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HUNT HIM DOWN!

The peace officers in this city should
not allow the miscreant who so brutally
assaulted a respectable young woman
on Sunday night, to escape the just
penalty for his crime. And the officers
at Fort Douglas are in duty bound to
aid in the identification and arrest of
the miserable scoundrel. This matter
must not be dropped with the first
endeavor and failure to capture the ruf-
fian. The victim of his violence in-
sure she can identify him, and the
marks of her nails on his face will aid
in doing so. For the sake of the women
and girls of the community, the
atrocious outrage of Sunday night
must not go unpunished.We have no desire to interfere in
any way with the authority or discipline
of the command at the Fort. We have
always upheld the military in its
own sphere. We have been able to do
this with pleasure here, because of the
gentlemanly and peaceable disposition
and deportment of the officers. But we
must say there seems to have been
some laxity, either in camp regulations
or their enforcement, for some time
past. Soldiers are very lax to stay
down town till a late hour, as may
be seen by the crowds which fill
up the street cars going to the Fort
towards midnight. The condition of
some of the "boys in blue" is such
that they are a menace to peace
and good order, and insubordination
does not seem to be regarded as an offense
against military regulations.We do not wish this to apply in all
cases or even to the majority. Many
of the soldiers who go to camp at a
late hour act like gentlemen, and no
fault can be reasonably found with
their conduct. But it does appear necessary
to institute closer inspection of
the men who come reeling into quarters
at a very late hour, and who are quar-
relsome and reckless, and sometimes a
nuisance to their sober companions and
to other decent passengers on the cars.For the sake of their own reputation,
the soldiers who were with the brute
on Sunday night should assist in his
identification. They know who it was
that stepped off the car to follow that
young woman, and they will violate no
rule of comradeship or of military hon-
or by giving him up or pointing him
out to justice. The thought that men's
wives, sisters or daughters are not safe,
in walking alone for half a block at
night, from the violence of villains
wearing the uniform of the United
States army, is so repellant as to arouse
the highest indignation. Let the brute
be hunted down and dealt with ac-
cording to the law both civil and mili-
tary.Since the foregoing was put in type
we learn that the assailant of the young
lady has been identified, arrested and
turned over to the civil authorities.
There was a strong feeling of wrath
among the soldiers, who have no sym-
pathy with the criminal, but were so
highly incensed that there was danger
of his being lynched by them, and the
officers have very properly surrendered
him to the police. Now let justice take its
course legally and without tumult or
disturbance.

REPORT ON THE SITUATION.

In the dispute between the striking
miners and the Utah Fuel company, the
Deseret News has advocated the
maintenance of law and order. It was
because of violations of law and threats
of disorder that the militia were ordered
to the scenes of disturbance. The
Governor received the support of bona
fide citizens of all classes and parties,
in sending the National Guard to pre-
serve the peace. We firmly believe
that this step was necessary, and that
life and property have been preserved
in consequence.Contradictory reports have reached
this city concerning the course of the
civil and military authorities at the
coal camps. These have doubtless been
exaggerated on both sides. But no de-
finitive proofs have been given of wrong-doing on the part of officials required
to uphold the law. The Governor re-
cently authorized General John Q. Can-
non to investigate the charges against
the guards employed by the Utah Fuel
company. He performed this duty and
returned his report which has been
published in the city papers. It is writ-
ten in a spirit of fairness and carries
with it the conviction that the charges
have not been warranted by the facts.The seal of the officers entrusted with
the enforcement of the law, is rather as
they are legally and within the lines
of their duty they should receive the
support of the public. When they are
labeled, no matter by whom, they have
an undoubted right to be vindicated
by lawful means. An attorney has no
more right to libel an officer or a com-
mon citizen than any other person has,
and if he breaks the law he ought to be
prosecuted with at least equal vigilance
and severity as if he were an ordinary
individual.We think the report of Gen. Cannon
sets the situation in a clear and com-
prehensive light, and we therefore see
no reason why martial law should be
proclaimed, or that there should be any
change in the proceedings until the
likelihood of danger from evicted or
rejected strikers has entirely passed.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

