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### MILITARY BRUTALITY.

How the People of Utah Have Fared Under Martial Law—What is in Store for All of Us.

The military regime in Idaho has borne inevitable fruit in the persecution and deliberate murder of innocent and defenseless citizens. The dangers of the general evil involved in the suspension of civil authority, the indiscriminate arrest of persons, with or without the excuse of prejudice or suspicion, and the denial of free press, free speech and the right of combination have been eclipsed for the time by the acuter incidents of personal brutality and degradation inflicted by the military upon the persons of those now at their mercy.

The supreme court of Idaho has denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus. The same tribunal has ruled that if such a writ was issued the military authorities would be justified in disregarding it; that the government of the state had power to declare martial law, and that such a condition now exists. The last vestige of state authority thus surrendered to the federal soldiery, the latter have proceeded to exercise their power with an abandon characteristic of irresponsible might. Neither the instincts of common humanity nor the promptings of spiritual necessity have been respected. Every principle of justice, propriety and decency has been beaten down by the ruthless arm of a satrapy intoxicated with a license which, notwithstanding numerous tastes of the same draught in the past, is still a novel and exciting indulgence.

The recent industrial history of the United States abounds with instances of military interference, always unwarranted; and therefore, always abusive of the principle of military subordination and civil supremacy. Indeed, such interference has lately come to be a coincident in all otherwise private industrial disputes of any dimensions. The authority thus vested in the military, although greater than the circumstances would justify, has hitherto been limited; which limit, although naturally and inevitably overreached, has still been recognized and observed as a point short of the total extinction of civil rights. But in the present instance the military and themselves, for the first time in the history of the United States, absolutely supreme by the abdication, or rather betrayal, of the state's sovereignty. In degree, at least, the position of the military in Idaho is a new experience. As such it has already demonstrated the pregnant adage that power without responsibility begets despotism.

Now that the troops have been given a free hand to gratify their lust for pure devilry they have abandoned every semblance of dignity and discipline, and have developed the characteristics of mere marauders. The *Mullan Mirror*, a paper friendly to the persecuted miners, has been suppressed and its editor thrown into the "bull pen" for exposing the horrors of that place. Mrs. Stewart, the wife of the man tried to get the paper run off in order to support herself and family of three young children. A company of cavalry invaded her premises and confiscated 18 cases of type and all the advertisements. The woman is thus left destitute. Union halls have been forced open and furniture destroyed. The sale of the Burke miners' union was opened and \$1,200, intended for the relief of the imprisoned men's families, taken by the troops.

The engineers and pump men of the Burke mines, who desired to quit work in sympathy with the miners, were invited to a hall for a conference. A lieutenant of the army mounted the platform, and pulling out his watch, gave the men 10 minutes in which to return to work "or suffer the consequences." Meanwhile a body of soldiers stood at the door, awaiting their officer's command.

A man named M. L. Devine, a patient in a hospital, came to Wallace on the day of the explosion to have a tooth drawn. He was arrested and sent to the "bull pen." Owing to the treatment he received there he died. When he became aware of his impending death he pleaded to be allowed to confer with his friends about the disposal of his effects; this was denied. Finally, he asked for the consolation of a priest, which request was also denied. Another prisoner in the "bull pen" named Johnson, became violently insane and suffered under the impression that he would be hanged unless he identified some of the men supposed to have been implicated in the explosion of April 29. He was adjudged insane and ordered committed to an asylum. While being conveyed there by Corporal France he attempted to escape and fell into the Clear d'Alene river. Corporal France gave the order "fire high." Four negro soldiers fired upon the man and killed him as he struggled in the water.

Large numbers of admittedly innocent men have been arrested, threatened with the gravest penalties and subjected to every conceivable indignity and torture to make them swear to the identity of certain other prisoners. They are denied the privilege of seeing their relatives or counsel. Prisoners are compelled to labor against their will, digging ditches pumped out the mines under threat of solitary confinement on bread and water.

Corporal France has been conducting a secret inquest for weeks, at which men are searched before him at the point of the bayonet and compelled to testify against their consciences and without the advice of counsel. The condition of the "bull pen" is described as revolting in the last degree. The three hundred or more prisoners are crowded up without

the means of observing the ordinary laws of nature in decency. The food offered them is of the vilest quality, many of the prisoners have been starved and suffocated into sickness, and a number have died.

