

GOV. SPARKS WILL ADVISE PRESIDENT

Not Satisfied That He Has Correct Understanding of Goldfield Situation.

IS PREPARING A STATEMENT.

Will Request That at Least a Portion of the Troops be Retained in Camp.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 22.—Gov. Sparks, it is understood, is preparing a statement of present conditions in Goldfield, to be telegraphed to President Roosevelt. The governor is not satisfied that the president yet has the true light on the situation, notwithstanding the report of the commission and the order of the war department for the withdrawal of the troops. The communication to the president will also, it is said, contain a request for the retention of at least a portion of the troops now here after the date set for their going. The order for the movement of the troops back to their permanent quarters came from Gen. Funston to Col. Reynolds, in command here, today.

To supplement the request of the governor, a communication has gone to him from Sheriff Reynolds of this county. Benjamin Rosenthal, chairman of the county commissioners, and Commissioner Spink. This statement to the president asserts that the county officials will be unable to handle the situation after the departure of the troops, should trouble ensue.

The sheriff is reorganizing his force of deputies and adding thereto. The newly appointed deputies are in the pay of the Goldfield Mine Owners' association and have begun already to patrol the principal streets in the vicinity of the mines, armed with shotguns and automatic revolvers.

Acting President Mahoney of the Western Federation of Miners said, after going over the situation with the officers of the local miners' union, that the Western Federation of Miners would uphold the local in all that it had previously done, and will stand squarely behind it in its future actions. He says there can be with the Goldfield mine owners no compromise which discredits or eliminates the Western Federation, and he is not optimistic of any speedy settlement.

The union pickets surround the mines again today and the guard of the mine owners patrolled close by. Around the property of the Consolidated company a high barbed-wire fence is being built.

SPARKS' STATEMENT.
Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—From his bed this morning Gov. Sparks, who is a sick man, made the following statement:

"Throughout this whole controversy I have acted according to my best judgment. I believed, from advice that I received from confidential agents in Goldfield that trouble was imminent in the mining camp. I knew that dynamite had been stolen from the mines, that the miners were armed and prepared for trouble, and the picketing of mines and preventing men from working was damaging property. I was also advised that the sheriff and other civil authorities were unable to cope with the situation. I made these facts clear to the president and in the absence of

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any state militia, I asked that troops be sent to prevent trouble. I thought there was no necessity, and that no good could be accomplished by calling a special session of the legislature.

"It is true, that since the arrival of the troops there has been no violence. And that is why we asked for troops. I believe that so long as there were regular soldiers on the ground there would be no outbreak, but I feared, and had reason to fear, that unless such action were taken immediately there would be riot and bloodshed.

"While I was in Goldfield I investigated personally the conditions that prevailed. I found that the business men were afraid of violence and that the women were in terror. Dozens of women have left the city because they feared trouble. I found that there was an organized band of high graders and that the sheriff is absolutely unable to secure a conviction of any one thief. I learned that there are over 1,000 rifles in the possession of the miners, and that the spirit of many of the men is such as to warrant me in believing that these rifles would be used upon small pretext.

"While Gen. Funston was there I conferred with him frequently. After he had made a thorough investigation, seeking information from all sources, he told me that it was his opinion that the troops had arrived none too soon. I think he considered the situation grave, and he gave me to understand that he endorsed my action in requesting that the troops be sent. He practically stated that a portion of the troops would remain in Goldfield until winter had passed.

"President Roosevelt has evidently acted upon the advice of the commission which he sent to investigate. They were there a short time and their investigations were performed much more completely than those conducted by Gen. Funston. I have always had a high regard for the president, but I believe he has made a serious mistake. I hope that no blood will stain the streets of Goldfield because of his error, but I fear before many days have passed some violent outbreak will prove the wisdom of his act.

"I have given no thought to issuing a special call for the legislature. If I thought I could accomplish anything by so doing, I would not hesitate a second. I shall do all in my power to maintain order, however."

Gov. Sparks will probably leave for Carson tomorrow. His present illness was contracted on the night when in the midst of a storm he came from Carson to Reno to meet the troops as they went through to Goldfield.

COMMISSION STARTS HOME.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—United

States Commissioner of Labor Charles F. Smith and the two officials who assisted in investigating conditions at Goldfield, left for the east at 10 o'clock tonight, two hours after their arrival. Washington, Dec. 22.—It was stated at the White House tonight that telegraphic appeals sent by civil bodies, mine owners and individuals of Goldfield, Nev., to President Roosevelt urging upon him the necessity of retaining a portion of the federal troops at Goldfield indefinitely, had been received, but that no action had been decided upon.

STEAD IS BELLOCOS.
Says Sending Fleet to Pacific is Putting It Into Mouth of Jap Lion.

London, Dec. 22.—William T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, in an article in the Daily Mail justifying his recent advocacy of Great Britain's replying to Germany's naval program by laying down two Dreadnoughts for every one Germany builds, argues that Germany has weakened instead of strengthened her position in the world by building a fleet, because the whole German navy virtually is a hostage in the hands of a stronger naval power.

"For any power to have a fleet on the high seas," says the writer, "is not the strongest fleet, it is an increase not of strength, but of vulnerability. For instance, the American fleet in the Pacific is supposed to be a menace to Japan. In reality, it ventures in the northern Pacific. Uncle Sam will be bound over to good behavior to the whole value of the fleet. The United States, invulnerable on land, is venturing her head into the jaws of the Japanese lion, and while the fleet remains in the Pacific Americans will be very civil to Japan."

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CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE CONGRESS CLOSES.

