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Ludlow memorial

Re: "1914 massacre memorial is rededicated," June 6 news story.

Your article on the Ludlow victims memorial misses the relevant connection between monument restoration and archaeological research. Artifacts from the southern Colorado coal camps allow us to better understand how entire families survived on wages that wouldn't support one person.

Artifacts from the Ludlow strikers' tent colony allow us to better understand how an ethnically diverse but united immigrant workforce coped with economic deprivation, company harassment and nativist prejudice.

Today, working-class Americans in numerous industries face many of the same economic, political and social challenges. It is a deep and abiding concern for how historical knowledge can inform our understanding of contemporary struggles that motivates and connects the restoration and research efforts at Ludlow.

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