From this outline a vague idea of the conditions existing in the *Cour d'Alonez* under the military regime may be derived. It is a state of affairs throughout the country. It should bring down the iron hand of public wrath upon the cowardly heads of those responsible for it, no matter how high they may be. In the last instance the man responsible for these crimes is the president of the United States, and unless he immediately calls off his "dogs of war" he should be denounced as a traitorous, not only to American institutions, but to the most rudimentary dictates of common decency and common humanity.—*Coast Seaman Journal*.

A genuine populist don't care any more for a party name than he does for a dead cat. What he is after is principles and principles enacted into law. These men who go around declaring that the world must be saved by the word populist or never saved at all, are only fake populists. The object of the genuine populist is to save this republic and not a political party.

### THAT TERRIBLE NIGHT

When the First Nebraska Repelled the Assault and Saved the Whole Army.

Nine hundred and eighty-nine men of Nebraska landed here last July, and proved to the world that a volunteer can face steel and fire as heroically as the most seasoned veteran. No eulogy can be too flattering; no encomiums can be too enthusiastic; no one will ever know the entire story of the work of the First Nebraska. Well do the people of Manila remember the terrible night of the 4th of February, when thousands of expectant and confident Filipinos surged against the slender line of our outposts. Could our men hold out against such a terrific onslaught? And Santa Mesa? It was the strategic point. It was the key to the city.

And only the Father above knows the history of that night. The men of Nebraska were on guard at Santa Mesa, and they stood as firm as the foundations of time, and held back that hoard of maddened Tagals, hour after hour. Any wavering, any faltering, and the result—let it not even be dreamed of.

There is authority for the statement that the Nebraska regiment will embark in less than fifteen days; in fact, orders from Washington have been received ordering the release of all Nebraska men who are confined, that they may be ready to join their regiment.

As an additional proof that the campaigning of the volunteers is about at an end, it is stated that Krag-Jorgensen rifles have not been issued to them as they will be here but a very short time.

Yes, the volunteers are going home, they can all join in the chorus, "Were going home tomorrow." The foregoing is taken from a paper printed in Manila called *Freedom*. It seems that half of the suffering and fighting of the First Nebraska has not yet been told. They have won imperishable glory and written their names on the pages of history in letters that can never be defaced. There it will remain an inspiration for brave deeds as long as time shall last.

### MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS

That is What this War in the Philippines will Cost Before Congress can Stop It.

If the war is to go on with an active army strength of 35,000 men, the daily bill, saying nothing of naval costs, will be \$300,000. Before congress can meet in regular session and decide whether or not we are to keep the Philippines, 184 days must elapse. Assuming that it will take thirty days to reach a decision in so important a matter, we have 154 days to consider, which at \$300,000 apiece would mean a total military expenditure of \$45,700,000. Of course, if a larger army is employed so much more money will have to be laid out on it. Is not this paying a rather high premium on a \$20,000,000 investment which congress may see fit to discontinue? Putting the conservative totals together, the \$63,000,000 and the \$58,200,000, and the product is no less a sum than \$121,200,000 for a piece of property we have ourselves rated at one-tenth that amount. Then there are the pensions to come. What these may be nobody knows, but an army officer has made the astounding statement that 80 per cent of the soldiers in the Philippines will get pensions for dysentery and other intestinal complaints. If 30,000 men receive \$3 per month each on this account we shall have to pay out annually for an one knows how many years, a sum that at the beginning will aggregate \$1,920,000, or nearly 10 per cent of the market value of the Philippines.

Would it not be good policy, before we go any further in this business, to find out what congress means to do with our newly acquired or newly unacquired possessions? Would it not be simple common sense to hold an extra session now? Suppose it should happen next December or January that congress should decide against keeping the Philippines, is it not true that the American people would have 121,200,000 reasons and more to regret that the national lawmakers did not meet earlier and save the cost of six or seven months of fruitless war? It seems to us a square business proposition that congress should come together at once and adopt a program.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

### News of the Week

The McKinley censorship at Manila is proving a boomerang and playing havoc generally with the imperialistic forces in the United States. All the correspondents have left Manila and gone to Hong Kong, including those of the Associated Press. There they united in a round robin and all signed a statement declaring that the people of the United States had been deceived by the censor authorities and the situation was not what it was represented to be at all. John T. McCutcheon, a part of whose dispatch was printed in the *Independent* last week, heads the list.

