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## BANQUET REPRESENTS A UNITED SALEM

### Thirty Blown to Atoms by Giant Powder Explosion

new law requiring the employment of more railroaders.

"The cost of living is just as high as ever," he continued. "There will be no strike, and we will not start to fight until we are on the firing line. There will be no cut in the wages of our 62,000 engineers. Make that statement strong."

Stone would not say why he was so confident of this.

**THREE CARLOADS OF ORANGES AN HOUR.**  
(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Riverside, Cal., Feb. 21.—An average of a carload of oranges every 20 minutes has been packed and shipped east from Riverside in the past week, figuring on the basis of nine hours as a working day. The weather has been favorable for picking, and all the packing houses are busy getting out fruit. This is the heaviest week's shipment of the season, thus far. It is believed that the shipments next week will pass the 200-car mark.

**Dropped Down a Shaft.**  
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 21.—Four men were killed and four probably fatally injured this morning when the car in which they were being lowered into the mine fell to the bottom.

### THREE DOZEN KILLED POWDER EXPLODED

**NEARLY ALL CHINESE VICTIMS LITERALLY BLOWN TO ATOMS, ONLY SHREDS OF FLESH BEING FOUND, ONE MAN STAYED AWAY FROM WORK ON ACCOUNT OF A DREAM.**

Pinole, Cal., Feb. 21.—Thirty-three, and possibly 36 men were killed in the explosion at the Hercules powder works at Pinole Thursday afternoon, according to estimates made this morning. Four dead are white men, and 29 Chinese are known to have been in the packing house at the time of the explosion, and all were blown to fragments, together with their white foreman, William Stillwell. Some estimates of the number of Chinese in the house place the figure at 32. As hardly a shred of a human being can be found in the ruins, it will only be after a complete roll of surviving employes has been made that the exact number of killed will be known.

Among the more seriously injured are V. Rabello, section foreman, struck by quantities of rock and debris, one lung punctured, head lacerated; John Lucid, section foreman, three ribs broken, side punctured by rock, not expected to live; Miss Mary Brazil, employed in gelatine rolling house, cut and bruised, saved her life through her presence of mind in throwing herself under a machine, which broke the weight of falling walls; Fred Brandt, foreman of vats, and John Zindt, scaly wounds; John Morarity, foreman wet mixer, arm broken; Jack Mills, foreman packer No. 3, cut and bruised; James Megan, employe of the timber house, back cut; William Mayer, hurled ten feet through window, badly cut by glass and right arm sprained.

The catastrophe was not without its presentment. Early yesterday morning when George Ferrier joined a number of his fellow workmen at the breakfast table, he announced that he was not going to work, and gave as his reason a weird dream which oppressed him throughout the night, in which he plainly saw a train blown into the air, and several men killed. He was moody throughout the meal, and, although he was finally persuaded to go to work, he remained away from the packing house, where he is accustomed to work, and was uninjured. This story is vouched for by a half dozen witnesses.

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 21.—Although the Hercules powder works explosion was not felt in Stockton, it shook buildings all along the mother lode as far as 70 miles above here. A few minutes after the big explosion Angels Camp rang up and inquired for news. The message stated that many buildings had been shaken in the mining town. Telephone inquiries revealed the fact that the shock was felt all along the mother lode. In Chinese camp, Jamestown, Sonora and Melones the shock was quite severe. None of the valley towns noticed it. The peculiar course of the shock vibrations is believed to have been due to earth formations.

Four white men and 26 Chinamen were killed in the Hercules powder works explosion Thursday. This became certain when a count of the men was made at the works this morning. The only body recovered was that of Foreman Stillwell. He apparently had a premonition of the explosion and was outside of the building when the ten tons of the nitro-glycerine went up. Not a vestige of the other 29 bodies has been found.

Coroner Abbott, of Contra Costa county, will hold an inquest this afternoon. The four injured men were taken to the San Francisco hospital and will recover. The six injured girls who were trampled on and cut by flying glass in the mad rush from the box packing house several hundred yards from the scene of the explosion are being cared for at the company's hospital at Pinole. None are seriously injured.

### ASTORIA BREWERY PARTLY BURNED

Astoria, Or., Feb. 21.—Fire which started in the engine and boiler house of the North Pacific brewery about 11 o'clock last night practically destroyed that portion of the plant before it was got under control. The loss is about \$10,000. The main building of the plant was not injured.

