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## UNITED ACTION.

The action taken at last Tuesday's meeting in appointing a permanent miners' committee was a step in the right direction. It is the beginning of what we hope will in the end develop into a strong, compact, well-organized body of miners. The present committee's powers are limited, but it can draft plans for organization and present them to future mass meetings. It must be conceded that without organization nothing can be accomplished in securing redress from the heavy burdens under which the country is at present laboring. Agitation, if unaccompanied by definite and concerted action will accomplish nothing. Hence, it becomes imperative that the miners as a body must act and act promptly if they desire recognition for what are clearly their rights.

We suggest, therefore, to the committee that among the first of the important matters to which attention should be given is the foundation of plans for organizing all miners and claim owners into a single body. As suggested before in these columns such a plan carefully carried out by the proper men would result in an organization whose influence in shaping the affairs of the Yukon district will be most powerful. We are convinced that once the needs of the country become known and the exaggerations and false representations that have been so widely spread give way to plain, brief statements of fact, a better era will dawn for the Yukon valley.

But the miners, themselves, must bring this about. United action must be taken and taken immediately if anything is to be accomplished. No government in this age can stand opposed to a united public sentiment, and when intelligent and concerted measures are taken for presenting the real conditions, beneficial results must follow.

## "NO ROYALTY."

Government of any kind is a necessary evil. The foundation of all law is self-defense. The protection of the individual was the motive which first prompted the banding together of the first tribe wherever that happened to be. Having thus secured itself from external depredations there was forced to set to the tribe a like necessity of internal defense; hence the first law. When Moses proposed the law: "Thou shalt not steal" upon his people, it was not to prevent himself from stealing from the people. The self-appointed, and also the duly elected rulers of larger tribes have from that day to this, fallen into the same groove—making laws to bind the people below and never intended, like a good rule, to work both ways. Of late years—within a few centuries—the action has taken ground that "A government can take its just powers but from the consent of the governed." The continuance of the justification of that government presupposes the continuation of that consent from the class under control. This last

has ever been shown a prime factor in a successful government. To come down to homely conditions and the coined expressions of the times: Popular government, such as that of the British nation and the United States, is the only form which can be justified under our foregoing premises; and public opinion must be the final judge and highest critic of even these two. Now then let us apply this criterion to our present government in the Yukon district; to the laws under which we live. Nowhere else, except in her penal colonies has Great Britain imposed upon her people unpopular military or semi-military governments—and in saying this we in now reflect upon the representative of that military government at this point. It is all that could be desired in one direction only: No one here but admits that never before have we been personally present where so astonishing a state of order, and safety to life and property, has been maintained. It is something to be remembered and spoken of the longest day we live. In all other requirements of a justable government it is lacking. The laws and regulations which are throttling the mining industry, by which the last one of us is to live, are not subject to amendment by the popular will nor to modification in conformity with the conditions as we know them to exist. True we can send petitions to Ottawa, but before it gets there that form of moulded public opinion may lose its weight and fail to impress the powers that be as the true reflection of the sentiments of the people. The homely simile of the man that killed the goose which laid the golden egg is quite applicable to the case in hand. "No royalty" is the cry from the mouth of Klondike to the mouth of Dominion—not because the individuals giving voice to the expression have all had to pay royalty and didn't like it. Indeed, the number of men held up by the royalty law is quite insignificant when compared with the great mass of men who are fighting for wages are affected because the amount of work to be obtained is cut down to its minimum by legislation which fixes a penalty for working claims on a scale which will make them produce over \$2500. Laboring men are opposed to it because it will partly close down the mines, discourage the development of others and thereby lessen the demand for labor. Merchants are opposed to it because they must prosper or fail as the miners work or suspend operations. Put to the test of public opinion the royalty tax is positively iniquitous in its disastrous results on the prospects of every inhabitant in the Yukon district. If revenue for expenses is desired how egregiously foolish to destroy or even retard the only source of revenue in the country—mining. Side lights thrown on the situation by officials show it to be their abiding hope and prayer that the country may be thoroughly prospected and its possible underlying wealth exposed to the gaze of an admiring world. Yet our seasoned old timers are hardly less discouraged than the less hardy new arrival, and mile after mile of possible gold land is being left undug and unproven. Representatives of capital are leaving us on every boat and are just as glad to get out as the owner of a half-dozen undug claims. Large mine owners declare that they will do no more work hereafter than is required to hold their claims. Tested by every known test the law is a mistake. Major Walsh's will probably be the first personal report made at Ottawa, and, unfortunately, that gentleman has not yet become convinced of the unwisdom of all royalty law for the Yukon. He will suggest a large number of modifications to the mining laws tending to make the miner's burdens a little lighter, but he has not yet intimated any inclination to recommend the abolishing of this unpopular measure.

We would like to suggest to this gentleman that here is an opportunity to show a wise deference to a unanimous public opinion. If we of the Klondike were within a few weeks to send a representative to Ottawa there can be no doubt in even the major's mind how that representative would be instructed. Every

second word of his instructions would be tinged with the "no royalty" cry.

The major is in no sense a representative of the people but a representative of the government, yet we suggest to him that in his verbal report at Ottawa he never forget that 20,000 people are eagerly hoping he will for once submit his judgment and come out flat-footed for the abolishing of this outrageous tax.

## POOR MARKSMANSHIP THE CAUSE.

The Spanish-American war has been one continual succession of surprises. No one, who knew anything of the relative strength and resources of the two countries had doubted the result at any time but we venture to say that there are few people who have not been greatly astonished at the ease with which the Spanish have been defeated, and at the exceedingly small number of American sailors and soldiers who have met death.

It is almost beyond comprehension that in the recent naval engagement at Santiago de Cuba but one American sailor was injured. The very best warships the Spanish fleet could boast were engaged in that struggle and the desperation with which the Spanish fought is proven by the fact that their ships were not surrendered until they had been battered almost to fragments and were ready to sink.

Of course the odds were heavily in favor of the Americans as indeed has been the case in nearly all the important engagements of the war. Cervera realized that should he remain in the harbor he would soon be caught in a trap from which there would be no escape. The American army was behind Santiago and the surrender of the town was only a question of a short time. Immediately the Americans gained possession of the town Cervera knew that the guns in the fortifications would be turned against his ships and he would find himself confronted on one side by the American army and on the other by the American fleet. To avoid being thus entrapped the Spanish admiral, like the brave old sailor he is, put to sea, preferring to lose his ships in the open ocean than cooped up in a harbor.

The American fleet was the stronger and Cervera was defeated, but this does not account for the great loss of life among the Spaniards and the insignificant injury that was done their opponents. The only conclusion that can be reached is that the Spanish marksmanship is of the poorest possible quality. Otherwise they could not have helped inflicting some damage upon the Americans.

There will always be a lurking regret among Americans that the conflict has been so essentially one-sided.

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