The testimony of all the correspondents, who either went to Hong Kong or were expelled by the military authorities from the island of Luzon, is the worst blow that imperialism has yet received and the McKinley managers don't know which way to turn. The *State Journal* tries to ridicule the statements of the correspondents but its effort is a decided failure. *Crescent* man who was the correspondent of an imperialist paper, is in London and he backs the rest of the newspaper men in their statements that the cablegrams allowed to be sent out were all misleading while the important news of the seriousness of the situation was completely suppressed.

It will be seen that the only people in this state who have had any intelligent idea of affairs in the Philippines were the readers of the *Independent*. The poor mullet heads in this instance have not been allowed to know the facts at all. They are at fault only in that they will not read anything but a republican paper.

The report of Prof. Schurman, while not intended to be so, is in fact a very great compliment to the Filipinos. He says he has met a great many of them and neither threats, bribes or promises of office and safety will induce them to give any information that will be of any use to the American military authorities. That is to say, that these men are true patriots and cannot be bribed, bought or bulldozed into doing anything that will be used against their hope of liberty and independence. They don't seem to be the sort of men that they have been represented to be at all.

The *State Journal* seems to be determined to reach depths of depravity that were never before sounded by the very lowest of humanity. A few weeks ago it published a lot of lies about Senator Allen. It did it with malice and forethought, knowing well at the time that it printed them that they were lies. It accused him of gobbling a lot of land under the reservoir act when it knew that Senator Allen had not entered an acre under that or any other act. When Senator Allen sent a denial it refused to publish the denial. Some eastern papers copied the lie from the *Journal* and then that printed sewer copied its own lies from the eastern paper in proof of the fact that Senator Allen had been gobbling government land.

The moral foulness of a sheet like the *State Journal* is beyond the power of man to describe. There has never been anything equal to it in the history of this or any other country. We defy any one to point out as despicable an act by any public journal as this slander on Senator Allen who is one of the honored and respected citizens of this state and now holding the position of judge. The writers on that paper who continue wilfully and maliciously to lie day after day should be shunned as moral lepers by men of all parties and all creeds.

Not only does it slander men at home but it lies about the brave soldiers of the First. A wounded officer is coming home. He has been in all the battles in which the noble First have been engaged, but because he belonged to a different political party this slimy serpent of journalism takes occasion, while he is absent following the flag, to publish the foulest slander about him. The crime is not less, because it copies from an unknown country weekly. That fact only accentuates its malignity and cowardice. Major Eager commanded a battalion in the battle where Stutsenberg was killed and in the battle the next day was severely wounded. Now this moral sewer runs out the foulest slanders against him. The boys of the First will have something to say to those writers when they get home.

From the facts obtainable at the present time it begins to look as though McKinley would not get his ten regiments of volunteers to fight the Filipinos. The recruiting business is at a discount.

Even some of the officers he has appointed have refused to accept commissions.

All the correspondents in Manila unite in stating that the cablegrams asserting that the volunteers were willing to re-enlist in McKinley's war of conquest were pure fabrications. These men coming from the best families of the western states are all against the McKinley policy. The Mark Hannaitas will hear something that will make them turn spotted when the boys get home.

It is a fact well to keep in mind that since the popocrats took charge of affairs at the state house the state has not lost a cent by embezzlement nor has counties lost anything on account of making the treasurers pony up every thirty days. The state officials however have no way to save the cities from being looted by republican treasurers. Ashland is a recent sufferer from the republican habit of grabbing public funds. No one pities them for after all the warnings they have had they presteled in electing a republican treasurer.

First McKinley put on a confederate badge and now he prefers the confederate general Wheeler over the Union general Miles. Wheeler is sent to Manila to take charge of things there while Miles has been refused any command at all. It is about time for the mullet heads to begin to talk about their loyalty again.

The imperialists around Lincoln have not flocked to McKinley's recruiting offices in any great numbers. They seem to be willing to do the talking but gun powder makes them sick.

Because the plutocratic dailies are trying to deceive the people in regard to the enormous deficiency in the national revenue is no reason why the reform editors should keep so quiet on the subject. The *Associated Press* statement that the revenue of the government will fall behind \$100,000,000 does not give the whole truth by any means. The government had a revenue of \$200,000,000 from the sale of bonds. That is, going in debt is called in that report "revenue." The deficit last year was \$300,000,000, not \$100,000,000. The fact of such an enormous deficit when taken in connection with the heavy war taxes should set every man to thinking. It is an ominous thing to contemplate.