### M'KINLEY READY FOR HIS BATH

Portland, Feb. 21.—Horace McKinley appeared in the federal court before Judge Wolverton this morning, and upon the petition of his attorneys, had the passing of sentence continued for one week in order that he might hear from Francis J. Heney and Detective William J. Burns. McKinley expects to be granted immunity.

It was announced today that McKinley has become reconciled with his wife, who was Marie Ware, and that she has forgiven him for his escapade in the Orient with the dancer "Little Egypt."

### THEY DON'T WANT AN OREGON TRIAL

Portland, Feb. 21.—T. B. Neuhansen, special inspector of the Interior Department, will leave Portland on Saturday for Los Angeles where he goes to join Tracey D. Becker, who is assistant to the attorney-general in the legal battle that the defendants, in what is known as the Curry county land grab deal, in which the Pacific Furniture and Land Company is defendant, will wage. Three of the defendants live in Los Angeles and are fighting removal to Oregon for trial. They are Warren Gillette, R. W. Keney and Will D. Gould. They were indicted by U. S. Attorney Bristol in April, 1906.

### SENATE GIVES ITS CONSENT TO SUING HARRIMAN RAILS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 21.—The senate has removed any obstacle that the government might have feared in its efforts to sue the Harriman railroad system for the recovery of valuable mineral and timber lands. That body, without a dissenting voice, this afternoon adopted the resolution presented by Senator Fulton, of Oregon, authorizing the attorney-general to take such legal action in the matter as it deemed necessary to enforce the rights of the government.

### FACTIONAL FEELINGS FORGOTTEN

#### ONE COMMON CAUSE

**SALEM'S LEADING WIDE-AWAKE CITIZENS MEET TONIGHT TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND UPBUILDING OF THE CITY AND THE VALLEY.**

The business men's banquet at the Willamette Hotel tonight will be one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Salem. The business men who believe in Salem's future, and who believe in giving the advantages the country offers a wide publicity, will meet to discuss matters pertaining to the benefit of all. It is the first step toward a bigger and better and a united Salem. The amount of good that will be accomplished by this coming together of heretofore divergent interests and ideas is incalculable.

In response to the committee's call at least 300 tickets have been sold, and not less than that number will sit down to the modest luncheon tonight, and will discuss the plans for the upbuilding of the city.

- Menu.**
- Eastern Oyster.
  - Salad.
  - Cold Roast Chicken.
  - Cold Boiled Ham.
  - Cold Boiled Tongue.
  - Cold Roast Beef.
  - Bread and Butter.
  - Coffee.
  - Cheese.
  - Olives.
  - Cake.
  - Pickles.

The following is only a partial list of those who will be there, as the application for tickets has been pouring in all day:

- J. H. Scott, H. W. Meyers, C. L. McNary, W. S. Low, G. Dunsford, L. M. Reeder, C. F. W. Browne, U. J. Lehman, D. H. Weyant, W. T. Jenks, N. M. Genderson, H. S. Gile, T. B. Kay, F. G. Bowersox, F. G. Deckerback, J. A. Wilson, R. M. Budlong, W. P. Babcock, C. K. Spaulding, F. ner, W. H. Byars, J. L. Freeland, S. C. Fish, G. P. Meason, W. F. Buckley, Kimball, Carl Kugle, W. H. Dancy, L. C. Stringer, W. S. Pitts, G. P. Rodgers, E. L. Irvin, Carey Martin, A. N. Moores, H. H. Ragan, C. M. Lockwood, George Pearce, D. F. Wagner, L. U. Josse, J. N. Schantz, W. A. Liston, Dr. Brewer, C. Ullam, F. J. Moore, A. M. Clough, A. L. Harvey, C. A. Park, P. S. Wallace, Lee Barr, W. A. Irvin, W. H. Steusloff, F. W. Steusloff, Ray Farmer, Ray Gilbert, D. J. Fry, Watt Shipp, Claud Bell, Dr. S. C. Stone, M. C. Wenger, L. F. Savage, Henry Belle, D. F. Brunner, J. A. Patterson, A. A. Lee, J. Baker, T. G. Gilbert, G. W. Hobson, I. Greenbaum, Sam Adolph, John Mauer, M. J. Peizer, D. A. White, H. O. White, F. A. Kurtz, F. M. White, L. A. Byrd, H. C. Fletcher, Geo. W. Gosser, John Mills, W. C. Hubbard, C. Armstrong, T. J. Arthur, A. O. Damon, G. A. Forbes, Prof. Easthat, O. W. Harr, Sam A. Garber, Fred Erickson, J. H. Norman, W. F. R. Smith, J. G. Reigleman, — Meason, E. Taylor, George Hatch, W. W. McFarland, A. Herson, H. George Meyer, Mr. Fisher, Ladd & Bush, F. W. Waters, P. Bach, A. J. Magers, Ross Moores, Joe Nusbaum, T. S. Townsend, Frank Meredith, Cliff Brown,

