

# WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD TALKS

### Margherita Arlina Hamm, Author and War Correspondent, Gets the Only Authorized Interview With the Defendant in the Idaho Murder Case.

By Margherita Arlina Hamm.

OREGON, June 8.—The trial of William D. Haywood for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho is said to be a capitalistic conspiracy by the labor organizations of the country. The mineowners' association and the state of Idaho assert that it is an impartial effort to fix the responsibility for a crime. Whatever may be the facts, which history alone may reveal, the interest of both parties centers around the brave yet boyish looking man of 38, admittedly the leader of the Western Federation of Miners, an army of 100,000 workmen. He is believed to be the magnet who has swung the Federation to socialism. He has been called the Rebel of America. His political comrades offer him the position of candidate for the presidency on the Socialist ticket for the next presidential campaign. For those not his enthusiastic champions say that if he is given his freedom he will be the leader of labor in the United States.

What sort of a man is he? He has persistently refused himself and his opinions of the capitalistic press. Fifteen minutes has been the longest time given in general conversation to press correspondents, and half an hour or so to other visitors. The hour and a half talk that I had with him in his cell the other day surprised even his counsel and guards. Haywood, the reticent, spoke freely of his life and of his beliefs; he smiled and chatted and earnestly declared the convictions that have animated his career. I have interviewed many men out of their lives, but never one like this. There is something extraordinary about him, whether he is a great assassin or a great martyr.

#### Personality of Prisoner.

William D. Haywood in the courtroom cell studying and letter writing is quite a different man from either the defendant at the trial or the sturdy miner leading the Western Federation. As the union leader he was energetic and commanding; as the defendant he is sober and attentive; as a man comparatively at home in a steel cage after 18 months' confinement, he was all these things, and besides a thoughtful, honest, intellectual presence, a kindly and cheerful companion. His voice and handclasp and beaming smile would have astonished me if they had not made me forget; they seemed entirely natural and appropriate.

It was during a respite, when the sheriff was getting a new lot of jurors and Haywood had some time to himself that I spent an hour and a half in his cell with him. The state prosecutors of course had granted permission. A guard, Deamant, opened the cell door, and I was admitted.

Haywood rose, closed a law book he was reading and shook hands. His grasp was that of a lion and his eyes were blue and clear. He picked up a book and glanced at the title page. Someone addressed Haywood as comrade. Darrow smiled and said: "I wish the comrade party would drop the comrade business."

#### All Tollers One Family.

Perhaps it was one of the Chicago lawyer's characteristic provocative remarks, whereby he challenges opinions. Haywood rose from his chair and stepped to the iron grating window. His fingers were clinched in the palms of his hands, and he was all over his body visibly stiffened. His deep voice trembled as he faced us. He opened his hands and spread out his arms. "No one knows what comrade means better than I," he said. "I do not believe the party will ever drop it and I hope not. It means that the tollers are all one family and as such must resist any and every attempt made to break up the family or injure its members."

"You believe in the solidarity of labor?" I asked.

"Thoroughly; and I know that every laboring man, consciously or unconsciously, believes in it. Witness the taking into unions of Chinese, Indians and so on. The fact that the man is a toiler makes him a unit of an organization."

"Where did you get these ideas?" I asked.

"It seems as if I always had them. I have always worked and had the desire to better my condition. Early in my life I learned that only through organized action could we get any results. I don't understand much about comradeship and brotherhood. I do. These words are not the same. I believe the class struggle is the outcome of the organized efforts of capital and industry, and that it is a part of the law of the universe."

"This opinion has come through experience?"

"Both experience and reading," said the secretary-treasurer of the Miners' Federation.

"What reading have you done along these lines?"

#### Tells of His Reading.

"I began going to night school when I was 12 and since then I have always attended. I've been going to some kind of a school ever since, and here in jail I am taking a course in law and economics. I've read Draper's 'History of Europe,' Lecky's works and those of Buckle, the physical scientists Darwin, Huxley, Lyell and Wallace; the social scientists Marx, Engels, Morgan, Bachofen, Adam Smith—let's see, Untermyer and some more. Then I've talked and got some ideas of Liebknecht, Loria, Ferri, Lombroso, Lassagaray, Romanes and Haackel. I think science is the godfather of the worker. He stands for him. He pushes him into civilization and demands a place for him."

"Science you think is behind the industrial movement that you represent?"

"Yes. The hour has struck; the toiler must educate himself for his part. As a Socialist, I believe the coming new system will be proletarian, or of the workers. The master and man idea will pass out with the bourgeois. The ancient property will be divided and the poor will inherit the earth. You may look at it from the religious viewpoint of just deserts, or from the scientific viewpoint of economic necessity. It's true either way."

#### Wage Earners' Attitude.

Haywood paused, took down a book on economics and a dictionary from his shelf library, and pointed to his pencilled comments.

