

Goldfield Extra

Established Aug. 31, 1895

FIFTY CENTS A YEAR Six Months 25 Cents. Clubs of four or more 25 cents.

Appeal to Reason.

This is Number 628

Goldfield Extra

J. A. WAYLAND Fred D. Warren Managing Editor

Entered at Girard, Kansas, postoffice as second class mail matter.

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., Dec. 14, 1907

ANOTHER INFAMOUS CONSPIRACY

President Roosevelt Rushes the Federal Troops to Nevada at the Call of the Mine Owners.

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT has added another chapter to his record of official infamy. Without the least reasonable excuse or warrant of law he has ordered the federal troops to take possession of Nevada and convert that state into an armed military camp.

It is not necessary to recite the details of the order or tell of the special train which carried the federal troops from San Francisco to Goldfield. This has been fully done in the press dispatches which have been published all over the country. The object of this extra edition of the Appeal, and of this article in particular, is to awaken the country, especially the working class, to the true meaning and full significance of this latest outrage.

That there has been trouble, more or less manifest, at Goldfield during the past two or three years is not denied. That in some of its minor phases this trouble may have been caused, or unnecessarily aggravated, through the hasty action or unwise counsels of some of the workers may also be admitted.

The Class War.

But these things are only incidental to the fundamental fact of the class war which has been raging in that camp and which accounts directly or indirectly for all the troubles which have occurred there. To state the situation in a few words, it is only necessary to say that upon the one hand the mine owners, principally non-residents, determined to operate the mines and run the camp in their own interests as capitalist non-producers. Upon the other hand the miners have more and more determined that their interests as workers are paramount and that they are entitled to a voice in these matters.

These two classes—idle capitalists producing nothing, and hard working miners producing everything—are in a state of war. It is this fact, which is too obvious to require more than mere statement, that lies at the bottom of all the trouble in Goldfield. This important fact, however, is not mentioned by any of the capitalist papers which are just now busy showing in their class-colored press dispatches and in their editorials how wicked and lawless the miners have been and how absolutely necessary it was for the president to call a halt and to send the troops into the mining regions of Nevada to see that the laws are enforced and that life and property are protected against mob violence.

Capitalist Press Falsehoods.

This is the stereotyped capitalist-press way of stating these propositions. The articles which are now appearing in the capitalist papers all over the country are almost precise duplicates and repetitions of the same articles which appeared in the same papers thirteen years ago when Grover Cleveland sent the same troops into the state of Illinois to accomplish the same infamous end.

The Boston Herald in an editorial condemning the miners weakens at just one point when it states that "the necessity for the importation of federal troops is unfortunate."

Or is it diplomacy which prompts this admission on the part of a large capitalist paper?

Yes, it is unfortunate that Roosevelt is compelled to show his hand. The mine owners have issued the command, however, and he dare not disobey. The man in the white house who rants and sky-rocketed on every possible occasion is but the merest puppet in the hands of the real rulers of this republic. No man who ever occupied the executive seat has more abjectly done the bidding of his masters than has this wild-appearing, rant-tanquerous hero, whose military glory all centers in the bullet wound he inflicted in the back of a fleeing Spaniard.

The Kansas City Journal is more honest, more brutally frank in its editorial columns. It not only denounces the miners as outlaws, but incorporates a mass of deliberate lies to fortify itself in its assault upon the Western Federation and upon the working class in general.

Crafty Discrimination.

The keen sense of discrimination which the mine owners have displayed in this instance must not be allowed to escape us. In declaring war upon the Western Federation and proclaiming that its members shall not be allowed to work for their

bread, these brigands are considerate (?) enough to say that they are not opposed to the American Federation of Labor.

The mine owners of Nevada, be it understood, have no more love for the workers of one union than for another.

All wage-slaves look alike to them.

No Soldiers Here.

On the night of December 7th, at Hopkinsville, Ky., five hundred "Night Riders," masked and heavily armed, marched into that city, intimidated the entire population, burst in the doors and windows of every bank, set fire to a number of business establishments and destroyed property to the value of more than \$200,000. This raid was the outgrowth of the war now going on in the southern states between the small tobacco interests and the tobacco trust. This war, be it noted, is between two classes of capitalists. The workers as such are in no way involved, unless it be under pay to carry out the destructive orders issued by these incendiaries and assassins.

