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RECENT press despatches from Colorado contain many facts of importance to the American working class. According to these despatches General Bell, commanding officer in charge of the militia at Victor, declared, anent the deportation of "objectionable persons":

"One deportation after another will be made until there is no one left WHO IS PERSONA NON GRATA WITH THE ALLIANCE AND THE MINE OWNERS. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE ARRESTING MEN WHO ARE NOT WANTED HERE, AND WITH THE OTHERS THEY WILL BE RUN OUT OF THE DISTRICT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE."

Continuing on the same subject, and referring to the closing of the Portland mine, General Bell further declared:

"It is a military necessity. THEY ARE MEN AGAINST WHOM CRIMES CANNOT BE SPECIFIED, but their presence is regarded as dangerous to law and order. THE PORTLAND MINE WAS CLOSED TO PREVENT UNION MEN CONTRIBUTING TO LAWLESS STRIKERS."

It does not require a keen mind to note from the above that the Citizens' Alliance and the mine owners, backed by the militia, do not intend to observe any law, or to tolerate any persons or conditions detrimental to their criminal efforts to extirpate the Western Federation of Miners, kill the 8 hour agitation, and increase their profits and dividends. To the dullest mind the above shows that the Citizens' Alliance and the mine owners will only brook such persons, organizations and circumstances, as are favorable to their iniquitous designs.

These self-evident facts being made doubly evident, the following statement from the same despatches is now in order:

“THE CITIZENS’ ALLIANCE HAS RELIEVED MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR FROM ITS PROSCRIPTION AGAINST UNIONISTS. THIS WILL PERMIT EMPLOYMENT OF UNION PRINTERS, PRESSMEN, STEREOTYPERS, AND SEVERAL OTHER CLASSES OF WORKMEN.”

Need more be said?

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