"People don't seem to feel right toward wage-earners," he continued. "Some of them call us ignorant, idle, ungrateful. Before I was 20 this made me hot. Now I know it is part of the capitalistic system to view us that way. If we are ignorant and dirty, who do the world's work, why have they been weighing us down with burdens during all these ages instead of lifting us up? Who are our teachers and examples, who are our guides? The fact is business is business, capital is capital, labor is labor, and if the toiler ever expects to be anything else than ignorant and dirty, and the rest, he must perform the miracle himself. Possibly we are not all as ignorant as we are reputed to be. We have a hard



William D. Haywood and His Wife and Child.

time getting knowledge, but what we get sticks by us and we're determined to pass it on to our brothers.

He smiled and blinked his large dark eyes. "The dictionary has quite a college course in it, and it's full of definitions of interest, rent and profit."

"We all use dictionaries," said Darrow, "and even then some of us can't spell."

"I believe Kipling doesn't know how to spell," said a third party who was literal.

#### Kipling a Favorite.

"Is that so?" queried Haywood with eager, smiling interest. "Kipling is one of my favorite writers. His poem called 'The Sons of Mary and Martha' has cheered me many an hour; so have his 'Plain Tales and his poems on ships and engines. I wonder if he was ever in jail."

We asked him to recite the big miner, after combing his hair with his fingers in a characteristic thoughtful way, recited several verses in a full, resonant voice. He had his own manner of pause and emphasis, softness and force that was as natural as it was deeply affecting. The accomplished Darrow also recited and read. George Pettibone, a little, humorous man, with artistic tastes, only mixed water colors and painted the figure of a babe telling the fortune of an old man, with the inscription, "You're going on a long journey."

"Someone who was present could not but shed tears at hearing the voice of Haywood in deep, musical rhythm and seeing that too ominous inscription."

#### Discusses Haackel.

We got to the cellular theory of Haackel and the man who is on trial for his life seemed wonderfully keen upon the subject, though admitting he had not read much, since "The Riddle" and its companion volume have not reached Boise. Some brilliant sparks were thrust into the hypothesis by Darrow, who is a skeptic by nature and a thought-provoker by habit, and then Haywood called off the discussion.

"It doesn't matter what these men do or say," he observed. "They can't get away from the fact that progress gives the future to the toiler. As I understand it, all scientific investigation does away with superstition. It gives an economic basis for everything that is. It shows that the toiler is unjustified and all the other things that he is because of his economic basis. He's poor, he's starved, he's bent down to earth by his burden. Let him own the tools of production and distribution. Let him

#### ORATOR CHAMPIONS FOR THE TRI-STATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., June 8.—The contestants for the tri-state oratorical contest to be held here June 20, the Universities of Idaho, Washington and Oregon participating, have been chosen. Oregon will be represented by Henry E. McKinney, who graduates this year, Washington by a student named Erickson and Idaho by a crack debater named Fraser. McKinney's subject is "The President," Erickson's "Powers of the Press," and Fraser's, "Problems of the Twentieth Century." The judges have not been chosen. It is the most important oratorical contest of the year in the northwest and great interest is taken by the three states.

#### HARD STUDY WRECKS YOUNG MAN'S MIND

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, June 8.—Because of too diligent study at the University of California, William McHale is insane at the receiving hospital.

McHale has been a student at Berkeley for three years. At the opening of

not be exploited. Let him share in what money can do and buy and he will no longer be the under dog, but really free and equal.

#### Thought Out His Theories.

"I've had time to think these things out for myself," continues Haywood, lifting and squaring his large shoulders, hands behind back as he paced the cement floor beside the barred window. "Not here only, many a the long day I rode over the mountains and plains on my little cayuse, meeting nobody, giving me a chance to think about everything in this world and the next. Then I'd meet men alone or in camps. Some of them never knew what money was in their pockets. Some of the workers just had pieces of paper to exchange for food and clothes. Where there wasn't more money there was more real equality. Man stood square to man, exchanging labor time on an equal basis, without the artificial machinery of capitalism to conceal exploitation. Out in the wilderness the notion of one man making a profit out of another was naturally ridiculous. You'd help each other, like a friend and brother; or if you acted otherwise, you'd be honest enough to class yourself as a road agent."

As for race prejudice, I've been thrown in with foreigners all my life, that is, those of the toiling kind. Work makes us all kindred, but still I do believe in cosmopolitanism. Besides, it is the doctrine of the international workers. There is no difference in men—we can leave that to the priests and other scientists—save the industrial differentiation."

"You have suffered and are suffering for these opinions, Mr. Haywood?"

"Don't speak of that."

#### Was Born a Toiler.

The tone was simple and sincere. I realized that this man was fully aware of his position and did not flinch before it; that he thought more of his principles than his life; or rather that he was so wrapped up in his faith that self was a disregarded quantity.

"I was born a toiler and all that it means, but when I became a socialist I hope I learned to be impersonal. Think of it, Darrow,"—and he turned to his devoted counsel—"Twelve thousand men—'I've raised and struck a narrow space like a soldier marching. Twelve thousand men have had wages increased since I have been in the cage. I'm not good at figures but just you get into the mathematics of the thing; see how many days I've been in jail and how many more dollars I need for the laws will get. How many dollars a day

#### CUTTING UP LARGE KLAMATH RANCHES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., June 8.—Another step in the cutting up of the large ranches of the Klamath basin was taken when the Tule Lake Land & Livestock company through its president, J. C. Frank, made final transfer of 6,500 acres of as fine land as there is in lower Klamath valley, bordering on Tule lake. It is cutting up in charge of J. Frank Adams of Merrill, Oregon.