Why has not Roosevelt rushed troops in there? Why has no hint appeared in any capitalist paper of the necessity of soldiers to prevent such outrages?

The governor of Kentucky remained unmoved while the conflagration was doing its work and the mob was exulting over the ruin it had wrought.

The man in the white house had not a word to say. The thought of using the soldiers to interfere in a war between capitalists, even if the whole country were destroyed, did not occur to him. But let there be trouble between capitalists and wage-workers, how quickly the troops are rushed upon the scene, ostensibly to preserve order, but as a matter of fact to hold up the hands of the capitalists and fight their battles to the subjugation of the working class.

Troops to Crush Union.

Whenever and wherever troops, regular soldiers or the state militia, are brought into use it is for the invariable purpose of crushing labor. The sending of soldiers into Nevada was in furtherance of the plot hatched in Wall street to wipe out organized labor in Nevada that more millions might flow into the coffers of the present and prospective mine owners, the thieves and brigands who juggle with stocks and raise and lower prices on the market at will as may be necessary to carry on their nefarious traffic in human slavery.

Peace and Quiet at Goldfield.

There was no actual trouble in Goldfield when the soldiers were ordered there. The sheriff distinctly said that he was in a position to preserve order and that no outside interference was necessary. We have this upon the authority of the capitalist press itself. The sheriff was not consulted. He did not in fact know that the governor had made requisition upon the president for troops. He, the sheriff, elected by the people and the conservator of the peace, was totally ignored, just as were the local peace officers at Cripple Creek and Victor during the strike in that region.

We quote the following press dispatch under date of December 6th:

"In view of the admission of the mine operators that they applied to the president for orders for holding troops in readiness to come to Goldfield, there is a widespread divergence of opinion. Few persons can be made to believe that such action would be taken over the head of the sheriff, who says he has not been consulted. He denies that he is not able to control the situation and adds that he has not been approached."

As a matter of fact the people of Nevada, excepting the few operators and their confidential allies, were entirely unaware of any such action on the part of the governor or president. They were not consulted nor were they deemed of sufficient importance to know of it until the troops were in their midst and standing guard at their homes.

Caused by Worthless Scrip.

The immediate cause of this latest phase of the trouble which resulted in sending the troops to Goldfield by the president was due to the fact that the miners would not accept unlawful and depreciated scrip in payment of their wages. The railroads, express companies and merchants would not accept this paper at par, then why should the miners?

As the operators refused to recede from this position and insisted upon forcing this scrip upon the miners at par the strike was inevitable. It could have been averted only by the cowardly surrender of the miners.

To Divert Attention From Panic.

It is now reported upon what seems excellent authority that the mine owners took this position with the deliberate intention of forcing the miners out on a strike so that they would have some pretext for calling in the soldiers to guard their mines. They had already made up their minds

THE "PANIC" AND GOLDFIELD.

IT is fortunate, in the light of developments at Goldfield, that the machinery of the Appeal has already been set for the enormous "Panic Edition," dated December 28th. This edition will throw a flood of light on the present panic—one of the immediate results of which is the Goldfield complication.

Orders for this eye-opening and epoch-making number are pouring in like a cataract, showing that the people are awakening and that the crucial hour for action is upon us.

Already the orders have mounted into the millions, and the indications are that the "Panic Edition" will prove to be the Pike's Peak of American Journalism.

There will be no advertising matter in this issue. It will be filled from top to bottom, inside and out, with live, bristling, eye-opening matter which ought to be read by every man, woman and child in America.

The Goldfield situation, critical and important as it is, is but an incident in the tremendous struggle that is now shaking the country as if in the grasp of an earthquake.

The system that breeds panics and enslaves workmen is also the system that requires a czar in the white house and soldiers at Goldfield to keep the Lords of Idleness in riotous luxury and their slaves in beastly ignorance and degradation.

The "Panic Edition" will crash into rotting and crumbling capitalism like a thunderbolt red with the wrath of Jehovah.

It will tell the truth without fear and accept the consequences without complaint.

Its special mission will be to reach the masses, brush the cobwebs from their eyes and clarify their vision to the end that they shall cease being fooled by old party politicians and join the emancipating movement of the twentieth century and hasten the day of its world-wide victory.

