

MINERS FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS

Executive Board of Western Federation Appeals to President Roosevelt

MAY LIVE WHERE THEY CHOOSE.

Gen. Bell Receives a Letter Wrapped Around a Human Finger—Ears Will Soon Follow.

Denver, Dec. 2.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt:

"At the present time officers of the state of Colorado under the guise and pretext of enforcing law, have ordered a large number of reputable and self-sustaining citizens and residents to leave Telluride, Colo., under penalty of being imprisoned or otherwise severely dealt with. These citizens and residents are not guilty of any crime against the laws of the state or United States. The constitution and laws of the United States pertaining to civil rights are being flagrantly violated, and we call upon you under the civil rights statutes and under section 158 of the revised statutes of the United States, to investigate conditions prevailing there and give to these persons who have been so outraged the protection guaranteed to them by the law of the land."

ADVICE TO REMAIN.

The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, in session in this city, today sent the following telegram to Guy E. Miller, president of the Telluride, Colo., Miners' union.

"Advise all men who were ordered to leave town as result of alleged vagrancy trials to remain in Telluride. The justice of the peace nor any other official or county or state can compel persons to leave any place where they choose to live. The constitution of the United States concerning civil rights makes it unlawful for officers to deny these rights. Howe, Hutan and others are subject to punishment in United States courts and the law will be duly invoked. You are assured of the hearty support of the Western Federation of Miners."

A FINGER FOR GEN. BELL.

Adj. Gen. Sherman M. Bell today received from Telluride the following letter, wrapped around a human finger:

"Gen. Bell—We send you the fin-



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gor of a man who disappeared from Telluride some time ago. His ears will follow and then his head. If his friends want to see him again in any other way but the way we send him, you have got to do one thing. We only want you to withdraw the troops from Telluride at once. If you do not you will receive his ears in a few days. Don't try to find us, for it is not in the power of a tin soldier to do it.

"S. N."

A physician who examined the finger pronounced it the ring finger from the right hand and said it was evidently sent shortly before the letter was mailed, as the bloodstains on the letter bore evidences of being fresh and the blood on the finger was hardly dry yet.

After conferring with Gov. Peabody, Gen. Bell turned the letter over to the postoffice inspectors, who will endeavor to trace its author. It is generally believed at the capital that the matter was intended as a hoax.

It developed tonight that the bloody finger came from the office of a local surgeon, and it is charged that it was sent to Gen. Bell as a joke by certain newspaper reporters.

Gen. Bell tonight issued a statement in which he declares that he has placed the matter in the hands of the postal authorities, and that no effort will be spared to secure the apprehension and punishment of the parties responsible for the hoax.

Wages Reduced.

Sharon, Pa., Dec. 1.—A reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the employees of the American Steel Foundry company went into effect today. About 400 men are affected.

Patterson, N. J., Dec. 1.—A 10 per cent reduction in wages went into effect at the plant of the Passaic Steel company today. Officials as well as workmen will be affected. The reduction will continue in force until the steel market shows signs of improvement.

Am. Bridge Co. Gives Up Contracts

New York, Dec. 2.—It is announced that the American Bridge company has decided to give up, for the present, its construction department so far as the New York district is concerned. This

will enable work to proceed on a large number of contracts.

The main reason is said to be that a number of contracts which have been submitted to the company by members of the building trade and employers' association have been held up because the latter body will not recognize the American Bridge company as a contractor. It is still bound by the agreement which it made last April with local No. 2, and work has been at a standstill since then. The contracts will be taken over by a local firm.

NATIONAL BANK NOTES.

Total Circulation on Nov. 30, Was \$421,066,979.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The monthly statement of the controller of the currency shows that at the close of business Nov. 30, 1903, the total circulation of national bank notes was \$421,066,979, an increase for the year of \$35,252,465, and an increase for the month of \$1,386,236. The amount of circulation based on United States bonds was \$383,015,184, an increase for the year of \$41,018,872, and an increase for the month of \$2,367,962. The circulation secured by lawful money aggregated \$38,058,495, a decrease for the year of \$69,698, and a decrease for the month of \$51,197.

The amount of United States registered bonds on deposit to secure circulation of notes was \$384,255,930, and to secure public deposits \$155,585,940.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for the month of November the total receipts were \$44,692,594, and the expenditures \$47,427,758, leaving a deficit for the month of \$2,735,164. The receipts from custom shown to have been \$19,220,247, a decrease for the month of about \$3,370,000; internal revenue, \$21,235,611, an increase of \$2,354,000; miscellaneous, \$4,236,735, an increase of \$2,066,000. The expenditures on account of the war department show a decrease of \$1,450,000. For the navy, an increase is shown of \$3,702,000.

