



MOONEY AGAIN SENTENCED TO HANG.

San Francisco, — Judge Griffin has resented Tom Mooney to the gallows. He is, to hang within 90 days and not less than 60 days from this date, according to Griffin's judgment. The court did not comment on the case and confined its remarks to the bare legal phrases, handing Mooney over to the state hangman.

After judgment had been passed Mooney issued a statement in the shape of a telegram to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. After thanking organized labor for its efforts in his behalf, Mooney stated:

"The spirit of prejudice and ignorance may succeed in encompassing my death and the ruin of my character for the time being, but the mighty power of truth and fact, as expressed in those mute photographs of the roof of my home, showing Mrs. Mooney and myself a mile and a half away from the scene of the tragedy cannot be answered.

"The Oxman prejury letters and the evidence of the Oakland police impeaching the very foundation of the prosecution's case can never be erased, and they stand silently awaiting the hour of temperate and reasonable judgment.

"Against this bulwark of truth and fact, District Attorney Fickert and his co-conspirators may for a time prevail, but with the unrelenting uncertainty of destiny itself their day of judgment by an unprejudiced people is coming.

"In urging you to place this whole matter before the coming convention of the American Federation of Labor I am mindful that in this hour of worldwide titanic struggle a life of a mere bubble in the vast ocean. But nevertheless, I feel that a great fundamental right of democracy is at stake, namely, the right of every citizen to a fair and impartial trial with honest evidence, and this principle is of immeasurably more value than my life.

"I wish to state again that I cannot or will not conciliate the idea of imprisonment on commutation with the consciousness of innocence, and if this farce tragedy must have its victim to save the faces of the powers behind the scene, then let my life be the sacrifice.

"May I ask you as president of the American Federation of Labor to again urge President Wilson to use all powers at his command, to the end that the authorities in California comply with the recommendation made by his mediation commission."

Governor Stephens has given no indication of what action he intends taking in the matter. All the facts and evidence in the case are now before him and are being examined carefully by the governor's executive secretary. District Attorney Fickert has again threatened that he will become a candidate for the governorship, if Stephens commutes Mooney's sentence to anything less than life imprisonment.

Mooney was convicted of murder in connection with the preparedness day bomb explosion here in 1916.

Today's developments take from the courts a case which has consumed much time for the last two years and has attracted international attention. Organizations as far distant as Russia have sought to intervene in Mooney's behalf.

Mooney's fate now rests with Governor Stephens, who has a pardon petition before him and a request from President Wilson for executive clemency, based on findings of a federal commission that questioned testimony which contributed to Mooney's conviction.

Mooney was convicted in February 1917. An earlier death sentence was nullified because an appeal was pending when the date set for his execution arrived.

IMPERIALISTIC EXPLOITATION.

It would seem that there is in Great Britain a group of influential men who are excogitating plans for the more effective exploitation after the war of the native populations of the tropical portions of the British Empire, and in the middle of this "war for Democracy," are openly urging that after the war the State should lend its assistance to private capitalists for the purpose of intensified exploitation of native races; the inducement held out to the State being that the payment of its war debts will be facilitated. We quote without comment from an address delivered some time ago at the Royal Society of Arts, England, by Mr. H. Wilson Fox, who, we believe, is the secretary of the Empire Resources Development Committee. The chairman on the occasion of this address was the Earl of Selborne, late High Commissioner for South Africa and Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The chairman strongly commended Mr. Wilson Fox's views.

"The native population of our tropical possessions may properly be included in any review of our undeveloped national assets. The problem of civilization in new territories is to convert the indigenous native into a useful human being, to improve his value to himself and to the world at large. From the point of view of self-interest, we cannot afford to neglect these matters. At great sacrifice of life and treasure we have given to millions of natives in Africa security of life and property. We can fairly claim that the natives shall in return bear their share of the Imperial burden.

"There are territories of which details are given in the table to which I previously referred: Nigeria, the East Africa Protectorate, Uganda, the Gold Coast Colony, Nyassaland, Sierra Leone and Gambia. The aggregate area of these territories is 811,452 square miles; they are inhabited by 10,956 Europeans and 27,277,794 natives, and their external trade is £34,374,697, of which by far the larger proportion is carried on with the United Kingdom. Now compare their position with that of Egypt, where there is a total area of 363,461 square miles, a cultivated area of not more than 1,200 square miles, a native population of about 12,000,000,

and an external trade of about £62,000,000. It is true that this population has been trained in habits of industry for generations. Is it not however, obvious that the opportunities for a rapid expansion of wealth in the other territories which I have mentioned are extraordinarily encouraging, bearing in mind their numerous mineral and agricultural resources!