Five million copies of this edition should be spread broadcast from Casco Bay to Puget Sound and from the Canadian Dominion to the Southern Sea.

The Appeal cries aloud for the help of all in this stupendous undertaking.

Let us have YOUR order for the "Panic Edition," and spread the light in your community.

to attack the union and to scab their mines and they knew the people would not stand for this unless throttled by the federal soldiery; and so they shrewdly arranged with their friend, the governor, and through their friends in Wall street with their particular friend in the White House, to accommodate farm out the regular army to them for that criminal purpose.

To carry out this plot it has been necessary to violate the constitution of the United States. Under the law of Nevada the sheriff is the peace officer of a local community and only after he finds himself unable to preserve order and makes requisition upon the governor are soldiers lawfully permitted to invade his jurisdiction. Under the constitution of the United States the president has no authority to send soldiers into a state except by requisition of the government based upon insurrection or other disorders which the local authorities can not control—a state of affairs which did not exist in Nevada.

Lawful Rights Trampled Upon.

The lawful rights and immunities of the people of Nevada have, therefore, been outrageously violated and trampled upon, and they would have been perfectly justified had they risen en masse to meet the federal troops at the state line and repel them as murderous invaders, as Governor Hogg, of Texas, declared he would do in 1894 if President Cleveland undertook to force the federal troops into the State of Texas, as he had done in the State of Illinois.

It was far less than this that the revolutionary patriots rushed to arms to defend themselves against the king's soldiers.

The object of this latest conspiracy of corporate capital discloses itself completely in the press dispatches which report that the "card system" has now been introduced in Nevada and that henceforth no member of the Western Federation or of the Industrial Workers will be allowed to work in the state.

Declaration of War.

This is an open declaration of war. There can be no mistaking its meaning. There is but one thing for the miners to do and that is face the issue like men. If ever the Western Federation had a call or all its resources to back up its members on strike it is now. Every member should be willing to be assessed to support the Goldfield strikers for an indefinite period. Not only this, but all workmen and all enemies of capitalist militarism should be appealed to, and we believe that in such an extraordinary situation the support will be spontaneous and widespread among not only the organized workers, but the people in general.

Certain it is that without these miners who are now on strike the mines of Nevada can never be operated. Of course, the grand bluff will be made that non-union miners will be imported in suffi-

cient numbers to do the work, but this will deceive no man with sense enough to understand the situation.

The miners on strike have got to close up their ranks and stick as solidly together as if they were molded together in a solid mass, as indeed they have been for the time being by the logic of events.

Mine Owners and Army Officers.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that when the troops arrived at Goldfield they were met by the mine owners and that the officers and mine owners were at once seated in automobiles and started out to locate camps and to jointly plan for the control of the situation and for the subjugation of the miners.

The officers obeyed the mine owners as abjectly as if they had been spaniels with the names of their particular owners inscribed upon their collars.

We desire moreover to place the fact on record that if all the miners in Nevada combined in a call for troops not a single soldier would respond.

Mine Workers Have Made Nevada.

The miners have made the State of Nevada. This is not a figure of speech, but an absolute fact. The miners have braved all the dangers, made all the sacrifices of limb and life, sunk all the mines, developed all the wealth, and, in fact, have done everything that makes up the sum of what is called civilization in that state, and yet in the existing capitalist system they are as mute and helpless and have as little voice in the control of affairs as if they were so many jackrabbits or prairiedogs.

At the command of a mere handful of mine owners the entire state and federal machinery is set in operation, troops become private guards and officers go to mine managers for their military orders. But all the workers in the state combined have not at present influence enough to secure the slightest intercession of the government authorities in their behalf. Courts are for the capitalists; soldiers and policemen are for the capitalists.

All the workmen have to do with these functionaries is to pay their salaries and in return furnish the targets to be shot at and the heads to be clubbed when they have nerve enough to object to this beautiful arrangement.

This matter in Goldfield is of extreme importance, not only to Nevada or the Western Federation, but to all the country and to the whole mass of organized workers. There is danger that its significance may not be appreciated; there is fear that its critical importance may be underestimated.

It is this that has prompted the Appeal to issue this special number.

Prompt Action and Solidarity.