Geo. C. Will, J. C. Perry, H. A. Johnson, Jr., H. B. Thielsen, J. M. Lawrence, F. E. Shafer, T. M. Barr, Chas. Pomeroy, J. E. Pogue, G. G. Bingham, Al. Gardner, Hal D. Patton, F. P. Talkington, W. McGilchrist, E. M. LaFore, The Spa, O. M. Johnson, H. H. Olinger, R. G. Hunt-Jos. Schindler, Club Stables, Hauser Bros., Dr. Fisher, M. E. Moore, Col. J. Olmstead, Z. J. Riggs, Theo. Roth, P. E. Garber, C. VanPatten, W. W. Zinn, J. C. Price, O. E. Price, W. T. Ramsden, Dr. J. D. Shaw, W. A. Carter, Dr. Reynolds, G. F. Rodgers, Fred Waters, H. Wiprut, G. D. Wilson, Ernest Anderson, F. N. Derby, J. W. Willson, C. S. Hamilton, Max Buron, Geo. Waters, R. J. Hendricks, A. Huckenstein, Dr. Meezer, J. R. Shepherd, Joe Bernardi, Shand & Marcus, Frank Brown, Jas. McEvoy, Chas. Weller, Ed. L. Weller, J. H. Albert, G. I. Putnam, E. W. Hazard, D. A. Dinamore, Dr. Richardson, S. A. Manning, W. A. Moores, D. M. James, Charles Yankke, H. B. Thielsen, W. C. Tillson, F. W. Spencer, C. H. Hinges, C. M. Bishop, G. W. Johnson, Clyde Johnson, H. Heckman, Geo. G. Brown, W. T. Perkins, J. D. Sutherland, W. S. Dunaway, F. C. Miller, Geo. O. Goodall, E. F. Carroll, C. L. Starr, F. W. Benson, W. T. Slater, Ed. Gillingham, P. H. Raymond, B. A. Mitchell, D. S. Wood, J. M. Long, Roy Bentley, Bert Edwards, A. M. Crawford, J. H. Van Winkle, D. G. Gregor, Nick Haas, F. W. Power, E. C. Minton, C. M. Eppley.

### LEFT HIS WIFE LIES ABOUT IT

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 21.—"From the time my mother handed me a cup of tea in her home at Fruitvale on Monday morning of my disappearance until I found myself at the home of a Jewish family on Forty-second street in New York, I was unconscious of what I was doing."

This was the statement made by William Hush, the young Berkeley real estate man, and son of Valentine Hush, who died Tuesday at his Fruitvale mansion. He returned yesterday from New York, and was met at the train by his wife and little daughter, Huelita.

Hush disappeared from his home Monday morning, February 3. Hush told a remarkable story of his experiences.

"I went to my father's home at Fruitvale Monday morning at the urgent request of my mother, who telephoned to me that my father was very low and not expected to live for any length of time. I went you to leave your wife, Will? Mother said she had always opposed my marriage as had also the rest of my family for the whole five years that I have had my wife. I told her that under no circumstances would I leave her. 'If you leave her I shall die happy,' said my father.

"Again and again I declared to him I would not do so. While I was sitting there my mother came into the room. She had some tea and cakes and a little plate of wine jelly. She offered them to me, and I ate and drank.

"The next thing I remembered, and that only lately, was being on a train just leaving Elko, Nev. Then there comes another blank. Later I seemed to come again out of the haze into which something had thrown me. In New York I was in a small room in an apparently high building.

"After proving my identity I secured enough money to pay for my lodging at the Hotel Cadillac, and stayed there until I received money which had been wired me by my wife."

**GENERAL STRIKE IMMINENT**

**WAGERS ARE FIRM**

**STONE SAYS WILL BE NO REDUCING THE WAGES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BROADWOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS.**

Feb. 21.—"We will not reduce wages on the railroads," declared Warren Stone, of the American Locomotive Engineers, in discussing the situation developed since the union refused to obey the

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