Washington, Dec. 22.—To a telegram sent by President Luis Anderson of the Central American peace conference, which has just brought its sessions to a close in this city, to the presidents of the five Central American republics, a reply has been received from the heads of three of those governments—Costa, Rica, Nicaragua and Salvador—showing that those governments are in complete accord with the action of the conference. Prompt and favorable replies are expected from the presidents of Honduras and Guatemala. President Anderson's telegram and the replies thereto are as follows:

"Dec. 20, 1907.—The presidents of the Republics of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador:—The Central American peace conference, having happily terminated their labors today, have agreed by acclamation to recommend the governments of Central America to grant full amnesty for political offenses and others connected therewith.

"Upon communicating to your excellency this generous appeal, we rely upon your high sentiments in entertaining the hope that you may see fit to crown our labor with a measure which will be a pledge of reconciliation and fraternity and a happy beginning of an era of concord for our Central American family."

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"GONZALES VIQUEZ,
"President of Costa Rica."

"Pleased to hear of the happy termination of the Central American peace conference. In accord with high sentiments that animate the honorable delegates, my government has already granted amnesty for political offenses. I congratulate the honorable delegates."

J. S. ZELAYA,
"President of Nicaragua."

"Impressed with the pleasing appeal of the conference, I have the pleasure to advise you that with respect to Salvador the government has decreed amnesty since the latter part of November."

"TEJEROSA,
"President of Salvador."

DR. H. P. LOOMIS DEAD.
New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Henry Patterson Loomis, professor of therapeutics and clinical medicine at Cornell university, and former president of the American academy of medicine, died suddenly from pneumonia today at his home here.

Mr. Loomis was the son of the late Dr. Alfred L. Loomis and Sarah Patterson Loomis and was born in New York City in 1852.

WILL NOT REOPEN.

Colorado State Bank of Durango and Smelter City Bank.

Denver, Col., Dec. 2.—Neither the Colorado State bank of Durango, and its branch bank at Pagosa Springs,

nor the Smelter City State bank, also at Durango, both of which closed their doors week before last, will be able to reorganize and reopen, according to H. M. Healy, state bank commissioner, who returned from Durango yesterday, after placing the institutions in the hands of receivers to wind up their affairs.

The liabilities of the Colorado State and the Pagosa branch are \$130,000, which do not include a capital stock of \$15,000. The assets have a face value of \$450,000, but are of such character as to fall very far short of meeting the indebtedness.

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A PLEASANT DUEL.

Hungarian Premier Gives Opponent

Barreness Blow With Flair of Sword.

Budapest, Dec. 22.—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, and former Minister of Justice Polanyi, fought a duel today with swords as a result of an allegation of political dishonesty made against the premier by the ex-minister at a sitting of parliament a few days ago. The meeting took place at noon.

Dr. Wekerle was the bigger and stronger of the two, and proved his superiority as a swordsman in both bouts that were fought. He broke his opponent's guard and dealt him a harmless blow with the flat of his sword. Minister Polanyi then apologized to Dr. Wekerle, whereupon they shook hands.

After the duel the premier telegraphed an account of the affair to the emperor, who sent back his congratulations.

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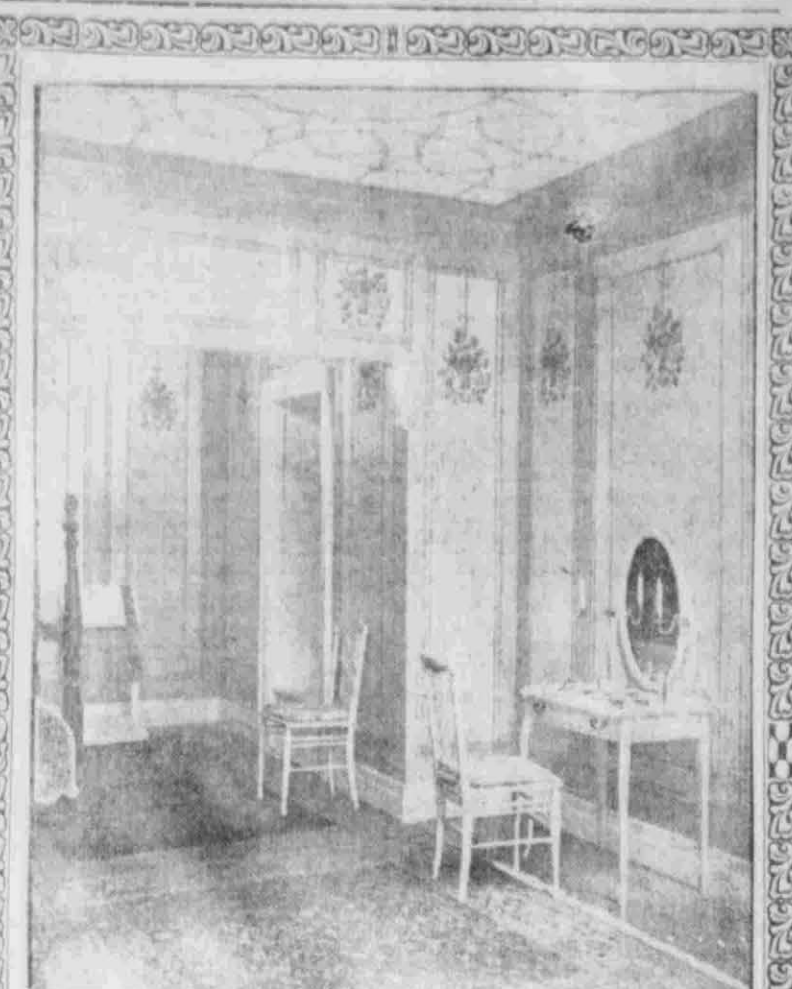
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