Prompt action is necessary on the part of every union and in every part of the country. The same situation again confronts us that threatened organized labor when Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were kidnaped and rushed to Idaho. It is the same gang of brigands that is at the back of this conspiracy and the same devilish ingenuity that has concocted it. The end is also precisely the same—the destruction of organized resistance on the part of the workers and their complete enslavement in the interest of the robbers who are exploiting that section and who have no more conscience than so many cobras.

All the working hosts of the nation must be aroused.

Protest Meetings.

Let the alarm be passed from mouth to mouth in every community and in every neighborhood. The plot has been revealed and there can be no mistake as to its purpose. If it succeeds in Goldfield surely it will not be confined to that camp. Its success there will mean the introduction of the same means to accomplish the same end in other localities. This attack upon the miners at Goldfield is an attack upon organized labor in general and indeed upon the whole working class of the United States. Let it be resented all along the line. Let action be prompt, decisive and emphatic.

Bombard Washington.

Every labor union in the country should at once call a special meeting and pass resolutions of resentment and protest and have them promptly forwarded to the president of the United States and to their senators and congressmen. In every community there should be an indignation meeting of liberty-loving citizens for the same purpose.

The United States is not yet quite a military despotism, even though there be a czar in the white house. There is a limitation to the patience and submission of even the most supine and indifferent, and that limitation has now been reached. The federal troops have no business in Goldfield.

It is base usurpation on the part of Roosevelt and the federal authorities and an unmitigated outrage upon the working class.

Roosevelt's Prosperity.

It is by such means that the attention of people is diverted from the disastrous panic which now

Plot of the Pirates to Destroy Organized Labor in Nevada Sanctioned by the Governor and Backed by Roosevelt.

prevails and temporarily subdues the agitation and unrest which during the past few days have so markedly been expressed by the people in every part of the country. This may indeed be one of the reasons of capitalists for having the troops sent to Nevada. It accords perfectly with the executive program of President Roosevelt. As soon as the people begin to wake up and strike the trail of the robbers the president promptly announces a new issue and takes up another lead only to be abandoned when still another is necessary to keep fooling the people that they may be forever kept in slavery.

President Roosevelt declared in his message that the country was in a marvelously prosperous condition and that the banks were sound at the very time these institutions were crashing all about his ears and at the very moment the Journal of Commerce, one of the leading capitalist papers of New York City, stated that that city was in an alarming state, and to verify this statement published tabulated figures showing that in New York City alone 178,000 workmen had been thrown out of employment since the panic had set in.

Everywhere banks are failing, workmen are idle and hunger prevails, but President Roosevelt is only concerned in concealing these facts and in having it appear that the people are so bloated with prosperity that they are miserable and wretched on account of it.

No Help in this Calamity.

A day or two ago the most appalling calamity in the mining industry occurred in West Virginia. Almost 600 miners were blown to atoms or frightfully mutilated, or entombed alive, to die slowly by the most damnable torture that the mind can conceive. This disaster was due wholly to the satanic greed of the mine owners, who during the past forty years have resisted organized labor and by all the means in their power have kept the working class in a state of slavery so abhorrent that no language is sufficient to describe it.

But President Roosevelt is not moved to issue a special proclamation in behalf of the stricken families or to launch his thunderbolt of wrath upon the criminal mine owners who are responsible and who, if the laws were enforced, would hang, every one of them, high as Haman. These are only half a thousand wage slaves, who have no more value than the overalls that constitute their shrouds as they are dragged from the death-trap and put together piece by piece by the heart-broken wives and children who flock about the mines to gather up their dead. President Roosevelt does not act in such cases. He is on the alert only for opportunities to serve the master class, whose friend he is and whose president he has proved himself to be beyond a doubt.

Conscientiously, if that word can be used without violence in such connection, has Roosevelt served the criminal capitalists who raised the corruption funds which paved the way for him to the white house.

The War is On; Now for Victory.

The Appeal assures its readers that so far as it is concerned the gauntlet thrown down by the mine owners of Nevada is already picked up; that the war which they have declared is on and that no time will be lost in mustering the working class of the continent to meet the issue and to serve as becomes loyal men until the invasion has been repelled and the victory achieved.

The working class united and determined won the victory in the Haywood case, and the working class united and determined can gain the victory in this contest and compel the withdrawal of the troops from Nevada and wrest the clutches of the mine owners from the throats of the working class.