The Chicago Record-Herald an-
nounces that a bill providing for the
creation of a national arbitration tribu-
nal, for the settlement of labor dis-
putes, will in the near future be intro-
duced in congress by Senator Cullom.
This tribunal is to consist of the secre-
tary of the department of commerce
and labor, ex-officio, and five other
members to be appointed by the presi-
dent. It will have power to summon
representatives of both sides of the
controversy, and all papers and infor-
mation that may be necessary to an
adjudication of the differences between
employers and employees, the purpose
of the measure being to avert a strike
and the losses to mechanics and em-
ployees incident to a strike while the
matter in dispute is being heard.The great difficulty with any such
measure is to induce, or compel, the
parties to the dispute to avail them-
selves of this means of settlement, and
to abide by the decrees given. The bill
referred to proposes to force the parties
to arbitrate, by the pressure of public
opinion. A refusal to submit to arbi-
tration is to be followed by a complete
disclosure of all details relating to the
dispute. It is supposed, however, that
the proposed national commission,
since it is composed of men of the
highest ability and integrity, can exer-
cise a moral force through the powers
conferred by the law that would insure
acceptance of its decrees as being just
and equitable.There is some objection to "compul-
sory" arbitration, and it is thought that
it would be unconstitutional. But "com-
pulsory" arbitration does not curtail
the rights of laborers to cease working,
when they prefer to take a rest, or
when they think the wages paid are
lower than they deserve. Nor does it
interfere with the right of employers to
change hands, or to go out of business.
It simply means that when a difference
of opinion exists between employers
and employees regarding wages, hours
of labor, and similar subjects, it shall
be unlawful to strike, or to lock out,
in order to force an agreement, and the
matter shall be laid before the properly
constituted board for settlement. Some
such arrangement is called for by the
fact that industries not directly con-
cerned are generally made to suffer the
consequences of any big strike. This
is manifestly wrong. The laws must
be made to protect the innocent party.
Else what is the use of states and
law? For each one to protect his in-
terests the best he can, is a retreat to
primitive conditions.

THE ROOT OF THE EVIL.

Reports show that 113 homicides were
committed in Chicago last year. Eleven
of these are classed as "justifiable," so
that the record of murder for that city
for one year is about two a week. This
is contrasted with the record of London,
which, although the population is
more than three times that of Chicago,
was only 20 murders for the same period.
The coroner attributes the fearful
condition in Chicago mainly to the fact
that anyone can procure a revolver, and
he suggests that legislation be adopted
for the prevention, as far as possible,
of irresponsible persons carrying arms."I believe," he says, "that if every
dealer in firearms were compelled to
take the name and address of each
purchaser of a revolver and forward
same to the chief of police daily, it
would restrict their sale, and while it
may not eradicate the evil it would
doubtless be a step in the right direc-
tion."The recommendation certainly is en-
titled to consideration, but a remedy
must aim at the education of public
sentiment to a regard for human life.
It is the disregard of this that makes
people desire to carry arms and kill
on the slightest provocation. It is
difficult to see how the sentiment can
be changed, as long as murderers are
not surely and promptly dealt with ac-
cording to law, without regard to so-
cial status, wealth, or sex. In England
the laws are more promptly and more
impartially applied than here, and the
effect is just as noted in the compari-
son between Chicago and London. One
of the most efficient remedies against
crime is the unerring application of the
law. When the law speaks with un-
certain voice, sometimes condemning
and sometimes exonerating, not accord-
ing to facts but according to the fan-
cies of lawyers and juries, it is brought
into contempt among the masses, and
they become a law unto themselves.
Is that not the real secret of American
lawlessness?

UNIQUE JOURNALISM.

A unique newspaper enterprise is that
which has been planned by the celeb-
rated London Journalist, William T.
Stead. His idea is to combine with the
newspaper, a messenger service. An-
other peculiarity is that it will be an
afternoon paper, appearing in the
morning. It will be delivered by uni-formed girl messengers. Further, Mr.
Stead says: "Depots will be established
at various points in the city, at each of
which I expect to have a 'poste res-
tante,' which do not exist in London
now. There will be a free telephone,
circulating library, reading room, or a
place of call, and, I hope, an auto-
matic restaurant. If a wife who has to
stay at home wishes to send a mes-
sage, all she has to do is to put it in an
envelope in the morning, and in two
hours it will be at the depot. The
message will be sent on to the trades-
man, the article desired being delivered
C. O. D. in the afternoon. It is a so-
cial experiment as to whether one can
use a newspaper social service. I
shall be a sort of preaching friar, who
will be willing to act as a maid of all
work." The world is accustomed to look
to this country for original ideas, but
in this case, Mr. Stead is far ahead.
However, when the possibilities of
journalism in the kitchen and the gro-
cery shop are demonstrated, further
progress in that direction may be look-
ed for, and a journalistic field may be
discovered in the cleaning of chicken
coops and the whitewashing of fences,
for instance. Eternal progress!Christmas comes on apace and the
bills do follow.The boys are doing what they can to
keep the snowball rolling.A short road to wealth—from Rock-
efeller's residence to Wall street.Steel preferred must have struck bot-
tom else why should it keep bounding
up?The coldness of the Depew's to Mrs.
T. C. Platt must be due entirely to the
weather.Nothing beats a slippery sidewalk for
taking a fall out of a man unless it be
a banana peel.Panama is preparing to hold a con-
stitutional convention. This is more
revolutionary than the revolution.The President refuses to take part in
the Illinois quarrel. A wise decision,
for he may have troubles of his own.Those who are tearing down fences
on the public lands in Nebraska are
thereby building up their own "fences."The Republican National committee
undoubtedly chose the longest day in
the year for the convention because it
anticipated a long session.There was no room in Westminster
Abbey for Herbert Spencer's remains,
yet the English pantheon holds many
and many a man of far lesser note.The dealers are preparing to make
war on the free seed practice. What
they want is to compel both the gov-
ernment and the people to buy of them.President Harper says that New
York can not understand Chicago, nor
can it understand the University of
Chicago. Still New York understands
a thing or two.And now Secretary of War Root has
been talking "foreign war," and has
found it necessary to make an explana-
tion. Welcome the day when the big
military men will talk common sense!Dr. Harper says that Boston is pro-
vincial, and the Hub papers retort by
saying that he is narrow. If the learn-
ed and cultured talk like this of
each other, what shall common people
say of each other when they fall out.Pittsburg bid a hundred thousand
dollars for the Republican National
convention, but Chicago got it for sixty
thousand, showing that a Chicago
nomination is deemed to be worth at
least forty per cent more than a Pitts-
burg one.Mr. Justice Brown of the United
States supreme court has no intention
of resigning from that august tribunal,
though assured that it will not be long
ere he loses his eyesight entirely. He
has accustomed himself to work with
the assistance of others, a secretary
and members of his family doing his
reading for him, and writing out his
opinions at dictation. Justice Brown's
case calls to mind the fact that the
blind Milton dictated his "Paradise
Lost" to an amanuensis, usually one of
his daughters."A distinctly unpleasant episode in
international politics will thus come to
a conclusion, and it will be a relief to
every one, and especially to the best
friends of the United States, when ob-
livion can cover an act which, however,
it may find its justification in the ir-resistible movement of national ex-
pansion, reflects no credit on those
who accept the responsibility for it by
accepting its results," says the London
Chronicle. The Chronicle strains at
the Panama gnat, but it swallowed the
Boer camel all right.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Oakland Enquirer.

