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RENO MINERS DRAW UP FOR FINISH FIGHTS

TWENTY BARRICADED BEHIND RICH MINE.

With Guns Drawn and Undiminished Stretch of Ground Between Them, Two Factions Face Each Other Today—Instant Death Certain to Either Party Which Advances First—Trouble Over Rich Gold Ledge Discovered Monday—Will Fight to the Finish, Though It Cost the Life of Many.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 21.—Edward Miller and 20 companions are barricaded behind a breastwork of high grade ore, defending their rights to a lease on the Litchgor claim, on Ballon mountain, at Rawhide today. Opposing them are over 100 men who claim to have equal or better rights to the claim. Both parties are heavily armed and all efforts to negotiate an armistice or truce of any kind has failed so far.

Between the two hostile parties is a stretch of but 100 feet of ground. For a member of either party to attempt to cross that stretch would be an invitation of sudden death. The struggle is going on in sight of thousands who are rushing into the new camp.

Miller, it appears, owns a one-sixth interest in the Litchgor claim. On Monday he opened an immensely rich ledge. Since that day he has been busy blasting out this ore and sucking it. It runs thousands of dollars to the ton. Behind this wealth he is now stationed with his friends. The remaining five partners in the Litchgor claim are leading the opposing party.

Miller claims that these men virtually deserted him and the claim, leaving him to work it alone; never contributed a cent of money toward the

expenses, and allowed him to starve, at times, rather than assist him in his workings. Now, when the ledge is uncovered, they demand equal shares with him in the gold. He declares he will lay down life before he gives in to them.

Orange Shipments Heavy.

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 21.—An average of one carload of oranges every 20 minutes has been packed and shipped from here for the past week. It is believed that the shipments next week will pass the 200-car mark.

McFarland-Weich Go.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 21.—Packie McFarland and Freddie Weich meet here tonight in a 10-round bout. McFarland is a favorite at 10 to 7.

WAGE CUT NOT THOUGHT LIKELY

GRAND CHIEF FAILS TO APPRECIATE IMPORTANCE.

Railroad Engineers Will Not Stand for Reduction in Wages on Any Line and the Big Chief Can't Imagine a Strike or a Cut—Is Especially Emphatic in His Belief—Cost of Living is Just as High as It Ever Was—Widely Rumored Yesterday.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 21.—"We will not stand for any reduction in wages made by railroads," declared Grand Chief Warren Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today, discussing the proposed reduction in wages on all railroads. "The cost of living is just as high as ever," he said, "and I do not believe there will be any cut or a strike. Make that strong."

The above announcement followed the general rumors of last evening that the scale in force a year ago will again be adopted. Railroad officials maintain that no hardships are to be worked on the employees in the event that the cut is made.

FORTY-EIGHT LIVES ARE LOST

MANY DISASTROUS MINE EXPLOSIONS.

Pinole Mine Explosion Kills Twenty-Six Chinese and Four White Men—One Body Recovered—Fourteen Killed in New Castle, England, Mine Explosion—Four Dead and Four Fatally Injured in Another Pennsylvania Mine Accident Today.

Pinole, Cal., Feb. 21.—Thirty men were killed in an explosion at the Hercules Powder works at Pinole last night, according to estimates made today. Four of the dead are white men and 26 are Chinese. Among the dead is William Stillwell, a foreman.

A canvass of the works today shows that four white men and 26 Chinese is the exact number killed at Pinole yesterday. The body of William Stillwell, the foreman, was the only body recovered. An inquest will be held today.

Explosion Kills Fourteen.

New Castle on Tyne, England, Feb. 21.—In a terrific explosion today at the Globe colliery, 14 men were instantly killed.

Disaster in Pennsylvania.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 21.—Four were killed and four fatally injured when a cage fell to the bottom of a pit in a mine here today.

FRISCO BANK SUSPENDED.

Unable to Collect From Merchants and Suspends Operations.

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—The Market Street bank suspended this morning on account of its inability to get a cash fund to meet the depositors' demands. The bank is said to be absolutely solvent and will pay out in full. Difficulty in making collections without working great hardship on many local merchants, was the main cause of the bank's failure to get the needed cash.

MORE SPECIAL MESSAGE SOON

SEND CIRCULARS TO ALL WORLD POWERS.

Waterways Commission and River Improvement is to Be Subject of Another Message to Congress Within the Next Ten Days—Mississippi and the Columbia Are Principal Rivers—Closed-Door Policy Maintained by Japan Subject of Worry.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt is said to be preparing another message to congress which will be submitted within the next 10 days. The subject is on the Inland Waterways commission and improvement and suggestions are far-reaching in their importance. It is thought that the question of the improvement of the Mississippi in the middle west and the improvement of the Columbia river in the northwest will be emphasized by Roosevelt as he is particularly impressed with the necessity of early work on these streams.

Send Circular to Powers.

It is expected that the state department will, within a few days, issue a circular note to the world powers, calling attention to Japan's anti-open door policy in Manchuria. The open door policy is an American plank.

At the same time it is believed that the United States will address itself to a greater and graver question, as to whether Japan is not violating its integrity with China by machinations in Manchuria.

Japan may be asked point blank to declare her policy in Manchuria.

M. K. HALL IN MAYORALTY RACE

With But a Few Hours' Time to Get in Line, M. K. Hall Signs Up for the Mayoralty Race and Makes it a Triangular Affair—Many Councilmen Candidates Except in the Second Ward—Recordership Sought by Four Candidates.