GOLDFIELD AND THE "PANIC EDITION."

The Appeal has on the ground its own special correspondent. No phase of the critical situation at Goldfield will be overlooked. In the big "Panic Edition"—dated December 28th (the press starts December 19th) this latest phase of the panic will be treated in a way that even the most blind will grasp its significance. If your order for the "Panic Edition" is not already in let it come by return mail. Use the blank below in ordering extra copies and make your order large enough to cover your entire town, ward or voting precinct:

APPEAL TO REASON, Girard, Kan. Find enclosed \$..... for which send me..... copies of the "Panic Edition." NAME..... ADDRESS..... City..... State..... 200 copies \$ 1.00 500 copies 2.50 1,000 copies 5.00 2,000 copies \$10.00 5,000 copies 25.00 10,000 copies 50.00

UNDER PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

And a Democratic Administration in 1894.

"It is in evidence and uncontradicted, that no violence or destruction of property by strikers or sympathizers took place at Pullman, and that until July 2d (when the Federal troops came upon the scene) no extraordinary protection was had from the police or military against even anticipated disorder."

Observe, as this report states, that up to the time the federal soldiers entered Chicago there was no violence or disorder. Mayor Hopkins protested against the invasion of federal troops.

But the railroads wanted the use of the federal troops to break up the strike and destroy the union. That is all there was to it.

It should be recalled that one of the loudest-mouthed slanderers of the strikers and one of the most hysterical supporters of Cleveland and the railroads in that fight was one Theodore Roosevelt, who, in due time, was rewarded as Cleveland's successor in the White House.

Roosevelt and Goldfield.

The mine operators at Goldfield (so-called because they operate, i. e. WORK, the miners) wanted to do five things:

First—Pay their miners in scrip, which was at a discount, to rob them of their wages and force them out on strike.

Second—Import scabs to fill their places and scab the mines and the camp.

Third—Drive the union men out of the union or out of the camp, making scabs or tramps or desperadoes of them, and wipe out the union.

Fourth—Cut down wages all along the line.

Fifth—Establish a permanent garrison at Goldfield.

Reduced to a single sentence, this plot was hatched in the festering brains of the mine owners to ROB THEIR MINERS by first smashing their union, thereby destroying their only means of resistance.

Reduced to a single word it is ROBBERY, HOLDUP, against which all the organized workers of America should instantaneously rise in revolt.

The cowardly operators would not have dared attempt this daylight robbery themselves. But they had a friend in the white house. All they had to do was to pull the string. Roosevelt, "the friend of labor," did the rest.

It was to do this "job" that Roosevelt pushed the soldiers into Goldfield under protest of the sheriff and the citizens.

The federal soldiers are holding up the miners while the operators are going through their pockets and then kicking them out of the camp.

Goldfield is now a scab corral and should be named Camp Roosevelt.

Let the permanent garrison be established to guard the scabs and starve the union men, and perhaps the working-men of the United States will know how to vote next year.

Sound the Alarm.

The invasion of Nevada by federal troops is in violation of the national constitution, in flagrant disregard of the vital principle of local self-government, an attack upon the Western Federation of Miners, and considered in its specific intent and general effect, an assault upon the working class of the whole nation.

Sound the alarm!

President Roosevelt has followed the example of Grover Cleveland, and the names of these twin tools of capitalist despotism are now linked together in eternal infamy.

The only excuse Roosevelt had to disgrace himself and the seat honored by Lincoln is that the miners refused to take their pay in worthless scrip, and this was but a ruse on the part of the mine owners to convert the state into a military camp and crush organized labor under the iron heel of military despotism.

Nevada is now under martial law. Denial of this glaring fact is simply falsehood. It is Nevada today; it will be New York tomorrow.

Wherever labor lifts its head the mailed soldiers with their machine guns will mow it down to the common level of slavery.

Sound the alarm!

The plea that the mine owners do not object to the American Federation of Labor is an insult to that organization and its allied bodies, and should be resented with scorn and indignation. It is simply a bid to the A. F. of L. unionists to scab on W. F. of M. unionists and spread the misery over the state.

Any union man who will help the mine owners defeat the strikers at Goldfield, directly or indirectly, is a scab, no matter what union he may belong to.

