

FEDERAL TROOPS FOR GOLDFIELD

Nevada Having No Militia, Gov. Sparks Asks General Government for Aid.

SERIOUS TROUBLE EXPECTED.

Town Quiet at Present—Strike at a Deadlock—Operators and Miners Maturing Plans.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt issued orders to send federal troops held in readiness to aid in restoring order in Goldfield, Nev. This action was taken upon representation from Gov. Sparks of that state that the miners at Goldfield are in revolt and riot, Nevada is the one state in the Union which has no state militia. Gov. Sparks does not deem the situation such as to justify immediate federal interference, but as one likely at any time to get beyond his ability to control. The nearest federal military base is at San Francisco.

SPARKS TAKES ACTION.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 4.—The executive committee of the Mine Owners association of Goldfield tonight received assurance from Gov. Sparks that he had called upon Washington, requesting that government troops be held in readiness for use in the Nevada mining camps and that a garrison of regulars be established at Goldfield.

There is nothing in the immediate situation to require the intervention of troops. The town is as quiet as usual, but it is feared by the mine owners that trouble is brewing and that overt acts might be committed at any time. The strike is at a deadlock, and the mine owners propose to keep the mine shut down until the violent element of the miners' union and the lawless element generally in the camp are compelled to leave.

The miners' union is not prepared to make a long fight, as their treasury is depleted, and it is believed that for this reason the miners will force the issue by violence, as has been threatened. Money has been scarce in Goldfield since two of the banks closed, and scrip resorted to by the third bank, and as all the mines have been shut down for several days the pinch of poverty is being felt by the miners, who, as a rule, are an improvident lot, living from hand to mouth. Holdups and burglaries have been frequent of late, attributable to this fact, and there is a general feeling of unrest which is likely to break out into a general riot before long. It is for precautionary reasons more than because of an acute situation that has impeded the call for troops, and therefore there is no danger of a riot. Sparks seemed to know this and my impression of him

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...spect to a call for government troops, should conditions arise again. He was inquired, answered that he had already taken the matter up with Washington 10 days before. The nearest troops are at the Presidio at San Francisco. 18 hours distance by special train. The mining camps all over Nevada are co-operating with the goldfield mine operators, and are acting in harmony with them. The miners know that in all the large camps of the country that hundreds of miners are walking the streets out of employment and there is nowhere for the Goldfield miners to go. This is the last stand apparently to be made by the Western Federation of Miners, and it is expected that they will make a bitter and desperate fight.

FUNSTON IS READY.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Brig-Gen. Funston said late tonight that he was in receipt of confidential reports from Goldfield on the situation there. Everything was in readiness to forward troops without delay.

HAYWOOD'S COMMENT.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 5.—When William D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, was informed that Gov. Sparks of Nevada, had asked that federal troops be sent to Goldfield, Nevada, he said: "The miners at Goldfield have been fair with the mineowners and I cannot conceive how federal troops could be necessary unless capitalists have become unscrupulous."

"I have just returned from Goldfield, where I investigated the disputes between miner and mineowner. There had been talk of a reduction in wages, owing to the financial panic. But this talk-of-decrease has not come, to my knowledge."

"Secondly the miners were dissatisfied at the cashiers' check system. They were willing to put up with the panic, however, and offered to accept half of the wages in cashiers' checks and the other half in gold. "The value of a cashier's check has greatly decreased in Goldfield. Not generally accepted the miners were willing to save them until the panic situation had been alleviated. But it was necessary for the miners to live, and in Goldfield necessitated that a portion of their salary be paid in gold. "I personally interviewed Governor Sparks on the situation. Nevada has no state troops, and therefore there is no danger of a riot. Sparks seemed to know this and my impression of him

was that he would hesitate to permit government troops to enter Nevada, because their entrance might mean riot. "He did seem to favor government intervention as suggested in President Roosevelt's message. This by no means has any reference to troop intervention. It suggests that a strike or dispute be investigated by government officials, pending efforts to bring about a peaceable and satisfactory agreement between miner and mineowner. "I do not believe that there will be any disturbance in Goldfield, because the situation there does not furnish such indications."

BUBONIC PLAGUE BEING CONQUERED.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—The sanitary campaign that is being prosecuted by the federal authorities in co-operation with the local health board for the eradication of the plague in San Francisco is proving effective. There has been a most decided improvement in the situation. Only one death from plague has occurred in the past eight days, while the average number of cases reported weekly has decreased over 75 per cent since the middle of September. As a result of the campaign of sanitation inaugurated by the United States marine hospital corps, under the command of Dr. Rupert Blue, assisted by Dr. W. C. Tucker, the total number of cases reported up to date are 111; deaths, 66; recovered, 22; under treatment, 13; suspected cases under observation, 3.

While Dr. Blue found some fault with the people of San Francisco for their apathy in the campaign that 15 officers of the marine hospital service and 475 laborers and inspectors under his direction are waging for the extermination of rats and the cleaning of the city, he was gratified over the results achieved.

According to Dr. C. W. Rucker about 100,000 rats have been exterminated. "Where we formerly killed about 2,500 rats a day, we now do not get more than that number in a week. "They are getting very scarce," he said.

