# SPECIAL FRAME-UP ISSUE.



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# FRAME=UPSYSTEM

# How Labor Organisers are Sent to the Gallows on Perjured Evidence.

The Frame-Up System is an institution which exists Il countries under capitalist rule. It is a system the has been organised by the industrial magnates the detective force. "Its army is composed mostly viviate detectives, a spirisking of regular policemen, a loose galaxy of petty and great criminals who sell reservices with the resource and thin she in the

UOSION.

"YOUR EVIDENCE WILL HANG MOONEY,
LAKE ME A BIG STATE OFFICIAL, AND ELECT
PICKERT GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA," CUNHA

JAME RANGWS TUDE.

1 asked said Oxman:

"Did Mr. Fickert send you to me?"
And said Oxman answered:
"NO, THE MEN HIGHER UP THAN FICKERT
SENT ME TO YOU."

FIRST ME TO YOU."

I, affiant, repeated in substance the above affidavit to said Charles M. Fickert at about the time it occurred.

ESTELLE SMITH.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 16th day of April, 1917.

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### Direct Action



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### Boring from Within.

The argument is often brought forward by many well-meaning unionists that the I.W.W. is not acting wisely in organising outside the trade unions, but it should

ible, but experience has told us a different story.

In all cases, it has been found that BORING FROM WITHIN MAS FALLED to achieve any great results. It has always failed, and the borers from within have wasted many years of valuable time and energy, and as a consequence many and energy, and as a consequence many HARMONY WITHIN AS OF A consequence with the second of the second

out of date, and is no longer able to successfully fight against the combined might of capitalism.

It is a criminal waste of time trying to patch up the worn-out mechine of trade unionism, when the foundations are already laid of a modern, scientific organisation which caters for every one who reads the control of the

Industrial Unionism, free from all the transmels of Trudes Hallsim.

Within the trade union hall, the militant industrialist is confined, cramped, sat down, ruled out of order, and suppressed. The president refuses to take a motion, the sceretary refuses to transmet the business of the meeting, and as has happened several times in Sydney of late, the officials have grabbed the books, closed the meeting, and state to be the constitution of the control o

It seems to have been overlooked By those who talk and plan, We'd like to ask: "Owes not the State A duty unto Man?"

### AFTER THE SCRAMBLE.

The elections are over. The Labor Party has been heaten. Godelpust Whatever the Committee of the Committee o

to keep these men in luxury—without return? Politicians will promise you anything if you will only allow them to live on you. They would promise you the moon to save your gas-bills if they did not realise that your enclulify would not stretch to this point. One of these brain ware-houses (who, by the way, said that we expressed to the point. One of these brain ware-houses (who, by the way, said that we expressed to the point of th

### DESPOTISM.

for the persecution," not being a political organ, took no part in the recent clee-tions, contenting riself by endeavouring to get the workers to understand that it is on the job they are robbed, not in Pariament, and urging them to organize in One Big Industrial Union.

it is their press, denoed circulation.

Workers, to-day you have little liberty, to-morrow you will have less, unless you bestir yourselves to a sense of the duty poursel, you reflow shaves, and, see to Juriself, your fellow shaves, and, see to Juriself, your fellow shaves, and, see to Juriself, you fellow shaves, and the control of t

NEVERTHELESS HE SAID IT

## Queensland Organisers' Reports.

Since writing from Brisbane we again borded the Casberra, and the first port of call tases Rockhampton (Port Alma), at which place are ranks were swelled by the addition of Felow Werkers Healy and McLoughin. Next per of call was Mackay, and about ten left the boat at that perf. We hold a business meeting about, play piece to survival at Mackay and a survival at Mackay and a survival at Mackay and a survival at Mackay and autor secretary apposited. Best member and part and survival at Mackay and survival secretary apposited. Best member and play his part on the job (if he lucky to of onc).

and a single with the beach, and expect a huge crowd.