The entire mass of organized labor from the Atlantic to the Pacific must rally to the support of the Goldfield miners and help them defeat the mine owners and drive the soldiers from Nevada.

This policy of settling strikes with bayonets and bullets should be so indignantly repudiated that it will never again be attempted.

Is this then a specimen of the "compulsory arbitration" Roosevelt recommended in his message to congress?

The republican and democratic parties are now both on record as military machines and strike-breakers.

Uncle Sam has been turned into a scab by his recent "illustrious sons."

Grover Cleveland, the democrat, and Theodore Roosevelt, the republican, have both demonstrated their abject subervi-

"The Present Financial Crisis."

They said it would be over in three weeks—the panic. They are now seriously talking about it hanging on for "one or two or even three years." This is the view taken by the Review of Reviews, one of the most conservative of the capitalist magazines. I quote from the December number the following:

"This country is now passing through a money panic, a financial crisis, and a business depression.

"The financial crisis began last January, but did not become pronounced until last March, when liquidation in bonds and stocks assumed alarming proportions. It was renewed in August and again in October. It is still on in Wall street, but has extended into other fields, and severe liquidation is now in progress in commodities, real estate, commerce, general business, and labor. In all directions prices, rates and wages are falling.

"The business depression did not begin until about November 1, though a marked decline occurred in some industries earlier—in the automobile, piano, and confectionery industries last spring, in the copper industry last summer, and in the theatrical industry since September. Railroads have also, for many months, been gradually abandoning improvements, and laying off men. Since November began, mills have been closing or working at reduced speed in all sections of the country, business is being curtailed, failures are increasing, bank exchanges are decreasing, men are being laid off or put on short time, commercial activities are lessening and other evidences of industrial retrenchment are multiplying at a more rapid rate, perhaps, than was ever witnessed by the present generation. Never before was there such a sudden stoppage of industry. Perhaps 500,000 men have been laid off within three weeks, about 100,000 of whom are in the iron and steel industries, and 50,000 or 75,000 in the railroad industry.

"So many men are out of work and so great is the exodus of workmen from Europe, that, for two weeks, the steamships have been unable to carry those applying for stowage passage. In some instances they could take only half of the applicants. The Lusitania stopped selling third-class tickets two days before sailing on November 16th.

"The industrial depression will continue for six or eight months, possibly for one or two or even three years. It will be marked by numerous failures of banking and commercial houses, manufacturing, mining, and transportation corporations possibly, and even probably by severe declines in real estate in many, if not most, sections of the country."

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH NEVADA?"

If you want to know, read Walter Hurt's great novel, "The Scarlet Shadow."

It tells all about conditions in the western mining camps, and tells it in the form of fascinating fiction. It's the most remarkable book of the century, and the one important story of the \$1,500,000,000. Don't miss it. Price, \$1.50, postpaid.

What do you think of the management of the people you have elected to run the government who will issue interest-bearing bonds in time of peace when the public treasury is running over with money and the income is greater than the expenses? Just to donate to the bankers!

Does it look like the trust-buster is worrying the bank trust? Are you so silly you cannot see a thing so plain? Why the deuce don't you wake up?

Socialism is not a political opinion, but an industrial conviction.

MEN OF GOLDFIELD:

Never strip your union badge! Never desert your fighting union! Never haul down your union colors! Never! Never!! All the soldiers in the country cannot make you scab. Stand pat! Stand pat!! Don't budge an inch! A million of organized workers are behind you, and back of them stands the working class of the nation.

THE LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Special to the Appeal to Reason.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 12.—Four hundred troops arrived Tuesday—Twenty-second infantry, Colonel Reynolds commanding. The town is absolutely quiet. The state officers and constables are protesting against the troops. Reported dynamite riots are false. These were sent out by the mine owners. The governor, after a session with the operators, made false reports.

Haywood is in no way a party to the strike. The operators issued a statement yesterday to the effect that the card system is to be established and that wages are to be cut from twenty to thirty per cent.

Union men will all stand pat to the last. The mine owners have said that the tragic scenes of the Colorado strike will be re-enacted.

The requisition of the governor and public statement of the governor is a mass of falsehoods. There has been no rioting at any time and the local officers are in complete control of the situation.

The sheriff has entered a decided protest against the troops. The town is perfectly peaceful and law-abiding.