The annual message, no matter how
much it may be praised by editorial
partisans, is still made up of a large
amount of chaff containing hidden
away in it, a few grains of wheat. If
the chaff could be carefully winnowed
off, the grain would be more easily
found. As it is, few have the patience
to seek it.

San Francisco Chronicle.

In concluding the message, a large
space is devoted to a full statement of
the recent action of the government in
relation to the isthmian canal and the
republics of Colombia and Panama. A
concise historical review is followed by
a statement of the reasons controlling
and justifying the recent action of
the United States. This portion of the
message, however, is too interesting
and important to be epitomized and
should be read in full by every Ameri-
can citizen.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

A strongly written passage of the
message is directed against official cor-
ruption. The official who sells his sac-
red trust for his own gain and en-
richment, the president says, is as wicked
as the murderer. "The corrupt official
and the man who corrupts the official
alike aim at the assassination of the
commonwealth itself. Government of the
people, by the people, for the people,
will perish from the face of the earth
if bribery is tolerated." "No city or
state, still less the nation, can be in-
jured by the enforcement of law. As
long as public plunderers when detected
can find a haven of refuge in any for-
eign land and avoid punishment, just
so long encouragement is given them to
continue their practices. If we fail to
do all that in us lies to stamp out
corruption we cannot escape our share
of responsibility for the guilt. The first
requirement of successful self-government
is unflinching enforcement of the law
and the cutting out of corruption."

Kansas City Star.

Mr. Roosevelt delivered himself more
strongly than ever on the subject of
criminal betrayal of public trust. His
views and his action on corruption in
public departments are well known. He
has never regarded personal interests
or party expediency in the prosecution
of charges against bribees, grafters, nat-
uralization frauds, postal abuses and
public land swindles. In his eyes there
is no politics in the prosecution of
criminals or the rigid demand for hon-
est men in positions of trust.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The message compares the conduct of
the United States and Colombia, to the
great disadvantage of the latter, and
after a summing up of the case says
that "the government of the United
States would have been guilty of folly
and weakness, amounting in their sum
to a crime against the nation, had it
acted otherwise than as it did when the
revolution of Nov. 3 last took place in
Panama." He asserts that honor de-
manded that the United States should
act as it has acted in this case, and
that it is its duty to build
the canal, and that the enterprise "can-
not be held up to gratify the whims of
or out of respect to the governmental
impotence or to the even more sinister
and evil political peculiarities of people
who, though they dwell afar off, yet,
against the wish of the actual dwellers
on the isthmus, assert an unreal su-
premacy over the territory."

Boston Transcript.

The president then proceeds to con-
sider the relations of labor to capital.
This portion of his message is not so
radical as might be inferred from his
reference to "union labor" as a distinct
factor of the problem. If we are not
mistaken, this is one of the first times,
if the very first time, that a presi-
dent of the United States has, in a
public message, discussed "union labor"
in its relation to organized capital. Yet
the president's conclusions are not so
radical as might be inferred from his
exordium. He lays down the perfectly
manifest proposition that no man is
above the law and no man is beneath
the law. "Nor," he adds, "do we ask
any man's permission when we require
him to obey it (the law). Obedience to
the law is demanded as a right; not
asked as a favor."

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