I have 1000 tickets issued for a lecture to be given myacife on Sunday, John June, in the Heart Royal. The slaves at the Meat Works will buy most of them—and—expect to realize at least 455 over this vestigate. We should not support the state of the slaves at the Meat when the slaves at the slaves who are toling there. After the meeting on the beach last night, I was currounded with my merous inquiters, arxives that I was removed to the district they are roles to the district they are roles to the first the slaves arxives to the point of the slaves are slaves to the point of the slaves arxives to the point of the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted that the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to the slaves arxives to join. I must state do noted to note the slaves are slaves and selling literature, taking up collections, speaking and doing peneral organising work, and I wall not be able to cope with the work, and selling literature, and the slaves of the slaves are slaves and families. And men move suffering for you in good to slaves and families, and the men now suffering for you in good. Fall into line; we want your cooperation, and we cannot possibly have organisation, without you do as the slaves and families, and the men now affering for you in good to the slaves and families and the release of our fellow workers from gaol. Write today.

New matter the slaves of Towns.

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### Coombs' Case.

tionalte Party stood firm to his inherited convictions, and as a result the jury had to "disagree."

If evidence ever counted for anything in a Court of Law, then Bill Counter should nive doubt in Counter and the Court of Law, then Bill Counter should nive counter the counter of the Counter

THE HUNGRY MEN.
By REGINALD WHIGHT KAUFFMAN.
(From "Life").
In the dreams of your down; concless, through
the shades of your pampered sleep,
Give ear, you can hear it coming, the fide
that is steady and deep;
Give ear, for the sound is growing, from desert, and dungeon and den;
The tramp of the marching millions, the march
of the Bungry Men.

as execut.

As William's Norman teglous through the Stream meadows went.

As Wolfe assalted the mountain, as Sherman led the way.

Prom Polion to Savanah; as they, and more than they;

made the brute,
From farm and sweatshop gathered, from factory, mine and mill.
With lever and shears and auger, dibble,
drift and drill.

### THE FRAME-UP SYSTEM (Continued from Page 1.)

On December 25, 1916, and likewise on the station of the Terminal Hotel, Oxman wrote to Mrs. F. D. gall, mother of F. E. Riegall, the following letter:

"Dear Mrs. Riegall, the following letter;
"San Francisco, 125-16,
stion to-morrow, 26th, it might be that I can use you
also about the 10th. If so, I can obtain you a fetso about the 10th. If so, I can obtain you a fetMadress me care of this hotel. "Tell F.E. to say nothing
until he sees me. Can probably use extra witness. Been
a long time I didn't see you. Yours truly,
"On December 27, 1916, F.E. Riegall received the
following message, via Western Union Telegraph, from
San Francisco:

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"San Francisco." "San Francisco, 25,2-16.

"F. E. Riegall, Grayville, III. We are sending you care Ullinois Central ticket agent money for your ticket and expenses San Francisco and return. When you arrive San Francisco come to Terminal Hotel and inquire for me. Telegraph when starting. Come at once.

"F. C. OXMAN."

When the verdiet came in and news thereof reached Riegall, he belegraphed Edward Cunha as follows:

"Congratulations on your victory. T believe my testimony will seeme Mooney a new trial."

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USANTED HAT TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY FICKERT AND
WARNED HIM THAT IF ANYTHING CROOKED
WAS BEING HATCHED UP. I WOULD HAVE NOTH.

ING TO DO WITH IT FICKERT LISTENED TO WHAT I SAID, BUT SAID NOTHING IN REPLY.

"HE THE CHARGES AGAINST OXMAN BE TRUE AND THAT NOT ALONE DID HE PERGURE HIMSELF, BUT THAT HE ALSO PROCURED OTHER PERGURED TESTIMONY AGAINST MOONEY, THEN NONE OF THE DEFENDANTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, ALL OF THEM SHOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY."

Leutenant of Police Bunner ("Frame-up" Steve) admits that Riegall was to give the same testimony as Oxman. Bunner still believes "the honest cattleman."

Nobedy believes Bunner.

District Attorney Fickert.—"Oxnan is an honest man."

man."

Chief of Police White..."Oxman is too respectable.
He is a wealthy man. He wouldn't do such a thing.
(The chief is qualifying as a humorist.)

White denies, though, that Canha discarded Riegoll, because he was "the bunk." Cunha gave a different exploration to White, indicating that he had full faith

These contradictory statements prove that there is a ser in the wood pile. He'll soon be in plain view.

nigger in the weed pile. He'll soon be in plain view.

OAKLAND POLICE UPSET EDEAU TESTIMONY.