The troops obey the behest of the mine owners. If there is any disorder it will be fomented by the operators to turn the tide of sentiment in their favor. A few unscrupulous mine owners are to be benefited by a repetition of Colorado history. Their first aim is to prepare the public mind outside for any contingency by a carefully conceived plot. The town is full of Pinkertons. Future disturbances will be attributable to the detectives and gun men in the employ of the operators.

The mine owners have issued an ultimatum commanding that prices of commodities be reduced thirty per cent as an entering wedge for establishing company stores and company boarding houses.

An attempt will be made to open the mines on Thursday on a reduced scale. The governor will be here on that day.

An Associated Press dispatch states that the governor of Nevada acted on advice from the Mine Owners' association in asking for federal troops. Of course! Read Darrow's speech in the Haywood case and you'll know why. 25 cents a copy.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF AGITATION.

THE Appeal is often criticized, not infrequently by its friends, for what is called its personal attacks, and its severity of speech. No attempt is made, here or elsewhere, to deny or even to modify the impeachment. All criticisms of this nature, friendly or hostile, are merited; at least we trust they are.

To persons of shallow mind and maudlin sentimentality, timid, half-hearted, lacking wholly in initiative and individuality, the personal attacks made by the Appeal and the harsh language it sometimes uses are not only shocking to themselves, but hurtful to the cause, and they are quick to quote the silly old adage that "molasses catches more flies than vinegar." In their fear to give offense they surrender, and make nugatory the very principles upon which is founded the philosophy of agitation.

The Appeal attacks no person from motives of wanton malignity; it does not resort to harsh expression from deliberate choice. It may seem strange to some, but the Appeal experiences no thrill of satisfaction in wounding the susceptibilities of others, even its bitterest enemies. It is not to inflict pain that the Appeal resorts to personal attack or employs severe language, but purely from a sense of duty. Were the same end possible without harsh expedients they would never be used, and in that case there would be no occasion for criticism.

When, for instance, the Appeal attacks President Roosevelt, it is not as Theodore Roosevelt, the private citizen, but as the president of the United States; it is not the citizen in his personal and domestic relations who is assailed, but his official acts as servant of the people, and this fact in itself contradicts and denies the charge of "personal attack" so frequently made.

The average capitalist politician is not thin-skinned; his are not the delicate sensibilities that are easily shocked. Many of them have, metaphorically speaking, the hide of a pachyderm, and in dealing with them the refinements of speech are utterly wasted. Modest and gentle phrase addressed to them, as some of our weak and well meaning friends suggest, would affect them not in the slightest, unless to excite their scorn and derision. Nothing less than a harpoon will penetrate their moral cuticle, and this the Appeal employs whenever and wherever the nature of the case seems to require it.

If this be personal journalism the avowed enemies as well as the weak-kneed friends of the Appeal are entitled to make the most of it.

Wendell Phillips, the immortal agitator, who was sensitive as a violet, yet fierce as a lion, had to meet often the whinings and whimperings of chicken-livered friends that he was too "personal," that his language was too bitter, and that he was hurting the cause by his intemperate attacks. But Phillips, who in his own personality was the very quintessence of culture, grace, and re-

Again does Plutocracy cast its Scarlet Shadow over the western mining camps of the west—once more does the menace of wholesale murder like a lurid cloud overhang that corporation-cursed and strike-stricken land.

It is merely a shifting of the scenes—the play is the same. The stage of the tragedy has been transferred to Nevada, where the crimson crimes that stained the State of Colorado will be repeated. The management has not changed. The properties are identical. The amazing atrocities of the Peabody regime were but a rehearsal for this production of prodigious brutality which has opened for a season's run at Goldfield.

With soldiers for "supes," a governor for stage director, and a president for master of the play, the dread drama will be enacted to the applause of the money-masters in Plutocracy's parquet till the curtain is rung down on the last sanguinary scene.

Familiar are the methods—they are never altered. There will be started a crusade of cruelty to break the spirit of the strikers. The cohorts of capitalism will, at the opportune hour, create disorder to discredit the miners, who then "ll be shot down like sheep by authorized assassins."

This is the program which I predict, my comrades. Shall we permit it? I await your answer.

Let the prostrate proletariat in Nevada hear your thunderous "No!"

