

**TROUBLE FEARED.**

**Anti-Chinese Agitation and Threats  
in Placer County.**

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Last spring the Miners' Union was organized at Forest Hill, and it now claims to have between 200 and 300 members. Its ostensible purpose was the maintenance of miners' wages at \$3 a day, but it has recently branched out and proposes to deal with the Chinese question in a manner which Colonel Bee does not indorse.

A week ago yesterday a committee from the union, consisting of James Creighton, W. A. Le Rue and S. A. White, called upon Superintendent Power of the Hidden Treasure mine at Sunny South and demanded that he discharge the Chinese in his employment, or at least that he employ not more than one Chinaman to each white man. There are at present about eighty Chinese and fifty white men working at the Hidden Treasure. The Committee also demanded that Mr. Power should discharge all white men who were not members of the union. As Pat McHale is the only man in the mine who is at present a member of the union, an accession to this demand would necessitate the discharge of all except McHale unless they join the Union, whether they wish to or not. Mr. Power gave the committee a flat refusal to both demands. He is paying white men who work in dry places \$3 a day, and \$3 25 a day to those who work in wet places. He informed the committee that he proposed to manage the mine to suit himself and its owners; that the white men there were all satisfied, and that he thought they would all stand in with him in opposing any violence that might be offered, and would aid him in protecting the property of the company.

The union at about the same time gave notice to the Chinese who are working under F. Chappellat at the Mayflower and under C. E. Hoffman at Red Point that they must leave. An anonymous letter was also received by Mr. Hoffman warning him to get rid of his Chinese, and the letter contained a match. Notice was also sent to W. C. Hirston, superintendent of the Hogback, but the *Republican* learns that no Chinese are employed there, or at least only two or three on the outside of the mine.

The superintendents of these mines will not accede to the demands of the union, and are prepared to resist force or violence. Fearing, however, that there might be trouble, Superintendent Power came to Auburn on Monday and held a consultation with Sheriff Butler, who immediately prepared to swear in a hundred or more Deputy Sheriffs if they shall be needed.

The union has not confined its attention to the mines. It was also decided that the Chinese in Forest Hill must go, and it was reported in Auburn that Tuesday evening was the time set for hostilities to begin. Sheriff Butler and Deputy Sheriff McCormick went to Forest Hill on Monday, but nothing was done on that day or yesterday, and a telegram from Forest Hill to the *Republican* this morning says:

"No trouble. All quiet for the present."

Mr. Butler will return to Auburn to-day, and it is not expected that there will be anything in the nature of an anti-Chinese riot just now.