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“ALL RIGHT” AND “ALL WRONG”.

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THE western papers of the Mine Owners’ Association—its eastern papers have recently been silent on the subject—are indignant at what they call “the outcry raised by the Socialist and Labor papers” on the arrest of Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John and announced that the part of the Socialist and Labor papers, is, according to the aforementioned organs of the Mine Owners’ Association, “all wrong”.

When these papers flooded the country with reports concerning the murderous practices of Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and St. John and announced that the men “would stretch hemp”, that was “all right”.—But when the Socialist and Labor papers proved with citations from courts and other official records that the practitioners of murder and lawlessness were the Mine Owners’ Association and its appendage the Citizens’ Alliance, and also proved that the prisoners were men of spotless character who had not yet been tried and should not be held guilty until so proven—that is “all wrong”.

When the Mine Owners’ Association press inundated the country with reports, arguing that the case against the imprisoned men was a powerful one “because it was based upon two confessions”, that sort of reasoning was “all right”.—But when the Socialist and Labor press broke the bones of the “reasoning” on the wheel of reason and facts, and showed that such “confessions” had before now been purchased by the exquisites of the Mine Owners’ Association, and the “confessors” had broken down on the trials, and the accused had been triumphantly acquitted—that is “all wrong”.

When the Mine Owners’ Association press rang the changes of the “sanctity of the law” in behalf of their deportation of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and sang the praises of the officials who had put their feet down upon lawlessness”, that was

“all right”.—But when the Socialist and Labor press tore the mask of false pretense from the face of the claim, and proved that the Governors of Idaho and Colorado had deliberately violated the law which they had sworn to uphold; that the arrest was illegal; that it was upon perjured papers and papers known to be perjured; and that it was made in violation of the civic rights of the citizen—that is “all wrong”.

When the Mine Owners’ Association press raised the hue and cry which they did in the expectation of throwing dust into the eyes of the public and secreting themselves behind so thick a cloud of dust that their contemplated murder of the four men would seem like a “vindication of law”, that was “all right”.—But when the Socialist and Labor press raised the counter hue and cry, thereby dispelled the thick cloud of dust behind which the crime was to be committed, and thus left the felons exposed and forced to abandon their plot—that was “all wrong”!

The pay-masters of the brigand association of mine owners are getting only a small foretaste of the “ALL WRONG” that is in store for them from a working class that is tired of Mine Owners’ Association “ALL RIGHTNESS”.

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