







TONOPAH MINERS' PROTEST

In all the history of the American Republic there is no such unprecedented and indefensible violation of the traditions of local autonomy as is the establishment of a military satrapy at Goldfield in times of peace, without the destruction of property or the abuse of some wholesome law upon the part of any uncontrollable portion of the community.

The act of Governor Sparks and President Roosevelt in executing a usurpation of the functions of home rule in times of no revolt by establishing a military protectorship is infamous and cannot be justified by any pretense other than as a guarantee to speculative sharks.

It is a fatal precedent and partakes of the nature of a wicked design. May its perpetrators find their punishment in public indignation, ignominy and honor.

Neither treaty or disturbance within the purview of an orderly community is at hand to justify so violent and tyrannical an act. Mark, Commanding Officer Reynolds said, "The peace is well preserved," and George Wingfield, "was in particularly pleasant humor today and tonight."

The whole procedure is a reproduction on American soil of "The King (mine barons) can do no wrong." Let us repeat, no satisfactory reason can be presented to justify this crime against the traditions and honored service of a "of, by and for the people."

In their usurpation of the sovereign, divine right of a people to govern themselves, to adjust their own affairs, it behooves the people as a whole, irrespective of organization or craft or condition, to protest against this outrage of implied and actual tyranny in order to avoid the commission of this attempt to overthrow local autonomy forecasts—the substitution of military despotism for civil rule.

When the authority of a nation becomes the handmaid of unjustifiable craft and cunning speculation, it partakes of the nature of a peridious exercise of authority, detaching and shaming the boasted American pride that the rule of the people is a sovereign fact. It is a peridious violation of delegated power and emphasizes the mischievous tendency that impresses the decadence of the glory of a republican form of government. That which is a national disease, the result of economic injustice and natural functions in a democratic government. It is plain notice that greed is to be protected and that the rights of the weaker are to be subjected to this greed.

It is rather with feelings of pity that Tonopah Miners' Union No. 121, W. F. of M., is compelled to take the initiative to protest against so infamous an act, but in doing so it performs a duty, for it recognizes the handwriting upon the wall, that the cause of popular government is weighed in the balance and found wanting and that a military dictatorship with its hydra-headed infamies to outrage manhood and throttle liberty is staring us in the face, to force servitude in order to coin blood money for the stock jobbing speculators.

Like the old proletariat, the establishment of the Roman camp, this tendency is like the digging of the grave for free institutions and the furnishing of the morgue in which the last rites of true rule will be devoted, that those who through cunning and craft, a perfect embodiment of the parasite, may thrive and prosper the more.

And John Sparks? It is rather more in sorrow than in anger that we point to your heralded assurance of days labor by that you were the friend of labor that no violent disgrace of military anguish and shame such as has made Colorado weep should begrime and blight Nevada under your regime. Recall a year ago—on Nevada soil the rifle and bayonet in the hands of the serried and trained automatons who know naught else but 46 shooting or stab when the order orders the slaughter. The very contrast is affecting, and you, in the face of your pretended friendship for labor, have justified this institution of military domination when no overt act was committed, no signal fire of disturbance called for such a deed. How do you like your position, and what sort of honor do you expect an impartial people to delegate to your memory? It is like a countenance turned toward and hid—hide me from the millions of this day! Behold, Wingfield, "was in particular good humor tonight," as though it were to laugh at the cares of the common herd.

To our brothers at Goldfield we send greetings. Our best wishes are with you in your effort to overcome the outrages heaped upon you. You will have our loyal support. Bear your burden with patience; fall not into the trap set by the cunning and brazen move of a conscienceless enemy, remorseless in its purpose to precipitate events to justify the shame of Nevada through the weak compliance of a trusted official with a deep laid plot to destroy your organization and its efficiency to protect the hours, the wages and the subjective rights of the wage chattel.

Beware of any maneuvering for a reign of terror. But well are we aware that you are made the victims for the excuses that have been issued as scare-crow signal to bolster the non-fulfillment of dividends, by the speculators, stock gamblers—not bona fide mine operators. Surely we are aware that you are blamed for the abnormal conditions, financially and industrially, of Nevada—all attributed to Goldfield (no cause ever so evil as a social fact that agitation was not intended for it), but then if it is true if you are to be pronounced guilty of such a crime without due judgment or reason, why not also place the responsibility for the abnormal financial and industrial depression today occupying at your door—the agitators of Goldfield—one just as sane and true as the other.

field to quell the no riot and agitation that caused the suspension of the Kansas City bank? Ergo, busted bank in Mississippi Valley due to the agitation of Goldfield, necessitating a howling calamity with all its distressing consequences. Biff! Off go the regulars, a la Sparks and Roosevelt, to quell the cause of this great no disturbance and make sure that gambling gamblers, now placated, United States Senator, banking partnership highly edifying occupations of industrious money-making game be the more protected because it is the art that makes high and honorable citizenship. Thus Roosevelt and Sparks sing the canticle, "Troops for Goldfield."

What reasoning to justify so infamous a stretch of authority without reason or judgment to bolster the cause of the formidable rich as against the righteous position of the wage earners to refuse the "pluck me scrip" system with its discount wage reducing features and its quasi counterfeiting properties of the coin and paper money carrying the fiat of the government, making it a legal tender for all public and private debts? The whole procedure in this attack on your well-being is one of injustice, infamy and Sparks' weakness, and it is thereat that you are made a scapegoat for the crimes of others who are constantly howling "damnable and pernicious doctrine" to hide their own iniquities, shortcomings and wrongs on society. Bah! Such logic for the God-forsaken government and local rulers! But, brothers, as Whittier says: "These wait their doom from that great law

Which makes the pasture serve today; And fresher life the world shall draw From their decay."

The scales have dropped, the cloven hoof is revealed. The new Goldfield wage scale and policy of proscription inaugurated behind bayonets makes it all plain and as protectors to this pretentious conspiracy there, names the names of Sparks and Roosevelt. Are such officials custodians of a people impartial, or victims of wilful misrepresentation? Or have they thrown overboard the sovereign aim of "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty," to bestow military commands in order to involve the fall and degradation of the manly that the game for bread may prove the way for a quiet, servile slavery? God forbid! But so it looks. The duty of the hour is to understand the significance of it all, "so pound false weights and scanty measures," and with a clear eye to the purpose of the common law to right the tricks of the common gamblers and speculators trade, and while doing so arraign

"Thy feeble officials in guardian strains, Who thus sit amidst foul worshipers!"

He that remain to people's rights preferred. It is all so plain.

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