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Whenever you want to know a man of criminal record, and by this I mean really know, do not go to the chief of police of your city or the constable of a small town, and, above all things, do not go to you, flat-footed private detective, but do go to the man who tells them all where to head in at. That is the commissioner of police who has the power of appointment. He is appointed from higher up, and the lower ones are merely tools in his hands.

Occasionally you will find a police commissioner who comes to his office clean and then he has nothing except the savings of his salary. I do not know whether George Creel has more than that, but I do know that Mr. Creel, formerly police commissioner of Denver, Col., in an interview published in the Kansas City Star recently tells more about the troubles of the miners of Colorado, than any other official in that state within the past generation.

Speaking as an authority Creel says that the Rockefellers acting through their control of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company actually dominate the citizenship of that state. This is well-known to many of us, but because of its deep significance The Rebel wishes to continuously reiterate it. For an individual, acting through a corporation to dominate a state means that *vox populi, vox dei* is a joke and civil government is dead.

What are the facts as introduced by this reputable wise man who is ex-commissioner of police of the capital city of Colorado? He

says: "Sixteen thousand men, women and children are starving on the mountain-sides of Colorado today. After the massacre at Ludlow and the armed resistance of the strikers to the state militia and mine guards the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company attorneys began a systematic campaign to eradicate the strike leaders, ERADICATE MEANS KILL."

Rockefeller had to get rid of the union leaders. The only question that bothered him was the price. He asked himself, "What is the easiest way?" To kill? Why even the most besotted denizens of a New York slum would know that if he gave that order that even they would know of it.

What then to do? Why, do what he has always done — use indirect action. Why hire courts? Why hire Goddard a supreme court judge of Colorado that slapped the flaccid cheeks of the Supreme Court of the United States, over the Barney decision? Why hire the red-light pimps that had vitality left in them, as gunmen, who according to the testimony taken before the industrial commission, he had garbed in the uniform of the national guard of Colorado? Why do these things? Yes, even why should he hire a senate, and a house of representatives and a governor to do his will!

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fixed and Lawson will go over the road to the gallows.

And then as the wheels ran around very nicely for the legal killing of the labor leader that they could not buy or intimidate and were afraid to physically assault, then right here came trouble arose. The usual way to secure a grand jury is by a process known as a jury wheel, where names were picked at random much as names may be picked from a hat. There was danger that the one or two honest men might get on the jury, and therefore they had to be handicapped. Accordingly they proceeded to set in this way that Jack would go on and select the jury. This method was so flagrantly biased that the plan had to be abandoned after the other attorneys had shown it up. Then the attorney general of the Colorado southern Rockefeller system, told information against 86 mine workers, in Rochelle Lemay.

The first of the tried results in opposition to the miners, so Rockefeller ordered Senator Hayden to prepare a bill to create a special district. This bill passed the legislature and Granby Hill, a year, a former employee of Rockefeller's, was made the judge. He at once went to Trinidad and took up the work. The miners made application for change of venue on the ground of his former affiliation with the C. F. & I. and showed that Hilby had referred to the miners as murderers and outlaws. Hilby refused to grant the motion for change of venue, said he was fair. Then he set aside the law governing the selection of jurymen and ordered Sheriff Jeff Pharr to secure a special venire, in other words, a hand-picked jury from *Left*. *—Ancho*

That The Rebel does not exaggerate in the slightest degree can be shown by the fact the John R. Walsh wrung the reluctant admission from the lips of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., that he had a man on the jury who was in possession of a monopoly of a certain product that was furnished to the Rockefeller stores in that district.

Need we wonder what happened? The hand-picked jury proceeded, utterly regardless, of all rules of evidence to find John R. Lawson, the labor leader, guilty of murder in the first degree, although the state's witnesses admitted that Lawson did not fire a shot, did not kill the man who was supposed to be murdered, admitted that he was not near the scene of the alleged crime, and, in short, had nothing to do with the affair no more than the reader of these lines. The fact was that John R. Lawson was a labor leader who stood in the way of Rockefeller's profits and therefore he had to be killed — legally killed, mind you, or at the very least, imprisoned for life.