#### MOTORMAN INJURED IN CAR COLLISION

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, June 8.—In a head-on collision between two cars, a motorman was injured and four passengers were injured and badly shaken up and both cars smashed. As to how the collision could occur when the headlights were on is a mystery which the company will not explain.

have I helped to earn for these fellows? Looking at it in the way my time has not been wasted and I'm glad I had the chance to help."

Darrow turned his present dark eyes upon the speaker.

"So the prosecutor," I remarked, "and I've found a lot of his so-called inflammatory speeches are just the same talk that Roosevelt, Bourke, Cochran, Carl Schurz or any other ardent orator has often made."

#### Real Conditions Unknown.

Haywood, seated, leaning forward, elbow on knee chin in hand, became the student for the first time since the visit. "I have often thought what these men would feel and say if they knew the real condition of the workers. The miners, for example. Their wages, the ventilation of the mines, accidents and disease caused by old and broken-down machinery, the scrip system in the Trinidad coal field, and the impositions of the spy system."

"Darrow," he said, "drawled Clarence Darrow. 'He doesn't yet believe these people know real conditions.' His eye brightened as he thought he had heard a new word. Then he remembered he'd read and looked it up in Hugo. 'Perhaps I am insoucious, but still I do believe that if all men knew the right of our cause they would be with us.'"

#### Message to the People.

"Have you anything in particular to say through the press, Mr. Haywood?" I asked, when levitating became imperative.

"Yes. I think the labor organizations as a rule understand that our cause is purely and simply a class struggle; but the other workers who are not organized I would like to see organized. Their turn will come. Competition is bound to touch them. Then I would ask them to read the history of our case understanding, to study the lives of our tollers, the kind of work they do, the physical disadvantages of their occupations, the labor struggles of Idaho and Colorado. They will find the Western Federation hiding time to be so. I think I understand our men non-resistant. They will find the Western Federation hiding time to be so. I think I understand the Socialist party, of which I am a member when I say that it stands for evolution, not revolution in violent sense, and the founding of the cooperative commonwealth through the means of the ballot."

#### HIS MOTHER'S DEATH MADE HIM DESPERATE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Spokane, Wash., June 8.—Because his mother died, Ed Croftfield, aged 37, a married man and a baker, is supposed to have committed suicide by jumping into the Spokane river. He had been very despondent ever since his mother's death, and had often threatened suicide. He also had business troubles. Search of the river is being made.

#### Yamhill Plans Apple Fair.

McMinnville, Or., June 8.—At a meeting of farmers, fruit growers and merchants, it was decided to hold an apple fair some time next month. A general committee was appointed to make more complete arrangements. The meeting was notable as a reawakening of the people of Yamhill to the great possibilities of apple culture in their country.

## NO OBSTACLE TO KLAMATH PROJECT

### Rumors That Work Is About to Be or Has Been Discontinued Are Groundless.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., June 8.—A report injurious to the Klamath country has been circulated, namely, that the work on the federal reclamation project is being discontinued and that all machinery is being removed. The report was probably founded on the fact that the Mason Davis company had finished their contract and were moving their outfit. The work on the Klamath project is going on, and will go on until it is completed. The government has large forces at work on different parts of the project. The farmers are preparing to receive the water and next year many more acres will be irrigated by the government ditch.

The Mason Davis company, contractors on the big ditch, have received another extension of time with the understanding that parts now finished shall be turned over immediately to the government.

The question as to whether the Klamath Water Users' association can go into the field as a contractor in the construction of the Klamath project has been put up to the secretary of the interior.

## TILLAMOOK MEN TO BUILD FOR BUSINESS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tillamook, Or., June 8.—A number of Tillamook capitalists have subscribed the necessary funds to erect a concrete

and stone business block. The building will be three stories with a basement, with 200 feet front on Third avenue east and 100 feet on Fourth street. Proposed store on the lower floor and offices on the second floor have been leased in advance. The third floor is designed for lodge rooms.

## HAAS WANTS ALL POLES PAINTED

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salmon, Or., June 8.—Not content with making the Southern Pacific company obey the ordinances of the city, Fred G. Haas, a member of the city council, has filed a complaint against Manager Rollin K. Page of the Portland General Electric company of this city, whom he charges with violating ordinance No. 505, which requires that all corporations maintaining telephones, electric light or other poles on which wires are strung shall paint such poles.

## Harbor Mills Running.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hoguelum, Wash., June 8.—None of the mills of this place have as yet shut down as the result of the closing of the logging camps, all of them now running on orders already on hand. It is the opinion of those best informed that the situation is not likely to result in the closing down of all the mills even if some of them may consider it for their individual interest to close for a time.

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