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### GOLDFIELDS STILL IN RING STRIKE HASN'T KILLED TOWN

Something About the Nevada  
Camp Which is Just Now Di-  
viding Interest With Cobalt.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—The Associated Press to-day received a communication from James H. Martin, editor of The Goldfield, Nev. Daily Tribune, making emphatic denials of the story published in a Chicago paper, that the population of Goldfield had decreased one-half as a result of the miners' strike. Instead of stores being closed, Mr. Martin stated that merchants are unable to handle the business offered, and that, according to a statement from the railroad, the arrivals exceed the departures.

Goldfield is the liveliest camp in Nevada to-day. The camp is three years old, and the population is estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000. There are three banks, one of them, the John S. Cook & Co. Bank, located in a three-story stone block, having a paid-up capital of \$250,000 and holding about \$4,300,000 deposits. This bank has established a branch in the Bullfrog district, with between \$700,000 and \$800,000 deposits. Within a stone's throw of this imposing block are cabins but little larger than a piano packing box, with roof of canvas, and here and there are tents wholly of canvas and half-embedded in snow. As an old Alaskan prospector remarked: "You can imagine yourself in the old Cape Nome camp so far as surroundings are concerned."

The heterogeneous character of the buildings has been indicated. The main street of Goldfield is crowded with representatives of every walk of life. The college graduate, well-dressed, clean-cut and intellectual, elbows his way through the crowd with the shaggy-coated prospector driven into the town by the severe blizzard. Fashionably dressed women brush the tattered garments of the unfortunate outcasts, who infest every community. You follow the stream of humanity until you are brought to a halt by a congestion in front of a well-lighted building. Your curiosity leads you into the latter, and you find yourself surrounded by every device to satisfy the gambling instinct. A boy in runabout jacket is seen placing a dime "red" and "black" on the opposite side of the table a well-dressed man in fur coat tosses a \$20 gold piece on the black. You see many stacks of gold and silver coin that are displayed on the counters of the largest bank in San Francisco.

**Accommodation at Premium.** Everybody is smoking, from the penny cigar to the 25 cent cigar, but there is comparatively little drinking at the bar. On one side wall is a bulletin board. Among the other announcements is this:

"Five beds to be had at Hoyt's. This bulletin, to the Goldfield tourist, is of more interest than the announcement of the election of a president, or even the declaration of war. Night after night the only available accommodations for scores of men are chairs in the gambling saloons.

You come out of the temple of the fickle goddess of fortune and the first sign you see is the announcement of a rummage sale to be held by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church. You notice a procession that leads into a bank and you wonder if there is a "run" on the institution. You get into line, enter the bank, and find that it is a "run," but not of depositors. A carload of coal has arrived and the bank is making the distribution in small lots at prices which approximate \$5 to \$10 a ton. A little farther down the street you read a sign in the window of a shipping concern which states: "No more coal to-day; expect some in a day or two."

Wood has sold as high as \$50 a cord in small lots this winter. Cost of Living Very High. When you are told that water for domestic use costs two cents a gallon; that eggs are quoted at 7c and \$1 a dozen, and that electric light costs \$25 a lamp a year, some idea of the cost of living in this desert camp can be imagined.

The foregoing also conveys an idea of the speed with which capital keeps at the heels of the prospector. Imagine the difference between the condition of the miner in the famous Comstock camp in this same state a half century ago, with a "side of bacon" and a meagre supply of tallow candles, and the prospector in Goldfield, who may pick his way among the producing mines by the dazzling gleam of the electric light, or who may indulge in a banquet that would grace the finest club—provided he has the price.

**GUGGENHEIM'S TOGA.** "Smelter Trust Senator" and His Final Success in Montana.

Denver, Col., Dec. 25.—Ten years of patient work, coupled with the expenditure of a sum not less than \$1,000,000, and perhaps a great deal more, will result in the gratification of the ambition of Montana Senator Simon Guggenheim before the end of next month, when the legislature will elect him United States senator to succeed Thomas M. Patterson.

His election is absolutely assured, notwithstanding the "rumbling" of some of the other candidates and the absence of President Roosevelt's endorsement. Guggenheim is spoken of by his enemies as the "smelter trust senator," but his friends call him the savior of the party. Eleven years ago, when he came here, the party was in bad shape. Every county committee in the state has received his aid. This week it is expected that every Repub-

### FILLED DOOR WITH BIRD SHOT

Arrest on Suspicion Follows Fight at Sandwich.

Sandwich, Dec. 25.—Fred Smith is charged by William Maycock with shooting with intent to kill, and the former is held under \$5000 bail for examination on Friday.

The men had trouble Sunday night, and Maycock had the better of the fight. Shortly after midnight three shots were fired into the Maycock house and the front door was filled with charges of bird shot.

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