PATRIOTIC argument Can be made.

On this subject, But some one laughed: "Does the Chamber of Commerce Refuse MEMBERSHIP TO BUSINESS MEN?"

And another HE MEN, Why, here was Frank Waterhouse, Who hadn't been a citizen LONG ENOUGH

To run for MAYOR, And neither HE, Nor his FRIENDS IN THE CHAMBER EVEN KNEW IT!"

And some one else asked: "If we exclude ALL ALIENS Will that make the BOSS Exclude them from working

IN HIS factories, And cutting down OUR WAGES?"

As for THE TABLED the resolution! Because the division Between worker and boss Seemed MORE IMPORTANT IN UNION MEMBERSHIP

Than the division Between CITIZEN and ALIEN! And the same evening THE LADY BARBERS Applied for admission, And President Proctor (As was his duty) Reminded the delegates That, by their CHARTER, The Central Labor Council WAS NOT ALLOWED

To accept UNIONS Unless they were RECOGNIZED By an INTERNATIONAL, Or DIRECTLY

By the American Federation of Labor. And the LADY BARBERS Had been REFUSED recognition By both these AUTHORITIES.

But after they heard ALL THIS The delegates Of the Central Labor Council Opened their arms

To take in The LADY BARBERS, Because they are coming To THIS conclusion About WOMEN

And ALIENS And workers in general: "ANY ONE Who is a worker Fit for the BOSS To HIRE Is fit for US To ORGANIZE."

FRAME-UP, BRIBERY, SEDITION BARED IN MOONEY INQUIRY

(San Francisco Call)

A record of corrupt manipulation of criminal justice in San Francisco of such proportions as to stagger the imagination was bared Nov. 22 in a voluminous report submitted by J. B. Densmore, director general of employment, to his chief, W. B. Wilson, United States Secretary of Labor, at Washington, D. C.

It is the more amazing in its pattern since it reveals the methods used by the district attorney's office to fix guilt upon the defendants in the "Preparedness Day" bomb cases, while nullifying the prosecution of persons caught red handed in violations of the law.

Charles M. Fickert has been trapped by a dictaphone, installed in his offices in the early part of June by a force of half a dozen men working under Densmore. He is shown in a deliberate conspiracy to "frame" witnesses against Mrs. Mooney, wife of Thomas Mooney. Fickert has been shadowed by government operatives in his almost every act, public and private, during all this period. The dictaphone has caught his conversations as they related in whole or in part to the administration of affairs in the district attorney's office.

That which could be only mildly suspected as to the influences at work with Fickert, not only in the Mooney case, but in almost all other activities of the office, are exposed in a naked state by the Densmore report.

It shows Fickert and others of his force in illicit and unscrupulous bargains with the McDonough brothers, Pete and Tom, for the fixing of cases and the release of persons brought to the bar of justice for criminal excesses. Eddie Bryant, tax collector of the city and county of San Francisco, responding to the McDonough touch is given the role of "fixer" in his attempt on July 3 to bribe Juror Phillips in the case of Dr. Card, notorious mal-practitioner. Benny Selig, butcher, collector of campaign funds for Fickert and dispenser of sweetbreads and pork tenderloins to Fickert, the McDonoughs and others of his political patrons, flits in and out of some of the pages as he conspires with the McDonoughs and Fickert to bring about a dismissal of David Blaine, auto fire thief, arrested on September 23.

The most astounding of all revelations is the charge embodied against Judge F. W. Henshaw, former justice of the state supreme court, as part of a confession by William J. Dingee, that a bribe amounting to \$410,000 was paid to Henshaw, then a member of the court, in part by Dingee and Frank J. Moffit, the latter now dead, for Henshaw's vote in the famous Fair will case.

Henshaw is singled out in the report, first, because of what he has always represented in the state judiciary; and secondly, because with Attorney Frank Drew, he has been Fickert's chief of counsel in the "bomb" cases. He is the man who discovered Fickert as the one best fitted to dismiss the cases pending against Calhoun and other defendants in the graft prosecution.