The Rebel looks upon this tragedy in Colorado as an event of far more significance to the average American than even the success of German militarism in the European war. As to which side in Mexico wins, pale into insignificance alongside it. If a man can be judicially lynched in the state of Colorado today at the behest of a pinheaded plutocrat in New York, and the lynching is done in such a crude and brutal fashion, then one can see the stars and stripes come down from the dome of the capitol at Denver, and see Rockefeller's puny hands pull down the old flag and all the guarantees of the fathers go glimmering in moonshine over Pikes Peak.

What is to be done about this lynching of Lawson? The evidence is all in, that proves conclusively that Rockefeller and his associates are up to their elbows in the blood of men, women and children whose lives have gone out in the Southern coal fields, murdered by the officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. It is useless to look to the courts to act until the bodies of the defend-

ants are brought before the court. The officers of the law who can set the wheels of the legal machinery toward the securing of the bodies of these criminals are the district attorneys in those counties — and there are at least eight of them — in which high crimes have been committed by Rockefeller and his C. F. & I. officials.

It is useless to expect that even one of these officials will act. They are Rockefeller tools, otherwise they would be elected, therefore it is necessary to have a political revolution and the lines should be drawn on a question: "SHALL THE STRIPES BE REPLACED OVER THE CAPITOL AT DENVER AND OVER THE COURTHOUSES OF THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE?"

Should the people win and elect clean, American citizens who will enforce the law, then, as a matter of course, both Rockefeller shall be indicted and in the event of the governor of New York not honoring the requisition papers then the Rockefellers would necessarily be kidnaped, which procedure has received the sanction of the state supreme courts of Colorado and Idaho, the federal circuit court of the Idaho jurisdiction, and the Supreme court of the United States. (Read the Beatty and Harlan decision and Justice McKenna's dissenting opinion in the Meyer-Haywood case.)

Don't think, readers of *The Rebel*, that this suggestion of the political revolution, indictment, extradition or kidnaping of Rockefeller is far-fetched. It has come to a showdown now, and it affects every citizen of the United States directly. Take this illustration:

Mr. E. R. Meitzen has been nominated candidate for governor on the Socialist party ticket, the platform of which proposes that landlordism shall be abolished and use and occupancy shall be the title to land.* Rockefeller has immense interests in Texas running into the tens of millions. Supporting in the course of Meitzen's canvass for the governorship some insane Democratic renter should kill his landlord, as has already happened several times, if the Rockefeller influences have their way. Mr. Meitzen could be arrested and upon proof that he was member of the Land League or Renters Union be sentenced to the gallows or to the penitentiary for life, precisely as was John R. Lawson eight weeks ago.

Gentlemen, It is a condition and not a theory that confronts

For all the reasons set forth above, The Rebel wishes the authorities to move against the Rockefeller, not only as a measure of protection for every independent American citizen who speaks his mind, as the last paragraph here would indicate; not only because of the crimes committed against the women and children in Colorado and elsewhere where the Rockefeller dynasty rules; not only because of the crimes against property that they have committed in their struggle against their competitors, but greater than all because of the fact that they have debauched American institutions to the point where the Bill of Rights is a dead letter because of their high crimes and misdemeanors that place them in the category of Benedict Arnold.

They should be proceeded against on two counts: The first is for cold-blooded murder of innocent men, women and children. The second is for High Treason. They can be hung on either count. The only question is which will make them stretch hemp the quickest. If the Democratic and Republican administrations fail to function in this crisis, then they must be swept from office and a Socialist administration installed that will do even-handed justice and make the punishment fit the crime.

ated from the face of the earth provided that the working class of the world would unite industrially and politically — politically and industrially, on the basic program of the abolition of the capitalist system, and then society would be organized so that we would have the collective ownership and democratic management of all things collectively used and the private ownership and private management of all things that are private.

