

ARREST 'MOURNERS' FOR MINE STRIKE SLAIN

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A number of the crowd also got an unexpected bath.

Lieutenant Gildea and Sergeant Gegan, who have been keeping order at the recent L. W. W. gathering, had charge of the police at the scene.

SUFFRAGETTE THERE.

The police were under instructions to make no further arrests unless traffic was blocked by the crowd. Acting under these instructions, Captain Fahey, of the Old Slip station, made no attempt to interfere with the second battalion of mourners. Maude Malone, the militant suffragist, had a place in the ranks. Another of the women was Miss Lucy Huffaker, who said she was a newspaper writer. Among the men paraders were Clement Richardson Wood, who disappeared when the first arrests were made, reappearing a short time later, and a young man with long hair who described himself as "Albert, a Socialist."

Promptly at 10 o'clock Sinclair and his band made their appearance. Mrs. Bella Newman-Zilberrman, one of the pickets, tried to see John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at his office, but in reply to a note she sent in word was received that Mr. Rockefeller would be busy all day at consultations.

Later, when subsequent efforts were made to see young Rockefeller, it was stated at his office that he would pay no attention to the demonstration and that no statement would be issued.

WOMEN IN MOURNING.

Mrs. Zilberrman, when she called at the Rockefeller offices, had an American flag draped over her shoulders. She laid this aside for a white flag, with a bleeding heart in the centre and black stripes at the border, when she took her place in the mourning procession. Mrs. Zilberrman, who described herself as "a daughter of liberty," said that the white represented peace with Mexico, and the black stripes were a protest against the mine war in Colorado.

The crowd had assembled a half hour earlier and the lone policeman on duty in the street sent in a call for assistance. By the time the pickets made their appearance the crowd overflowed into the street, almost blocking the trolleys. Headed by Sinclair, the band paraded up and down in front of the Standard oil offices.

"What do you propose doing here?" a policeman asked Sinclair.

"This is a peaceful demonstration of remonstrance," he explained. The policeman told them they were under arrest and marched them to the station house, with a large part of the crowd following.

SINCLAIR PROTESTS.

Sinclair made a spirited protest against his arrest.

"I want to protest against the invisible government of the United States, which is guilty of murder and which is suppressing facts," he said.

"What is the invisible government?" he was asked.

"The Standard Oil and its allied

companies," Sinclair replied. "They are suppressing news as much as possible."

"These millionaires at No. 26 Broadway are guilty of murder, and they should be arrested instead of us. Mr. Rockefeller has been discharging all union men. Non-union men are being employed to take their places, and those who protest are murdered."

"It is no pleasure for me to walk up and down in front of the Standard Oil building and submit to the insults of office boys and loafers. But I believe that every citizen of the United States should protest against the action the hirelings of Mr. Rockefeller and his brother directors are ordering out in the coal regions. Out there a union man has no rights at all. If they demand a weight checker they are immediately discharged."

"But Mr. Rockefeller has stated that weight checkers have been hired," he was reminded.

"That is a lie," Sinclair retorted. "They are issuing all sorts of statements now in an effort to withdraw from the terrible civil war they have started. They know what is going on out there, and the murders are at their dictation."

50,000 GUNMEN HIRED.

"Robert Hunter, in his book, 'Violence on Unions,' stated that 50,000 gunmen are hired yearly by corporations to keep the labor class down. These men commit every crime imaginable. They pay these gunmen \$5 a day and refuse to pay workingmen decent wages. Some sort of a protest should be made."

The five prisoners were bundled into a patrol wagon and taken to the Tombs Police Court. Charges of disorderly conduct were drawn up against them and they were arraigned before Magistrate Sims.

Sinclair described himself as an author, living at No. 50 Cathedral Parkway. The three women, in addition to Mrs. Zilberman, were Donia Leitner, artist, of No. 210 East Fifty-third street; Elizabeth Freeman, an English suffragist and co-worker with Mrs. Pankhurst, and Mrs. Margery Remington Charter, writer and lecturer, of No. 56 West Eleventh street.

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