

DEFEND OFFICERS

Western Federation Will Aid Arrested Officers of Union.

MINEOWNERS RESPONSIBLE

Miners Union Says That Mine Owners Have Entered Into a Conspiracy to Break up the Union.—Charges Against Officers.

have justice if such a thing is possible.

"The charges brought against our men are the same ones which have been trumped up by the mineowners so many times. Fifty three of us were arrested after the Independence explosion, but none was ever prosecuted. Our arrest was made merely for political effect.

"It is a queer thing that every time anyone has made a so-called confession it has been proven beyond a doubt that he was in the employ of the Mine Owners Association. Orchard is in the same boat as the other confessors. If the evidence against our officers is as strong as they say it is, why did not they allow them to have a hearing in Colorado? Such evidence as that would surely have been sufficient ground to allow requisition instead of to warrant kidnapping."

As the counter charges to that made by the Pinkertons that the officers of the Western Federation formed a conspiracy to murder all sympathizers with the mine owners in Colorado, Mr. Kirwan declares that the mine owners have formed a conspiracy to break up the federation through charges trumped up against its officers.

TO AID THE POOR.

Mexican Authorities Will Build Houses for Poorer Classes.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 21.—Governor Landa of the federal district and several high officials of the government have under consideration a broad plan for rehousing the poor of this city. It is proposed to tear down whole blocks of houses in the poorer quarters and erect groups of model tenements where the poor will have an abundant supply of water and light and be given every modern sanitary advantage.

Only by this plan it is believed, can the present high death rate of fifty-two per thousand be reduced permanently. It is thought that the operation can be made financially profitable.

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WANTS MATCH.

Hungarian Chess Champion Desires to Meet Dr. Lasker.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Hungary's chess champion, Geza Marcozy, arrived here yesterday, on the steamship Amerika from Hamburg. He seeks a match with the world's champion, but is not prepared to discuss details until he has had a personal interview with Dr. Lasker, the world's champion, who though out west at the present time, is now a resident of this city. The desire to play for the coveted title of chess was not however, his sole purpose in journeying away from home. Marcozy comes as a commissioner from the city of Buda Pest, and his real business while here will be a thorough study of the system of industrial education in vogue. To this he will chiefly bend his energies until his return in May.

Marcozy does not expect to play Lasker in this country but hopes to get his consent to play inside of a year.

CLARK BUILDING ROAD.

Senator Clark Constructing Branch Line to Bull Frog.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—The Examiner says today:

Owing to the objections of E. H. Harriman the Salt Lake Los Angeles road is not advancing the money to build the branch line now under construction from Las Vegas, a station on that road in Nevada, north 120 miles to Bullfrog. Senator W. A. Clark is building the line on his own responsibility at a cost of about \$2,400,000. Clark and Harriman each own a half interest in the Salt Lake and Los Angeles road and the branch in question will be a feeder to it.

F. M. Smith and his associates are already building from Ludlow on the Santa Fe, fifty-three miles east of Barstow, through Death Valley to Bullfrog, a distance of 160 miles. This line is a considerable distance west of Clark's Las Vegas and Bullfrog branch. It is said Smith and his associates also plan to build about 90 miles more, so as to reach Goldfield, the present end of the line, which passes through Tonopah and connects with the Hazen branch of the Central Pacific.

When the Smith road is built to Goldfield then Nevada will have a north and south line from Hazen on the Central Pacific, via Tonopah, Goldfield and Bullfrog, thence through almost the middle

of Death Valley, to Ludlow on the Santa Fe. Connection will also be made at Bullfrog with the Clark Salt Lake and Los Angeles road.

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