The statistics of the local health officers showed that 25,323 rats had been brought to the bacteriological laboratory since the middle of September for examination. Of the 2,87 rats last examined, only 54 were found to be infected with the plague.

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YOUNG GIRL RESCUED FROM BAND OF GYPSIES.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—By means of a writ of habeas corpus, secured from the Clayton circuit court, Antonio Thompson and his wife of Los Angeles, Cal., today secured possession of their 16-year-old daughter, Marie, from a band of gypsies encamped on the eastern outskirts of St. Louis. The parents declare the daughter was stolen from them a year ago and that since they have traveled thousands of miles and spent practically all their money in searching for her.

Disguised as gypsies themselves they invaded the gypsy camp and found their daughter. She threw herself into their arms, but a number of gypsies, under direction of their leader, King John Adams, seized the girl and drove her out of the camp, asserting the girl had been voluntarily sold to them and belonged to the tribe.

The grief-stricken parents invoked the aid of the court and secured a writ of habeas corpus. Accompanied by deputy Sheriff Banker and a number of citizens of Clayton, they returned to the camp later today, and the girl was taken from the gypsies, although for a few moments the nomads made a demonstration, and threatened a riot.

GOOLDS FOUND GUILTY OF EMMA LAVIN'S MURDER

Monte Carlo, Dec. 4.—After a speedy trial before the superior court of France, Vere St. Ledger Goold and his wife Marie were convicted of the murder of Emma Lavin here last summer. The court found that Mrs. Goold was the chief instigator of the crime, and sentenced her to death by the guillotine, and that Goold was less responsible because under the influence of liquor at the time the murder was committed, and sentenced him to imprisonment for life.

Statements as to the facts in the case were at great variance. Goold himself confessed that he committed the murder and that his wife had nothing to do with it. The police did not put much faith in his story, and as the case was presented to the court his wife was shown to be the real instigator.

The evidence went to show that Emma Lavin, who was possessed of considerable jewelry and some money, had been invited to visit the Gools, who were in easy circumstances. There she was killed and later a quantity of her jewelry was found in the possession of Goold and his wife. Her body was dismembered and packed in a trunk and valise, which the murderers were trying to dispose of when the crime was discovered.

AOKI'S RECALL.

Paris Temps Thinks Not Directed Against United States.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The return to Tokio from Washington of Viscount Aoki is not generally understood in Paris, but the best interpretation is that it is only a question between the ambassador and his government. It is not believed that his return is in any sense directed against the United States.

The Temps today dwells at length upon the naval section of the message of President Roosevelt, and says: "The difficulties which the government at Washington and Tokio must regulate antedates the dispatch of the American fleet to the Pacific; their origin is economic and moral. The Japanese, as a result of the California incident, cannot fail to be in this movement at the American fleet a measure of precaution directed against themselves. But in the present state of international relations military precautions never are useless precautions. President Roosevelt understands this well, and his foresight entitles him to honor."

COMMITTEE DISCUSSES FINANCIAL QUESTION.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The newly-appointed house committee on banking and currency held its first meeting today, spending two and a half hours in discussing the currency question in several of its phases. At the conclusion of the meeting several of the members stated that as a result of the conference the members of the committee were nearly together that they had never before, notwithstanding the same men—with the exception of three—composed the committee during the Fifty-ninth Congress.

The only definite action taken at this initial meeting was the authorization of the chair to appoint a sub-committee of five to draft and submit a currency bill to correct the present financial situation. There will be no hearings before the committee until the sub-committee has finished its task and the completed draft is in the hands of the chairman.

The recurrence of two phases of the currency question marked the conference. These were: The creation of elasticity in the currency and the disposition of reserve balances in national banks. The committee was apparently agreed that it will sanction no move to increase the bulk of paper money, but will confine itself to the consideration of the best means of injecting elasticity. The plan of providing for the issuance of national bank credit notes which can be instantly drawn into circulation when general conditions require an increased currency, was passed and discussed at some length.

The view was strongly urged that the laws should be changed so as to prevent the absorption of reserve moneys in national banks by banks in reserve cities. National banks are required to hold in reserve cities three-fifths of their reserve capital and it was pointed out that under this requirement country banks have to send this reserve portion to the nearest designated reserve city, whose banks, it was asserted, loan it out in time of sudden emergency find themselves unable to respond to the call of the country banks for return of the deposits. Several members of the committee expressed the opinion that the loaning of reserve funds should be checked by legislation.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

E. V. Moorehouse, Whose Father Shot Himself, Commits Suicide.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 4.—In response to a telephone message received from E. V. Moorehouse, who said he was in trouble, Dr. J. Koch of Maryville, Mo., went to the Moorehouse home in that city and found Mr. Moorehouse dead on the floor, one bullet hole in his right temple and another near the heart. Mrs. Moorehouse was away from home at the time.

There is no motive known for Moorehouse's suicide. He was a prosperous real estate dealer, and his affairs were evidently in good shape. He was about 39 years old. He was the son of former Gov. A. P. Moorehouse, who was elected lieutenant-governor of Missouri in 1884 and succeeded Gov. Marmaduke when the latter died. Former Gov. Moorehouse killed himself by shooting some years ago.

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