

HILLSTROM FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY IN SALT LAKE

Salt Lake, Nov. 22.—"Authorities of this state will have cause in the near future to remember the day they took Joe Hillstrom out at sunrise and shot him."

In measured and clear tones Edward Rowan, secretary of the Salt Lake local No. 69, Industrial Workers of the World, spoke the foregoing words yesterday at the funeral services for Joseph Hillstrom, which were held in the mortuary chapel of O'Donnell & Co., on South West Temple street.

"We are satisfied to face the world," continued the speaker, "no matter what may come, for time will show the sterling qualities of our fellow worker."

Every address made at the funeral was marked by bitter criticism and attacks upon the state, upon the authorities who were connected with the execution, and even upon the Mormon church and other religious bodies of Salt Lake City.

The name of God was not directly spoken in the services, nor was there any direct reference to Christianity, except in a vague outline of a "spirituality" somewhat similar, perhaps, to that professed by Hillstrom on the day of his death.

Women Are Pallbearers.

Hilda Erickson, who was a friend of the murderer, and to whom he left one of his few possessions, a picture of the son of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, was among the weeping pallbearers. All six of the pallbearers were Swedish women, members of the Verdani, the Swedish Temperance society. Mrs. Oscar W. Larson, Miss Hilda Olson and Mrs. Florence Lemon were among the others. The sixth girl refused to give her name.

The girls wore red sashes across their shoulders, and each of them picked roses from the bouquets laid on the coffin when it was placed in the shipping case at the Oregon Short Line depot, from where it was shipped to Chicago for burial. The women's eyes flooded with tears as the undertaker's assistants fastened down the lid of the shipping box, and as an after-thought they took off their sashes and tied them to the box.

Burt Lurton, a local I. W. W. member, accompanied the body, which will arrive in Chicago at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. There it will be taken in charge by William D. Haywood, leader of the organization. An elaborate funeral and burial service will be held there, the mourners planning to walk seven miles to the cemetery.

Red Ribbons Are Worn.

Hundreds of people, some of them sympathizers and others merely curious, gathered outside the O'Donnell establishment at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Members of the I. W. W. wore red ribbons tied in bows on their coats, and a committee saw to it that only their own people were permitted to enter the chapel. After the service, however, the doors were thrown open for fifteen minutes to permit many of those outside to file past the coffin before it was closed.

George Child, treasurer of the I. W. W. defense committee, which conducted the long legal battle which ended in defeat at the execution last Friday morning, acted as chairman of the meeting. In opening the service he branded the execution as "murder" committed by the authorities who had permitted it.

He then introduced a "worker from Denver." The man was George Faulkener. He declared that he had been shocked at the newspaper reports permitted by Salt Lake editors during the last few months on the Hillstrom case. He bitterly attacked the newspapers for their reports which, he said, he did not believe had been fair to Hillstrom.

Faulkener read the will left by Hillstrom in poetic form, declaring that it contained more "spirituality" than could be found among all the clergymen of Salt Lake, "from the strictest Mormon to the broadest Unitarian." He said he was glad Hillstrom had persisted in not seeing a minister, because ministers of Salt Lake could have done nothing "spiritual" for him.

Attacks Mormon Church.

Oscar W. Larson, president of the Swedish Temperance society, was called upon to speak for that organization, which has taken an interest in the Hillstrom case. He made his address in Swedish, but those who understood it translated his principal text as being an attack on the Mormon church.

Larson called attention to the teachings of Mormon missionaries, which he said the followers of Hillstrom must correct. These missionaries, he said, went out and taught that this was "Zion," and that people could come here and live in peace and happiness. Then, he said, when they came here they were shot.

The Swedish Temperance society choir then gathered around the open coffin and sang the I. W. W. "Internationale."

M. Brennan was the next speaker, representing the Socialists, it was said. Brennan declared he was glad Hillstrom had not betrayed "the woman" who was supposed to have been in the quarrel in which Hillstrom was shot. He said the press had lied about Hillstrom. He said Governor Spry had now declared that members of the I. W. W. had to leave town.

Calls Spry a "Nonentity."

"He has nothing to do with this," shouted the speaker. "He is a non-entity!"

Referring to the board of pardons, in describing them, he said he had to turn to Darwin's "Origin of the Species." In that book he said Darwin had described a certain worm as being "without backbone." That fitted those men, said Brennan, as a number of those in the audience laughed.

He said the Utah authorities had been angered because President Wilson had not stood with them in the matter. He said the Utah authorities had expressed the belief that the president did not understand the facts in the case fully.

"The president understood better than they knew," asserted the speaker. "He had his own secret service men here, and they investigated fully. But their report was different, because they would not be subservient to the Mormon church."

Phil Engel was the next speaker reiterating the declarations of other

speakers and urging that the I. W. W. continue to "organize" and march on toward the emancipation of the working class.

Edward Rowan, secretary of the I. W. W. local and chairman of the defense committee, then delivered his oration as representative of the Industrial Workers. He told of being refused admission to the execution, though he said he made efforts to get in so that "a friend could stand by Joe while he met his fate." But he added, he had to stand outside the walls in the turnkey house.

Authorities Threatened.

"But Joe has been judged now by a higher tribunal," said Rowan. "And that higher tribunal is the working class of the world. They have passed their judgment upon his case, and it is a higher one than the Utah authorities."

He then expressed the prediction, that in the near future the authorities would remember the day they took Hillstrom out and shot him.

Rowan told of receiving a silk handkerchief from the condemned man the afternoon before his death, and of receiving the picture of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn's son, to be given to Hilda Erickson, who lived at the Esellus home in Murray, where Hillstrom was living when arrested. He took the slip of paper on which Hillstrom had written the will poem out of his pocket and read it again.

The only other speaker was Emil S. Lund, representative in the last legislature, who was introduced by Child as "Senator Lund." Mr. Lund said that if Hillstrom was guilty the state had exacted the penalty. But, he said, if an innocent man was shot it was a tragedy. He said he was speaking as an opponent of capital punishment and wanted to call upon the people present to stand back of him in an effort to wipe the law of capital punishment from the statute books. He was always, he said, a friend of the laboring men.