The Dingee allegations against Henshaw are backed up by documents which sustain in every way the bribery in the Fair case. In league with Henshaw and Drew, representing those corporate interests opposed to labor here and elsewhere; and Martin Swanson, detective of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and United Railroads, who gathered, or assisted in gathering, the bulk of the testimony used against the "Preparedness Day" defendants, Fickert is unmasked by the report as a mere automaton in the hands of more sinister masters.

The desperate plight in which the district attorney finds himself in the "bomb" cases is expressed in his efforts to connect up with Mooney names of others upon whom some stigma might rest. There are several passages relating to meetings or conversations between Fickert and Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Mulhall, who was assisting in the L. W. W. cases in Sacramento. Each profess to believe that the two cases, that of the Mooneys and the L. W. W. are bound up together.

Once, however, the fear is expressed by Mulhall that if a slip should occur in the prosecution of either office, that he and Fickert would slide down to hell together.

While assuming horror at the supposed utterances of alleged disloyal subjects in the United States, whom he termed L. W. W.'s, anarchists and agitators, Fickert was not loath to express his own personal contempt of President Woodrow Wilson.

Once he referred to the President as "the worst person in the whole war and that the only question with him was politics." On another occasion he stated that President Wilson was not man enough to handle the Mooney case.

Because of its intimacy, the dictaphone reports of what has transpired in Fickert's office since the date of installation up to this dismantlement of a few days ago, constitute the most sensational evidence of municipal corruption and prostitution of ideals in high offices that has ever been unearthed in the history of American cities. All of the hidden forces are dragged away from the throat of San Francisco. Police courts, the grand jury—the underground marts of the city—are turned inside out in the Densmore review. Aside from its purpose in exposing the machinations of those in control of the district attorney's office, it furnishes a definite, as well as accurate picture, of a misuse of power and a betrayal of public confidence.

Densmore was sent to San Francisco at the expressed wish of the secretary of labor in Washington. There had come to him, independent of reports of other investigators, evidence which showed Fickert to be one of the most dangerous of public officials. The dictaphone was set up with a connecting system that made it possible for conversations in Fickert's offices to be heard by not one, but two and three persons in different sections of the city. In fact the first experiment of its kind was made in San Francisco when the operatives succeeded in carrying the dialogues of the district attorney over two miles of wire.

When Fickert arrived to call up Judge Henshaw, Martin Swanson or any of the other persons with whom he is engaged in his daily plotting, the dictaphone has caught almost every scrap of what was said. How Cunha schemed to "duck" the United States army draft; the perfidious patriotism exhibited by Fickert with respect to President Wilson; his annoyance at the appointment of men friendly to labor to government positions of responsibility and trust—the dictaphone got everything. Only the intimate details of his private or social conversations are withheld here.

Nor are all of the open plots of Fickert with the evil forces of the city incorporated in the report of Densmore to Secretary Wilson. Such a dialogue is carried as will serve to show the background of the district attorney's office in this city; what has actually inspired the introduction of perjured testimony in both the Billings and Mooney cases—the framework of miserable falsehood and hate—that served effectually in the first two trials, but which came crashing down in those of Weinberg and Mrs. Mooney.

The overwhelming proof of Fickert's guilty knowledge of steps taken to produce a witness who will supplant Frank C. Oxman, in another trial of Mrs. Mooney, is supplied by his own conversations with those who promised to produce one.

"I don't care how you get this witness down to Steuart and Market streets, if you have to bring her down in a balloon," Edward Cunha, assistant to Fickert, says in effect.

Then Fickert proceeds to "make" a witness who will meet just such an emergency.

But the whole detail of the report abounds in so much that is sensational, so much that makes for a clearer understanding of the prejudice built up against the cause of labor—things that are impossible where fact and logic and fair dealing is concerned—that any synopsis can give but a faint idea of its contents.

FICKERT IS TRAPPED—RED HANDED!