The monthly coinage statement issued by the director of the mint shows that during November total coinage executed at the mints of the United States was \$10,925,120, as follows: Gold, \$8,794,000; silver, \$1,401,000; minor coins, \$329,520.

In addition, 14,881,523 silver pieces were coined for the Philippine islands, and 1,400,000 silver pieces were coined for Venezuela.

Maj. Wood Inspector General.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Maj. William T. Wood has been appointed inspector general of the department of California. Col. George Andrews, the adjutant general, was officially notified of the appointment and issued instructions for him to be detached from his regiment, the Twentieth infantry.

Stand to Have a New Paper.

New York, Dec. 2.—William T. Stead announces that he will begin publishing an unique newspaper. January first, it probably will be known as "The Daily Paper," and be almost entirely sociological in character. Girls will deliver the sheet at homes after the husband has gone to his business. The

messengers will collect orders on payment to be telephoned at the expense of the publisher from depots established for the purpose, and the goods desired will be delivered collect by the storekeepers a few hours later. Several other innovations are proposed along this line. The news columns will be devoted almost exclusively to news for home circles, no sporting or market items being published. Four editions are planned, each suited to the various divisions of the city. Mr. Stead says the editorial views will be intensely political but not partisan.

Consolidated Lake Superior Co.

New York, Dec. 2.—Uncertainty hangs over the future of the \$100,000,000 Consolidated Lake Superior company, says a Herald dispatch from Philadelphia. Its fate is now in the hands of Speyer & Co., bankers of New York, who have the right to sell the property under foreclosure proceedings, on Dec. 15, because of the inability of the corporation to pay off a loan of \$5,000,000.

A lengthy conference has just been held here under counsel of both interests, and the Speyer representatives stated, at its conclusion, that they will notify the reorganization committee in a few days what course the banking house will pursue.

The time for making payment of the \$3 assessment on the stock of the Consolidated company which would have yielded \$8,000,000 cash, if all the stockholders had paid, expired yesterday. The result will be reported to the reorganization committee at a meeting today. It is said many who paid the first installment of the assessment declined to pay the second and third. They gave as their reason a belief that the plan would not become operative.

Move to End Strike.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 2.—The United Mine Workers officials in Trinidad are preparing a circular letter to the coal operators asking them to meet the miners who were in their employ, in confidence without reference to the officials or organizers of the unions. This letter, a copy of which will be sent to each one of the operators, is believed by the officials of the United Mine Workers to be a move in the direction of ending the strike.

A better feeling among the business men and strikers is evidenced, the former believing that the men will return to work at the earliest moment, and many of the miners expressing a willingness to go to work as soon as they can.

Sam Parks in Prison Hospital.

New York, Dec. 2.—"Sam" Parks, formerly business agent of the local Housewives and Bedegomen's union, is in the hospital in Sing Sing prison, to which he recently was sent for conspiracy in taking money from employers to call off strikes.

Parks was removed from his cell to the hospital by direction of the prison physician, who says he is a very ill man. The labor leader is a victim of consumption and it is expected he will be transferred to the prison hospital at Dannemora.

When Parks arrived at Sing Sing he was put to work in the brush shop. The work is not hard, and for a short



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time Parks totted along with the rest of the convicts, but the close confinement soon began to tell, and he broke down completely, necessitating his removal to the hospital.

Russo-German Commercial Treaty

New York, Dec. 2.—Negotiations for the Russo-German commercial treaty have been again adjourned, says a Berlin dispatch to the Times.

There is asserted to be little doubt, however, that in the end a treaty will be concluded on the general basis of the new German tariff.

Henry Klein's Will.

Helena, Dec. 1.—The will of the late Henry Klein, the well known Montana merchant, who died recently, was filed for probate in the district court today. In the distribution of the estate, each of the beneficiaries will probably receive at least twice as much as is provided by the specific bequests.

The will is dated July 1, 1898, and Mr. Klein's wealth at the time of his death was several times as great as it was at the time the will was made. Mrs. Asch, housekeeper for Mr. Klein, will receive about \$50,000, together with the family mansion. Mr. Klein's clerks will receive about \$2,000 each. A number of charitable institutions were remembered in the will.

Mechanical Engineers Meeting.

New York, Dec. 2.—More than 200 men from various parts of the country are attending the forty-eighth annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, which will continue until Friday.

At the opening session, James M. Dodge, of Philadelphia, the society's president, delivered his annual address on "The Money Value of Technical Training."

SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

Don't miss seeing our Grand Line of Suits and Overcoats for Winter Wear.

Men's Suits, single and double breasted, right material, good workmanship. \$5.00 up to \$30.00, or at any point between those prices.

