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COLORADO IN MEXICO.

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THE *Communist Manifesto* declares that “The bourgeoisie has, through its exploitation of the world’s market, given a cosmopolitan character to production and consumption.” The truth of this declaration is now being observed in the troubles reported from Cananea, Mexico. The land of Diaz is rapidly becoming the land of American capitalism; especially is this so in the mining regions contiguous to the Western States dominated by the Rockefellers and the Guggenheims. These last, together with others of their gentry, have poured the millions exploited from their American wage slaves into the development of Mexican mining properties, and the exploitation of Mexican wage labor; a task in which they have had the stern military aid of Mexico’s despotic ruler. This compound of Yankee exploitation and Latin repression has resulted in the transplanting of Colorado “justice” and McClelland’s “To Hell with the Constitution” to Mexico, in an accentuated form. The miners and other workingmen there, Americans and Mexicans alike, when demanding a greater share of their product, or asserting their right to strike, have either been summarily suppressed or hustled out of the country at the point of a bayonet; all sorts of outrageous falsehoods being set afloat regarding their conduct in the meanwhile; a course which recent events in Colorado has made familiar to the American working class. When this Cananea affair is finally straightened out, it may safely be wagered that it will be found to be the latest of a series of conspiracies on the part of the mining capitalists of this country to stamp out the organization of labor, both here and in the nations to the North and South, where they also have enormous properties. “Like breeds like” and the present is safely judged by the past.

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