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Let us illustrate by citing conditions in the South today. The Southern Socialist party, in spite of the fact that more workers are disfranchised where called "democracy" rules, than in any other state, is steadily growing in the sixteen Southern states and particularly in Texas and Oklahoma. No man in possession of the facts today, will question that we would have 100,000 votes that are not for the iniquitous poll tax provision in the state that empels a man to pay \$1.75 in the county and \$2.75 in each town in the city and pay that amount in the January preceding the November election, be a resident of the state for one year and six months in the county.

population of nearly five million souls less than a quarter of a million voted in the last November election or a proportion of about one voter to twenty people, whereas in states that have liberal franchise laws even without women's suffrage the vote is in proportion

It is true that this law is cursed by Democratic, Republican and Prohibition workingmen as well as by Socialist workingmen, because no man likes to see himself, through no fault of his own, disfranchised, regardless of what his political faith may be, and this brings us to the question of industrial organization.

* The Land League of America is industrial. It asks no questions of a man who seeks to join, as to what are his political affiliations, or what altar he kneels. The only question is, will he or she support the constitution and by-laws and be a bona-fide tiller of the soil. Hence if 100,000 agrarian workers were organized in the Land League they would, regardless of their political affiliations, use their combined industrial strength to destroy this iniquitous poll tax and that destruction would ensue as a matter of course.

Further afield, how do you like the fact that is continually rubbed under your nose, that it is impossible for you to own your home free, due to the high price of land, the high price of money, the high prices of provisions, teams, stock and tools?

How is it, we repeat, that facing these grim realities that spell for you and yours a life of uncertainty, misery and toil, without any hope of adequate compensation, that you turn your backs on the fraternal hand of fellowship in the Land League? Why will you bend your heads and close your eyes to the only ray of hope that is in the sky of your life today?

It is not lack of knowledge. You have heard of the Land League and you know it's right. Can it be cowardice? Well we know your father was brave. It isn't that you put all your trust in owning corn, lots in Kildromore come, because if you are going to have a mansion in the sky you would not enjoy it, unless you had an apprenticeship in a house on old Mother Earth.

It is not for lack of nutrition because the half-starved Irish peasant fought in his Land League

then? Is it because the sons of Texas and the South have already become the sunken type, like the man with the hoe in Southern Europe?

To be frank with you I don't believe it is any of these things. You have been duped by the Semi-Weekly Farm News and similar publications, but now I see signs that you are commencing to awaken. You are beginning to be preparatory to getting on your feet and then when you arise you will shake this old Lone Star state as it was never shaken before. You will break the landlord's power. You will take the land from the governor's chair and put an actual farmer in. In fact you will be working and fighting and organizing and fighting and working. Yes, you will be doing more than that. You will be developing your own character and your self-respect. You will get into your soul the spirit that is expressed in the greatest poem in the English language.

language, viz :

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find me unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll —
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

William H. Taft and some other notables are organizing a league with the high sounding title of "League to Enforce Peace of American Branch." We may not expose the devil to become a Cross nurse, Roosevelt to become Quaker, and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. a Christian gentleman, but redemption from this is, we will never have peace until the workers organize for peace, that is, organize to destroy the system that breeds war. Mr. Taft and his whole ignoble tribe love war, fat men on war would be paupers without war; they are direct beneficiaries of this war-breeding system, and then to organize a league to destroy it is a laughable piece of hypocrisy. A league or cause a cigar store, Indiana to dance in his wood shed, Federal

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do things and then whine when it is not done.

in the Socialist work, but I want
to help.

10,000 installment on his beautiful Texas home.

near the latter part of Aug. 1.

The fourth story broke last week
the news was flashed that 42

engaged in TAKING LIFE, while the soldiers of industry are housed in hovels on farms, in tenements in cities fed on malnutrition.

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