Men's Overcoats—None Smarter or more handsome, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, up to \$30.00.

You'll certainly make no mistake if you buy your Winter Suit and Overcoat here. "Money back if not satisfied."

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Handkerchiefs.

50 dozen Ladies' Embroidered Swiss Handkerchiefs, SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, values up to 40c; special 14c

20 dozen Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs; also lace trimmed, value 20c, for 15c

Ladies' Fine Quality Cambric Handkerchiefs, sound bleach; value \$1.30; special 64c

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Is Now On, With a Whirl of Bargains on Every Hand. A Commanding Bargain Occasion, With an Immense Host of Good Things For This Great Sale. Only three more weeks till Xmas, and we are offering hundreds upon hundreds of the most useful and acceptable articles for Xmas gifts at Great Money-Saving Prices.

Make your selections of Holiday Gifts This Week from our large and up-to-date stock of Millinery, Waists, Suits, Skirts, Wrappers, Children's Coats, Dresses Furs, Fur Sets, Hosiery, Underwear, Neckwear, Gloves, Pocket-Books, Umbrellas, Brush and Comb Sets, Handkerchiefs and Ribbons at Tremendous Reductions.

Tailor-Made Suits

Now is the time to Buy a Tailor-Made Suit. It Will Make a Very Welcome Xmas Gift. OVER 100 TAILOR-MADE SUITS AT HALF PRICE. All in this season's up-to-date styles, made of first-class, reliable materials, perfect fitting in every respect.

Ladies' fine suits in nobby mixtures or plain navy or black chevrons, \$25 value for	\$12.50	\$30 Suits, \$20.	\$20.00
We offer about 30 very nobby suits, latest styles in handsome mixtures or black or navy chevrons, value \$30, for	\$15.00	\$45 Suits, \$22.50.	\$22.50
	\$17.50	A few swell styles, latest effects, value \$45, for	\$7.98
\$35 Suits For 17.50		\$16 Suits, \$7.98.	
Ladies' extra fine \$35.00 suits, newest effects, for			



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A Hat is Always a Welcome Xmas Gift. Take advantage of the Money-Saving Opportunity.

50 PER CENT OFF ON ALL PATTERN HATS. Over 500 Ladies' Trimmed Hats, all this season's best styles, at HALF PRICE. \$10.00 Hats for \$5.00; \$8.00 Hats for \$4.00; \$6.00 Hats for \$3.00; \$5.00 Hats for \$2.45.

CHILD'S BEST QUALITY BEAVER HAT, elegantly trimmed in all silk ribbons; value \$6.00, for	\$3.00	CHILD'S FELT HATS elaborately trimmed in plaid ribbons; value \$3.00 for	\$1.50
LARGE VARIETY OF CHILD'S TRIMMED HATS; value \$4.00 for	\$2.00	LARGE LINE OF LADIES' AND MISSES' READY-TO-WEAR HATS value to \$3.50, for	98cts

BELTS For Xmas Presents.

SILK BELTS, with oxidized buckles, latest styles; value 25c and 30c; special 19c

FANCY BRAIDED BELTS, tucked silk or elastic; latest style buckles; value 35c and 40c; special 29c

CRUSHED LEATHER BELTS, black only; the very latest; value 90c, for 69c

Hosiery.

Hose are always welcome Xmas gifts. Great reductions in this department for this sale. A few of our specials:

Ladies' Pile Lined Black cotton Hose, fast color; value 15c for 9c

Ladies' fleece lined cotton Hose, ribbed top, fast color; value 25c, for 17c

Ladies' heavy fleece lined cotton Hose, double sole, heel, fine quality; value 25c, for 27c

Ladies' seamless Wool hose, ribbed top, black only; value 35c, for 23c

CHILD'S' ribbed worsted Hose, foot black; value 20c, special 15c

Gloves.

Make ideal Xmas gifts. Special reductions for this sale. Now is your opportunity:

The celebrated MAJESTIC genuine Kid Glove, heavy quality; value \$2.50, special 1.69

Ladies' all wool Goat Glove, fancy and plain color; value 25c, for 22c

Ladies' half wool Mitts, black only, good quality; value 25c, special 12c

Ladies' double wool Mitts, black only, value 25c; special 19c

Four different lines of imported Golf Gloves, plain and fancy; the very latest; value 75c; for 59c

Ribbons.

Finest quality satin gros grain Ribbons, all silk.

No. 22; value 30c, special 15c

No. 16; value 25c; special 12c

No. 12; value 20c; special 10c

No. 8; value 15c, special 8c

No. 7; value 10c; special 6c

No. 5; value 8c; special 5c

Underwear.

Our large and elegant stock at great reductions during this sale.