The president of the county Alliance out at Kearney, so says the *Buffalo County Pilot*, went to Malalieu and demanded that he correct the statement he sent to the Bee and *State Journal* about the Alliance passing resolutions denouncing fusion when it was only Malalieu, Stebbins and Liehty who did the passing. Malalieu corrected it just like the *State Journal* did its malicious lies about Senator Allen.

The Lincoln barbers have just found out that the trusts have hit them hard. That is especially the case with the barbers at the hotels. A large part of their business came from the drummers and now the trusts have turned the drummers out to count ties, so they don't get shaved any more. The hotels are feeling the effects of the trusts also. The festive drummer don't come to stay all night any more. No one pities the hotel men for most of them whooped it up for McKinley and the gold standard.

The mullet heads of Nebraska willingly support a daily paper which lies purposely, maliciously and continually. That goes to show that the whole party is rotten to the very core. As a sample of this premeditated lying, take an editorial in the *State Journal* of Tuesday morning. It says: "The fact that the general allowed the boys to send their protest out of Manila, including their wise opinion that he has been 'ultra optimistic' in his views of the war would indicate that Otis does not possess all the qualifications of a genuine tyrant."

This *Journal* editor wrote deliberately, with the dispatch dated Hong Kong and not at Manila, lying before him. These are the excesses upon humanity that reformers have to fight in this state. The *Chicago Record* of the same date says of the protest of the Manila correspondents that "It is a significant fact that this protest which was written and presented to Gen. Otis on July 9, with a request that it be cabled to the United States, was not sent from Manila, but from Hong Kong, eight days later. In other words the men whose chief interest it is to get the facts before the American public were not allowed to be at Manila even a protest, which could not possibly have been suppressed for purely military

reasons, as its publication could have had no interest for the enemy."

The *Record* also says: "The inference is unavoidable that either Gen. Otis or his superiors at Washington are afraid of the truth and afraid not for military reasons, but for political considerations. It is due to the censorship that hardly a soul in the United States today knows just what is going on in the Philippines, where American interests, American honor and American lives are at stake."

Attorney General Smythe has secured a judgment against Bartley's bondsmen for \$648,000. All the bondsmen are held liable except Mrs. Fitzgerald, whom it is proved was non compos mentis at the time her signature was secured. It appears that the scoundrels went to the house and got her to sign the bond the day that her husband was buried and while she was crazed with grief. The victory gained by Mr. Smythe against such odds—many of the ablest lawyers in the state being arrayed against him—is one of which he may well be proud. If the supreme court does not set the verdict aside, and this money is paid in, the pops will soon pay off the last of the old republican debts and Nebraska will step forth the only state in the Union out of debt.

### THEY GOT FOOLED

The managers of the money power got badly fooled once. They never intended to elect McKinley president. Their plan was to elect Whitney. They had no use for such a makeshift of a man as McKinley and wanted a bulldozer after the Cleveland sort. They thought that Whitney would fill the bill exactly. Mark Hanna in his recent interview didn't tell anything new when he said: "You see we had to swing around, for when Major McKinley was nominated it was thought that Whitney and his friends would beat the free silver men in the democratic convention and make the fight on the tariff."

When it developed that the free silver men could not be bought and that instead of two gold standard candidates, there was only one, the whole situation was changed. The money power managers had no choice left. They were forced to fight for McKinley. It was a bad dose to take for they had intended to elect Whitney as it was the democratic turn to have the presidency.

To their credit it must be said that they made the best they could of the beast, Mark Hanna, and the man of dough, McKinley. They have had trouble on their hands ever since. There is not a particle of doubt that they intended to shove McKinley. He hasn't the fighting qualities that are necessary to carry on their desperate intrigues, and as for Mark Hanna they want something more respectable.

### CALL THEM THAT

American imperialists have chosen for themselves a remarkably appropriate name. They want to be called "royalists." By all means let them be gratified. The same designation was assumed during the American war by the Tories.—*The Public*.

### CRAZY PARTISANS

Some crazy partisans are already making fools of themselves over the judicial election this fall and are doing all in their power to raise a row. I am not going to mention any names for they are all good men and will be thoroughly ashamed of themselves in less than sixty days. We are not electing a senator this year, nor a governor, neither the executive nor legislative departments are in the deal. It is the judicial department of the state that we are going to save this time and let us talk about that and that only. Two years ago the pops gave us the candidate and Judge Sullivan was triumphantly elected. The members of the three reform parties are today equally proud of that splendid democrat. Now would it be right that we should ask for another democrat to be placed alongside of Sullivan, when we are not even one-third of the reform forces? No, a thousand times so. It would be both greedy and disgraceful for us to ask it. What party shall the candidate come from then? Why from the populist party of course, it being the most numerous and powerful of the allied forces. We democrats ought not to deliberate one second on this proposition. Two years from now we will choose some good reform republican and elect him. Thus will our highest court represent every phase of reform sentiment and the people will again respect the judiciary. Will then who is the populist we must choose for a candidate? If you travel over the state you will hear one name mentioned more often than all the rest combined. That is Gov. Holcomb. The mass of the people want

