

THE MINING UNIONS AT BUTTE

For several years Butte has been the stronghold of the Western Federation of Miners. It is so no more. A new organization has been formed at the expense of the old one. Little improvement has been made. There has been a change in leadership; but the new union vies with the old one in making a reputation for violence.

By resorting to mob rule the leaders of the Independent Union have taken control of Butte. The citizens who attempted to organize for protection against the Union leaders have been threatened with violence. The character of the president, Muckie McDonald, is indicated in a street speech:

"There is one thing I want to say to you people. We understand that the sheriff's office is planning to get the leaders of this union and that they expect to pick us up one at a time. Now I want to serve notice that if there is anything of that kind doing, you want to report it to headquarters at once. We don't stand for anything of that sort, and we serve notice right now that there will be some direct action if they try anything of that kind. We understand that some of the business men are in on it, too, and I don't know whether the city hall is in it too or not, but we want it understood that the new union is running Butte. If there are any skunks in this crowd we will take care of them, too. We didn't follow the example of the old union. We took the men who were our enemies and told them to get out of town; but we didn't mistreat them, and we didn't beat them up. We treated them all right, but told them to get out of town. We understand that the sheriff's office went and brought them back, but it won't be healthy for them to show up; that's all. Now, we are going to be peaceable; no one can say that Muckie McDonald has broken any law. We will not start anything, but if they start anything they had better look out. They will get some direct action."

It is not likely that American citizens will long submit to the rule of such men as Muckie. The mine operators have announced that Butte is now an open camp. The Western Federation leaders have brought ruin to that organization. The Independent Union has not proven worthy of recognition.

PEACEFUL GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS ARE SAFE.

It has come to the attention of the Government that many persons of German and Austro-Hungarian nationality who are residents of Canada are apprehensive for their safety at the present time. In particular the suggestion seems to be that they fear some action on the part of the Government which might deprive them of their freedom to hold property or to carry on business. These apprehensions, if they exist, are quite unfounded.

The policy of the Government is embodied in a Proclamation published in the Canadian Gazette on 15th August. In accordance with this Proclamation restrictive measures will be taken only in cases where officers, soldiers or reservists of the German Empire or of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy attempt to leave Can-

ada, or where subjects of such nationalities engage or attempt to engage in espionage or acts of a hostile nature, or to give information to or otherwise assist the King's enemies. Even where persons are arrested or detained on the grounds indicated they may be released on signing an undertaking to abstain from acts injurious to the Dominion or the Empire.

The Proclamation after stating that "there are many persons of German and Austro-Hungarian nationality quietly pursuing their usual avocations in various parts of Canada and that it is desirable that such persons should be allowed to continue in such avocations without interruption," directs as follows:

"That all persons in Canada of German or Austro-Hungarian nationality, so long as they quietly pursue their ordinary avocations be allowed to continue to enjoy the protection of the law and be accorded the respect and consideration due to peaceful and law-abiding citizens; and that they be not arrested, detained or interfered with, unless there is reasonable ground to believe that they are engaged in espionage, or engaging or attempting to engage in acts of a hostile nature, or are giving or attempting to give information to the enemy, or unless they otherwise contravene any law, order-in-council or proclamation."

Thus all such persons so long as they respect the law are entitled to its protection and have nothing to fear.

ONE TASK FOR ALL

By Rudyard Kipling, in London Times.

For all we have and are,
For all our children's fate,
Stand up and meet the war—
The Hun is at the gate!
Our world has passed away
In wanton overthrow;
There's nothing left to-day
But steel and fire and woe.

Though all we know depart,
The old commandments stand—
In courage keep your heart,
In strength lift up your hand.
Once more we hear the word
That sickened earth of old,
No law except the sword
Unsheathed and uncontrolled;
Once more it knits mankind,
Once more the nations go
To meet and break and bind
A crazed and driven foe.
Comfort, content, delight,
The ages' slow-bought gain,
They shrivel in a night—
Only ourselves remain
To face the naked days
In silent fortitude,
Through perils and dismays,
Renewed and re-renewed.
Though all we made depart,
The old commandments stand;
"In patience keep your heart!
In strength lift up your hand!"
No easy hopes or lies
Shall bring us to our goal—
But iron sacrifice
Of body, will and soul.
There's but one task for all,
For each, one life to give;
Who stands if freedom fall?
Who dies if England live?