An unexpected candidate made his appearance in the mayoralty race when the petition of Dr. M. K. Hall was filed in the recorder's office this afternoon, only a few hours before the privileged period came to a close. After 5 o'clock tonight no candidate can get his name on the city ticket, unless it is placed there by the voter in the voting booth.

The new timber in the race for head of the city, make a triangular combination. Drs. A. L. Richardson and M. K. Hall, and a socialist in Bird F. Lewis.

Late this afternoon A. C. Haynes appeared in the councilmen fight in the Fourth ward.

The treasurer's office is the least sought after if number of candidates count. There are only two, provided, of course, that no new names appear between press time and the hour for closing the recorder's office this evening.

The marshalship is lively. There is a large field of entries, and the winner will get the office by a small plurality. Five men are avowed seekers after the office.

In most wards the candidates for councilman are numerous, the fight centers between two men, David Bay and Al Warren. The other wards have three and four starters.

With the exception of the socialists, all candidates are independent and will be placed on the city ticket through the proper channels prescribed by law. The socialists appear on the ticket through the medium of mass meeting.

Following is the ticket as it stands at press time, and which, to all appearances, will be the one which will be printed on the ballots on election day:

Mayor: M. K. Hall; Recorder: A. L. Richardson; M. E. Hall; Bird F. Lewis, socialist.

G. Lewis, socialist.

Recorder: Ed Cox; J. A. Matott; C. J. Vanderpool; H. A. Watson, socialist.

Treasurer: J. K. Wright; J. Fitzgerald, socialist.

Marshal: John W. Walden; Jake Biever; Ambrose Wright; B. M. Rogers; I. H. Stoll, socialist.

Councilmen: First ward—Samuel Bolton; William Wainwright; L. Watson, socialist. Second ward—David Bay; Al Warren, socialist. Third ward—Charles Dunn; George Kreiger; Ernest Reinland, socialist. Fourth ward—Gilbert N. Curtiss; A. C. Haynes; William Grider, socialist.

STEFFENS USES THE MUCK RAKE

IMPLICATES HARVEY SCOTT IN CORRUPTION.

In the March Number of the American Magazine Lincoln Steffens Will Call Fulton a Corrupt Politician and Lay Bare the Exact Wording of a Contract Alleged to Have Been Signed by Harvey Scott, Bringing Jonathan Bourne.

Portland, Feb. 21.—In the forthcoming March issue of the American magazine, advance sheets of which have reached here, Lincoln Steffens goes deeply into the Oregon political situation in an article entitled, "Oregon, the Law Giver."

Mr. Steffens declares that Charles W. Fulton is "fundamentally corrupt," and publishes the full text of a telegram supposed to have been sent by Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Portland Oregonian, to present United States Senator Jonathan Bourne, jr., offering the latter \$25,000 and the federal patronage and columns of the Oregonian and Portland Telegram to defeat Mitchell, if Bourne succeeded in electing him United States senator.

Scott wrote the agreement, declares Steffens, and William M. Ladd, a banker, telegraphed it to Bourne in Salem.

Public Park for Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Feb. 21.—Preparations are under way in Walla Walla for the construction of a park to rival the pleasure resorts of any city the same size in the northwest. Gilbert L. Skutt of Tacoma, has been engaged by the park commission to take charge of the work. A 40-acre tract just east of the city limits will be improved. The land has already been plowed and will soon be seeded in bluegrass. Trees will be set out later. A small lake on this ground, which was formerly used as a city reservoir, will be enlarged and beautified. Shrubbery of every description will be planted.

M'KINLEY NOT SENTENCED YET

LAND FRAUDER BROUGHT TO PORTLAND AND ARRAIGNED.

McKinley, the World-Renowned Land Fraud Expert, Has Arrived in Portland in Charge of Detective Kerrigan—Arraigned, But Not Sentenced as Communication With Heney is Desired—Horse Looks for Another Big Immunity Bath.

Portland, Feb. 21.—Horace McKinley recently captured in the orient, appeared before Judge Wolverton of the federal court today for sentence, and secured a week's delay. He is waiting for a communication from Francis J. Heney in San Francisco, and until that arrives he wishes the passing of sentence continued. McKinley expects to arrange for another immunity bath.

The land fraud artist awaits sentence on 100 indictments, which have been returned against him. He arrived in Portland in charge of Detective Kerrigan, who went to Manchuria on notification here that the land fraudster had been captured by Chinese detectives after months of search. McKinley was on board a train when detectives found him.

TWO HUNDRED LAID OFF.

Southern Pacific Employees in Motive Department Are Idle.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—Two hundred men in the motive department of the Southern Pacific road, were laid off today on account of slack business. It is announced the men will probably be re-employed before summer.

Make Public All Contributions.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Perry Belmont, who is at the head of a non-partisan organization, whose object it is to seek the enactment of a law compelling publication of campaign contributions, appeared before the house committee and spoke in favor of such legislation.

Big Legacy Awaits Him.

Los Angeles, Feb. 21.—While serving an 180-day sentence in the county jail for petty larceny, William Allen, aged 28, was informed this morning, that as a result of the death of his mother he had been left a legacy of \$15,000. Allen is charged with stealing postage stamps from a postoffice.

S. P. Must Pay Up.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Fulton today secured passage through the senate of a resolution authorizing the government to bring suit to compel the Southern Pacific to obey the land grant law.



\$12.50 Ladies' Embroidered Lawn and Linen Waists, and also Net and Silk Waists **\$8.34** Special this week

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Full Dress Shirts in the never-bulge bosom style, also the very popular pleated bosom styles—all sizes, **\$1.50 to \$1.75**

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