him. He has been tried and found faithful. Both as district judge and governor he has served us well. He has not lost any of his wonderful popularity. He will run like a house afire. Even the republicans have confidence in his ability and honesty and the republican supreme court on one celebrated occasion, sat at his feet and learned the law as Paul did at the feet of Gamaliel. Yes Holcomb is the man. He has no peer among populists in Nebraska for that position. Let us give him the enthusiastic support of every democrat and next year the pops will pay that debt to us with several hundred per cent interest by giving a solid vote for our peerless leader, W. J. Bryan. Holcomb is the man this year Bryan next year and who of us in the reform party of Nebraska cares for anything else this side of eternity.—*Central City Democrat*.

### ECONOMIC SCHOOLS.

Economic laws are the laws of nature. They are immutable and sweep along the great generations of men with irresistible force. A violation of economic laws is the unwritten epitaph upon the tomb stone of every nation buried in the past, and will be the epitaph of every nation to be buried in the future. Man in his ignorance has failed to recognize that these laws have underlain all that was good of every civilization—of every political or religious creed. He does not recognize it today. He will not tomorrow, for he must by painful steps through long years yet to come, earn the midnight lamp of experience before a full comprehension of the simplicity and immutability of these laws will possess him. Today in the United States there are three schools of thought in deadly conflict for possession of the shield of power that will enable them to establish in this country their school of economics. Really there are two schools with one subdivided. The first is the economic school which teaches that individualism is the form of economic condition which offers to humanity the utmost happiness and progress. Its magna charta is the declaration of independence. Its school masters, the teachers of democracy. The other school is the advocate of collectivism; it teaches that the individual is lost in the community interest; that the community is the unit, the individual unknown. This school is subdivided into two classes, the one teaching collectivism by permitting the law to rule while the many work; the law to accumulate and control production while the many slave. Its school masters are the teachers of imperialism. The other class teaches collectivism by permitting the whole to rule the whole; all to labor for the good of all, and to share with all. Its school masters are the teachers of socialism. Never before in the history of the world did these three classes of economic teachers have such a battleground as is here offered, and they are marshalling for a struggle of tremendous proportions, individualism as advocated by Bryan has been the accepted school of this country till now. With the advent of McKinley, the first time in the history of this country, collectivism as exemplified in the British constitution has assumed to rule. Its hope is force. It is marshalling a large standing army and seeking to gather under the flag more millions of the lower races. A horde of barbarians the easy victims of a regime of plunder. Socialism is aiding imperialism for it believes that imperialism will bring on a cataclysm that will offer opportunity for a trial of socialist theories. Against these two, socialism and imperialism, is arrayed democracy with its faith pinned to the time-honored principles and customs of this country. Its watchword, "Equal rights to all, special privileges to none," is the only bulwark that now stands between liberty and oppression, between a government by the people and militaryism between peace and anarchy; between the right of every man to the product of his own toil, and the right of a privileged class to exploit him.

### HOW LONG!

While at Omaha Monday we saw a scene which we wish every liberty-loving American could have looked upon and then give utterance to his sentiments regarding the war of conquest now carried on by the republican administration. It was only a parting between a soldier in the regular army and his wife and child. The father was about to start on a journey of 10,000 miles into a country whose climate in three years will kill off 75 per cent of all foreigners. There was no proud spirit in that soldier's heart or feeling of a duty well done on the part of the husband and wife. It was a parting such as we have not looked upon for many years, and the same thing is going on all over this land. How long can it continue?—*Polk County Democrat*.

### A SOUND INSTITUTION

The state insurance department recently made a careful and thorough examination of the business of the Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insurance Co., an insurance company organized by the members of the company, and everything is found to be in most perfect condition.

The examiners, in reporting to the state auditor say: "It is a pleasure for your accountants to report that the Nebraska Mercantile Mutual Insurance Co. is in a prosperous and growing condition; that its books are kept in a thorough and comprehensive way and that the management of the company is businesslike and commendable." The people of this state will find it their interest to insure in this company.