Driven forth from the jungles in Colorado, stalked from its lair in Idaho—cheated of its choicest prey—Capitalism now crouches within the Scarlet Shadow in the Silver State, its fangs blood-unsheathed, its fangs blood-dripping, its eyes hot with hate.

Comrades, the time has come for us to take the pelt of the beast.

UNDER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

And a Republican Administration in 1907.

"The operators and business men of Goldfield are pleased that there is promise of the establishment of a permanent garrison at this point."

"The news that Federal soldiers were to be brought here created great amazement in Goldfield. There is no trouble here. The sheriff was not consulted and protested that he was in control of the situation and that troops were not needed."

"The wage scale will be lowered and non-union men will be brought in to take the place of the strikers and will be protected by United States soldiers. All who belong to the Western Federation of Miners, or the Industrial Workers will be denied employment."—Press Dispatches from Goldfield, Dec. 6th, 7th and 8th.

It will be seen by these dispatches that President Roosevelt sent the federal troops to Goldfield:

First, to force a reduction of wages upon the miners.

Second, to escort scabs to the mines and stand guard over them.

Third, to defeat the strike and break up the union.

Fourth, to set aside the sheriff and local authorities and run a scab camp for the exclusive benefit of the operators.

Finally, as will be seen by the last dispatch, Roosevelt is to establish a permanent garrison at Goldfield with a detachment of soldiers to keep it a scab camp.

All this for the capitalist operators;

All this dead against the union miners.

President Roosevelt is the deadly foe of labor, and any working-man who hereafter denies it and votes for him or any of his political pals is himself a scab.

Be Not Deceived.

The hypocritical operators at Goldfield say they have no objection to men belonging to the American Federation of Labor.

This is simply a cunning bid for scabs. They have no more use for one wage slave than for another.

The scheme of this crafty gentry is to play one union man against another and wipe them all out.

Any unionist, no matter what badge he wears, who takes the place of a Goldfield striker, or allows himself to be used by the Goldfield operators to defeat the strikers in any way whatever, is a scab and a disgrace to the union that shelters him.

There are differences between the Western Federation of Miners, the Industrial Workers and the American Federation, but when a fight is on these differences must vanish and all loyal union men must line up against the enemy, and that is the supreme demand at Goldfield.

Be not deceived by the wiles of the diamond-studded shirt-front Holdup-Men who compose the Mine Owners' association.

All working mules have the same kind of ears to them.

Close up the ranks, boys, solid as a granite wall and stand your ground.

We'll feed you while you fight.

Don't yield an inch until the soldiers and scabs are pulled off and you can go back into the mines like men and command lawful money for your wages.

The unique distinction of being the smallest city in the United States to have free mail delivery belongs to Girard. Needless to say that it is on account of the APPEAL TO REASON. The mail that rushes in and out of that little town of twenty-five hundred people is a wonder to the natives for miles around. It is also the consternation of the mail clerks, and they all know what to expect when the train stops at the home of the little old APPEAL.

Darrow's speech in the Haywood case throws a great shaft of white light upon the present conditions in Goldfield. 25 cents a copy.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Is nearly always a perplexing problem in its selection, isn't it? Let us help you to a happy solution by suggesting that you could decide upon a no more appropriate and pleasing present for a friend than a copy of Walter Hurt's great novel, "The Scarlet Shadow," a story of the celebrated Colorado-Idaho conspiracy. Everybody is talking about it—in fact, it's the literary sensation of the season—therefore everybody who has not read it is eagerly expectant about it, and you can make no mistake in choosing it for a holiday offering.

This beautiful book is especially designed for presentation purposes. It contains 422 pages, elegantly printed on heavy egg-shell paper, bound in ox-blood cloth; being a volume fit to ornament with distinction the finest library in the land.

If there is more than one friend you wish to favor at Christmas, suppose you give each a copy of this book. You can find a no more artistic, satisfying or inexpensive present. If so desired, these books will be sent direct to the different addresses, with a notification of the name of the donor.

In case you have already decided upon a Christmas gift, suppose you give "The Scarlet Shadow" anyhow, as an additional present. By using the book for this purpose you will help the author, help the Appeal, help your friend and help the movement; and would thereby, I hope, help yourself to a happier holiday time.

Price, \$1.50, postpaid.