The Riegall expose was still warm when the Oakland police department threw another bomb into the persecution camp. They completely refuted the testimony of the Edeau women, who were so positive that they saw all the defendants (except Nolan) at 721 Market street. It appears that Chief of Police Petersen, hearing that the Edeaus WERE AT STEUART AND MARKET STIEETS on the day of the explosion and saw two men with a smitesse, delegated Inspector Wm. H. Smith of the police department to bring the women over to the San Francisco city gool and see if Billings and Mooney were the men.

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the police department to bring the women over to the San Prancisco city gaol and see if Billings and Mooney were the mea.

THE 17,000 DOUS. BLOOD MONEY WAS NOT IN SIGHIT THEN.

In both the Billings and Mooney trials both these women swore positively that they were at 72! MARKET STREET, and that they saw Billings there with a suit-case, also Mooney.

PLAIN THEN DOUS. BLOOD MONEY WAS IN PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE WAS THE WORLD WAS IN THE WAS IN THE WAS IN THE WORLD WAS IN THE WA

"If he is called as a witness in any of the other begges with this cloud resting upon him, there can nothing but an acquital, and it would be a croise waste of public money to permit the calling of one waste of public money to permit the calling of one waste of public money to permit the calling of one waste of public money to permit the calling of one other accessing the transport of the waste of the was

nesses.

"Demand your unconditional release and make a compromise. We recommend again that labor of the Pacific coast call half-hour cessation of work at J o'clock, May 1.

o'clock, May 1.

"Secretary Scattle Central Building Trade Council sa Chairman of Meeting.

S.P. LABOR COUNCIL AGAIN ENDORSES DEFENCY At the usual weekly meeting of the San Francise Labor Council, held on Friday, April 13, a report of the law and legislative committee on the Fickert prosecution was read and unanimously adopted, amidat loud applaus It was a complete endorsement of the defendants—as read;

was read and unumnustry acceptor, remains and It was a complete endorsement of the defendants in read;

"We have carefully scrutinised all the evidence ofter ed in the trials of Warren K. Billings and Thomas & Mooney, and we find that such evidence is contradictive and did not varrant a conviction in either case.

"We reading our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocence of Warren & Graffinn our belief in the innocency of the innoc

must be captured and put behind the bars long.

That there exists men who are so vile and vicious at to plot to send Labor organisers to the gallows for a fitty little reward is almost repulsive for a healthy mind to believe, but, and to see repulsive for a healthy mind to believe, but, and to see that the supposed to be the administrators of finites should stee, so low as to employ convicted eriminals, harlots, and its lowest dress of society, to fasely swear against working men is so base that the healthy mind revolts against it.

Pellow workers, there is only one way to defeat the Frame Up System, and that is by outling into One Barthon and realising that an injury to one is an injury is all.

### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.

The working class and the employing class are nothing in common. There can be no sees so long, as hunger and we are found smore millions of working people, and the who make up the employing class have if the good things of life. Between these two classes a struggle must one until the workers of the world organise a class, take possession of the earth and as machinery of production, and abotton the entry experies practice spring.

that the centring of the manage dustries into fewer and tever hands. trade unions unable to cope with owing power of the supplying class, antions foater a state of effairs we one set of workers to be pitted other set of workers in the same thereby helping to defeat one an

inacribe on our banner the revolutionary matchword; "Abolition of the wage system." It is the bistoric mission of wage was a state of the wage system of the wage of the wage of production must be organized not only for the every-day atturgic with capitalist, our also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old-

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Fellow-Workers: Remember, fifteen labor ogitators and anti-conscriptionists are still in gael in Augtralia. Is it a fair thing? They fought for you—will you help to fight for them?

When perfectly civilised one of the ties of man's life will be that the lives of the others shall be of some value to them.— Ingersoll.

Government is not reason; it is not elo-quence—it is force. Like fire, it is a danger-ous servant, and a fearful master.—George Washington.

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### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

detective department. They will probably supply you with all the information.

G.O.—"D.A." does not deal in personalities. We care not what individuals may say!

T.M.S.—Very not.

T.M.S .- Very good. Will make good use of

L.N.-Received. Thanks

S.T.—Be careful. Do not let the police hear you say such things. Remember the War Precautions Act is still in existence.

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