"The development of each of these territories has as yet hardly begun, and it is quite impossible to forecast what their future value to the Empire's trade may become, when their resources have been further investigated, and their available manpower has been better trained and organized. It must be remembered that every producer is also a consumer, and that if means be found to increase the purchasing power of the native inhabitants of our African and other tropical territories, a very valuable and expanding market will be secured for our manufacturers and merchants.

"What then are we to expect of German East Africa when this great and partly developed territory has become, as I trust it may in its entirety, part of the Dominions of the Crown? In this wealthy tropical region there are, I believe, upwards of 10,000,000 native inhabitants. Its soil and climate are known to be suitable for the production of varied and valuable tropical products."

Mr. Alfred Bigland, M.P., a member of the same group as that to which Mr. Wilson Fox belongs, remarked in the discussion which followed the address: "The question of Socialism must be looked at in a new sense. He had always been an Individualist, and had dreaded the idea of Socialism as ordinarily understood. Under the new State Socialism, however, we were not going to steal something from somebody, but were going to create wealth."

(That is to say: State Socialism would provide a more efficient instrument for the exploitation of the many by the few.)

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"ANTI-SINGLE TAXERS" OF CALIFORNIA GET BLUE FUNK.

The Forward is in receipt of a communication sent out by the Anti-Single Tax League, appealing to all land speculators and profiteers in general. We insert the communication in full for the benefit of our readers, and suggest that there is probably more in the single tax theory than is usually credited by Socialists—at least the land owners think so, and anything they oppose is usually worthy of support by intelligent working men. The flattering reference to the single tax war chest is very congratulatory to the single taxers. Their bank balance on April 1st was \$78.93, no doubt this looks like \$100,000 to the antis. Last year the land owners spent upwards of \$1,000,000 as against \$1,100 by the single taxers in California. Communication is as follows:

Dear Sir:—

Do you know there is grave danger of a single tax being adopted at the next general election, unless our property owners wake up to a serious situation?

Do you also know that the Single Taxers have a fund said to be in excess of \$100,000, with which they are extending their propaganda throughout the State of California?

Do you know that the opponents of Single Tax are circulating their initiative petition in your city and throughout the State and that they

have already secured many thousands of signatures of voters? Their claim is that they can carry California by switching only 70,000 voters in the last election.

YOU DO KNOW doubtless, that in the event the Single Taxers are successful, property values will be so impaired in California that they will be practically worthless, and your property will probably suffer confiscation.

The Single Taxers have raised a cry of "Open California's Twenty Million Idle Acres to Raising Food, Mines and Oil Wells to Use, Feed and Equip the Allies, Win the War." Their cry is being heeded by thousands of thoughtless people throughout the State, who are leaning toward this seemingly patriotic, but immeasurably false appeal. They are making the supreme effort of their lives in this State, by enlisting the aid of their entire national organization, and they say they are going to win at any cost.

The People's Anti-Single Tax League is conducting the campaign against this iniquitous measure throughout California, and is sending out literature and working up sentiment all over the State against this proposed law which menaces prosperity in California.

We need money and we need it badly to carry on a campaign of education NOW. The people of California must be aroused to the danger that confronts them, and if we would defeat the proposed Single Tax Measure, the work must be done long in advance of the election. It is estimated that our campaign will cost between \$5,000 and \$50,000, and we must raise funds at once.

For your own protection we ask you to send us \$10 by return mail for this cause, and also call at this office and help with your suggestions or otherwise. Make check payable to People's Anti-Single Tax League, and mail to 624 Citizens National Bank Building

Yours very truly,

Phillip D. Wilson,

Secretary.

WOMEN AND ECONOMICS.

(By Charlotte Perkins Gilman.)

Recognizing her intense feeling on moral lines, and seeing in her the rigidly preserved virtues of faith, submission, and self-sacrifice—qualities which in the dark ages were held to be the first of virtues—we have agreed of late years to call woman the moral superior of man. But the ceaseless growth of human life, social life, has developed in him new virtues, later, higher, more needful; and the moral nature of woman, as maintained in this rudimentary stage by her economic dependence, is a continual check to the progress of the human soul. The main feature of her life—the restriction of her range and duty to the love and service of her own immediate family—acts upon us continually as a retarding influence, hindering the expansion of the spirit of social love and service, on which our very lives depend. It keeps the moral standard of the patriarchal era still before us, and blinds our eyes to the full duty of man.

CREATING A PRECEDENT FOR US.

Compensation to liquor dealers is refused on the ground of the millions they have made in the last few months by selling their wares at abnormal prices.—The Press.