LADIES' FLEECE Vests and pants, grey or ceru; value 25c; for 19c

LADIES' FLEECE Vests and pants, grey or ceru, fine quality; value 25c, for 27c

LADIES' SWISS Ribbed all wool Vests and pants, cream only; best quality, slightly soiled; value \$2.00; for \$1.23

BOYS' HEAVY Fleece Vests and pants, grey or brown; value 25c, special 29c

Boys' FLEECE union suits, fine quality Maco, grey only; value 47c; special 47c

Ladies' Dress Skirts.

Ladies' black serge dress skirts, value \$5 to \$3.50, for \$3.50

Ladies' black dress skirts, latest styles, value \$7, for \$4.95

Ladies' \$3 and \$5.50 dress skirts, assorted styles and materials, for \$5.95

Ladies' \$9.50 dress skirts, latest styles, for \$6.95

Ladies' extra fine dress skirts, \$15 SILK DRESS SKIRTS, latest styles in peau de soie \$10.45

\$20 SILK DRESS SKIRTS, newest styles \$13.50

Ladies' very fine vesting or linen skirt waists in white or white with small figures or dots, value \$4.95; for \$6.50

Notions.

LADIES' AUTOMOBILE BAGS in black or red; value 85c, special 69c

YOUR CHOICE of 50 Ladies' Shopping Bags; value up to \$1.25, special, only 85c

GERMAN POSE Hose Supporters, best quality silk elastic; value 60c, special 29c

Fancy Beaded Neck Chains, all colors and styles. Value 25c; special 19c

Value 25c; special 29c

Value 60c; special 39c

Fur Scarfs.

Make Very Acceptable Gifts. Make your selection this week at the greatly reduced prices.

ELECTRIC SEAL SCARF 21 inches long with 6 ten-inch tails value \$2.25, only \$1.50

NEARSEAL SCARF, 24 inches long with 6 15-inch tails, value \$3, for \$1.95

SABLE OPPOSSUM SCARF, 24 inches long with 6 10-inch tails, value \$7, for \$3.95

MATTEN SCARF, 24 inches long with 6 tails, value \$8.50, for \$5.45

Child's Dresses.

Our large stock of child's dresses at greatly reduced prices.

Child's dresses, 2 to 6 years, in red or blue, value \$2.25, for \$1.50

Child's dresses, 2 to 6 years, assorted colors, value \$2 to \$2.25, for \$1.25

Child's dresses, 2 to 6 years, and 6 to 14 years, nobby styles, value \$6.50, \$7.00, for \$4.95

Jackets & Coats

Large assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Jackets in Kerseys, Montagnes, Zibelines, etc., values \$2.00 to \$5.00, for \$1.00

In red, black, blue and brown.

Splendid line of Box Coats, made of Fine AMERICAN KERSEY, in ladies' or misses' size, in red, blue, castor, tan; trimmed with strapings and rows of stitching, heavy satin lining; value \$9.50, for \$6.98

Large variety of Ladies' Coats and Jackets, in castor, tan, navy, and black; value to \$13.50, for \$8.50

Ladies' \$15.00 Jackets in newest styles, tan, red, black and navy, for only \$9.95

Elegant line of stylish Coats in tan, blue, black, castor, red, etc., in very latest styles; value \$13.50 to \$20.00, for \$13.50

All Finer Garments at Great Reductions.

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From ages 2 to 14 years, at greatly reduced prices during this Great Sale.

Child's Coats, 2 to 6 years, in red or blue, white braid trim, for \$1.95

Large variety of Nobby Coats for Children 2 to 6 years, assorted colors; value \$5.00, for \$3.69

Nobby line of Child's Coats, 3 to 6 years, in castor, red, navy, for \$4.95

Child's Coats, very handsome styles, 2 to 6 years; value \$5.95 to \$8.50, for \$5.95

Elegant line of Fine Kersey Coats, red, castor, blue; value \$15.00, for \$9.95

Child's Fur Sets

Make Beautiful and Useful Xmas Gifts.

Our entire stock offered at very low prices during this sale.

Child's white Angora fur set, muff and collar, \$17.50 value, \$11.88 only

Child's fine white Angora fur set, muff and collar, value \$2, for \$1.69

Child's extra nice white Angora fur set, muff and collar, value \$3.50, for \$2.50

Walking Skirts.

Will make a fine Xmas present. We take pride in announcing that our stock of walking skirts is the largest and finest ever exhibited in this city, including hundreds of the best styles in finest up-to-date materials. Prices from \$15.00 to \$14.30

\$2 MELTON WALKING SKIRTS, \$1.48. Perfect fitting, ox-ford gray, value \$2, for \$1.48

Ladies' dark gray, walking skirts, value \$4.50, for \$2.95