

HOSSEY CLEARS TOP OF MOUNTAIN

Aviator Flies Over Mount Wilson, Highest Peak of Range About Los Angeles.

AIRSHIP RIVAL OF ARMY MULE

Army Officers See New Method of Transportation.

FINDS ATMOSPHERE VERY COLD

Haze Proves Pall of Vaporizing Fine Ice.

EASIER THAN PREVIOUS

Account Says He Prefers His Mountain Because He Does Not Seem So Far Away.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—Arch Hoxsey of Pasadena, Cal., holder of the world's altitude record of 11,674 feet today flew over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of the mountain range that rim the valley in which Los Angeles, Pasadena and the towns of the orange belt lie. Under ideal weather conditions he soared 10,638 feet into the sky and cleared the crest of Mount Wilson with 4300 feet to spare.

Land Classification in Pine Ridge Agency Finished by Bureau

Cheaper Way Than Usual Will Be Devised for Registration—Small Number of Farms Available.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—The Indian bureau has announced that the appraisement and classification of lands of the Pine Ridge Indian reservation in Bennett county, South Dakota, has been completed.

Under the circumstances it is doubtful whether the usual registration system will be adopted when the reservation is finally thrown open to settlement, as there is such a small amount of really good land to be settled upon.

Senator Gable this morning took this matter up with the Secretary of the Interior and as several months will elapse before the day of opening of this spring, it is expected a less costly method will be formulated to govern the opening.

The Secretary of the Interior has approved a contract entered into by the reclamation service with Emanuel Thomas of Byron, Wyo., for the construction of distributary ditches under the Franke canal and lateral of the Shoshone irrigation project in Wyoming. The work involves excavation of about 21,000 cubic yards of material. The contract price is \$4,960.50.

Judge Blair is Still After Corrupt Voters

Grand Jury in Adams County Will Continue to Investigate Traffic in Ballots.

WEST UNION, O., Dec. 29.—The investigation into the wholesale vote buying in Adams county is to be continued through the special grand jury indefinitely. This statement was made from the bench today by Judge Blair, whose vigorous action has brought out the facts in the county-wide scandal.

PROTEST BENNETT CUP AWARDED

German Association Objects to Declaring in Big Balloon Race.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The lower Rhine Aerostatic association today announced its decision to protest the award of the James Gordon Bennett cup to Alan R. Hawley, winner of the last international balloon race.

Bodies Are Recovered from Leyden Mine

Corpses of Louis and Frank Merrick, Who Were Killed Two Weeks Ago, Found Buried in Dust.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—The bodies of Louis and Frank Merrick, the two American boys, victims of the explosion and fire in the mine of the Leyden Coal company at Leyden, a few miles from Denver, about two weeks ago, were found early today about 30 feet from shaft No. 1. The bodies were completely covered with dust and had been pressed over more than once by the rescue parties. Apparently both had died from suffocation.

ARMIES OF SAN DOMINGO AND HAYTI FACE TO FACE

Each Country Has Large Force Massed Near Perduenas River.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—While the armies of Hayti and San Domingo are massed on either side of the Perduenas river, no fighting has occurred, according to dispatches received, by the War department from United States customs officials.

IOWA ROADS PUT UP A FIGHT

Attorneys Will Ask Judge McPherson for Order Against Enforcement of New Coal Rates.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 29.—Attorneys for the Northwestern, Rock Island, Great Western and Milwaukee railroads have gone today to Council Bluffs to ask an injunction from Judge Smith McPherson to federal court against the enforcement of a new schedule of rates reducing the rate on lump coal between Iowa points.

BOILER BLOWS UP; SIXTEEN KILLED

Plant of Morewood Lake Ice Company Near Pittsfield, Mass., Scene of Disaster.

TWELVE MORE MEN ARE INJURED

Dozen Instantly Destroyed and Others Succumb to Injuries.

QUICK RELIEF FOR FAMILIES

Three Thousand Dollar Fund Subscribed in Short Time.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN

One Hundred and Twenty-Five Men Awaiting Chance to Secure Jobs Cutting Ice Injured or Dazed.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 29.—The lives of sixteen workmen were ended today by the explosion of a boiler at the plant of the Morewood Lake ice company at Morewood Lake, two miles south of here. Twelve men were instantly killed, one died shortly after the accident and three others died in the hospital. In addition twelve men were injured and it was said at Mercy hospital to which they were removed, that it was feared two of the patients would die.

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OBJECT TO COAL CUT IN IOWA

Roads Seek to Enjoin Railway Commission's Recent Order.

AFFECTS RATES IN NEAR STATES

Judge McPherson and Others Opposed to Change—Decision Comes Today.

Judge Smith McPherson of the federal court was yesterday impetioned at Council Bluffs by the attorneys for five of the Iowa trunk line railroads to issue a restraining order preventing the Iowa railroad commission from enforcing the reduction of rates on bituminous coal mined in Iowa and shipped to points within the state.

NEW TRIAL ASKED FOR DURAND

French Unions Threaten to Call General Strike if Plea is Denied.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—One hundred and fifty members of the Chamber of Deputies have united in a petition to the government for a new trial for Durand, the secretary of the coal handlers' union, who was convicted of instigating the murder of Fernand Douze, during the strike of the docks of Havre last December and sentenced to death.

POISON IN COMMUNION CUP

Mistake of Lutheran Elder in Church in Russia Causes Three Deaths.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.—Three communists have died and twenty-nine others are seriously ill as a consequence of a mistake made by an elder of the Lutheran church in the Peterhof district, who last evening filled the communion cup with a mixture of sulphureted chromate instead of wine.

Biggest Special Feature of the Year

The Bee's Junior Birthday Book

Begins January 1st

Whose birthday today? During the year just closing we have answered that interesting question with information about notables and near notables for whom it was the natal day. During the coming year we shall answer that same interesting question with the names of the rising generation of boys and girls who will be the future notables.

"Oh, Gee, Grandpa, I'm Getting Tired!"



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MORE UNREST IN PORTUGAL

Government Discovers Secret Society that is Plotting to Restore King.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Times from Madrid, states that advice from Lisbon intimates the political situation in the new republic of Portugal as threatening. The government is reported as not sure of the loyalty of the army and navy. The population is becoming alarmed. The Diario Noticias is quoted as saying that the government has discovered a secret society which is plotting to restore King Manuel to the throne and that the leader in the conspiracy was arrested.