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DEADLY COAL MINE

Thirty Victims of Explosion in Virginia

BANK ROBBERS STILL AT IT

Mock Duel With "Empty" Revolvers Results in Instant Death of Young College Man

Special to the Evening Review.
MAYBURY, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Over one hundred men are believed to be imprisoned in a mine of the Lick Branch Colliery Co., at Lick Branch, Virginia, as the result of an explosion yesterday. Bodies of 12 dead miners have been recovered and five were rescued alive.
Later.—Reports from Lick Branch at noon today, say that 42 injured coal miners have been rescued. About 400 men were employed in the mines but it is estimated that 300 of them were at their homes at the hour when the explosion occurred. The mine officials are trying to suppress giving out details of the disaster, but at noon admitted that thirty men were buried under the debris and are probably dead.
Five more bodies were recovered this afternoon, making a total known death roll of 23. Scenes about the entrance to the mine are heartrending.

Six Bandits Lest Bank.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 30.—After holding the residents of Wellston, Okla., at bay for three hours early today, six masked men succeeded in looting the bank there and escaped with \$5000. They used fourteen charges of nitro-glycerine before the bank vault and safe were shattered. The first shot aroused the citizens of

NEW TIMBER LAW

Applicant Must Give Estimate at Time of Filing

FEE MUST BE PAID THEN

Own Appraisal Stands Good if Gov. Does Not Make One Within Nine Months

The Roseburg land office has just received the new regulations governing the acquisition of title to public lands under the timber and stone law. The gist of the new regulations is that all such lands applied for since the 30th of November 1908, shall be sold at an appraised value. The examination must be based upon personal examination of the land within 30 days before the application is filed, and it must show the quantity, variety and value of the timber, as estimated by the applicant, and also his estimate of the value of the land itself. At the time of filing such application a fee of \$10 must be paid. Under the old regulations this fee was paid at time of proof. The method of obtaining title now is thus set forth:
"Any qualified person may obtain title under the timber and stone law by performing the following acts: (a) Personally examining the land desired; (b) presenting an application and sworn statement, accompanied by a filing fee of \$10; (c) depositing with the receiver the appraised price of the land; (d) publishing notice of his application and proof; (e) making final proof."
If the government does not make an appraisal within nine months after the filing of the application for the land, the applicant may buy at his own appraisal by depositing the money within 30 days after the ex-

BIG QUAKE'S DEATH

ROLL MAY BE 200,000

Disaster More Appalling as Details Are Learned

KING AND QUEEN AT SCENE

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TEN MILLS VOTED

Roseburg School Meeting Held This Afternoon

BUT 16 TAXPAYERS ATTEND

\$8,000 From County and State Added to What Levy Will Raise Will Leave \$2,500 Deficit

A tax of 10 mills for the year 1909 was voted at a meeting of the Roseburg school district, at the Lane school house, this afternoon. As in past years, the most conspicuous feature of the meeting was the small attendance. There were present just 16 taxpayers, and of this number 14 voted for the levy and the remaining 2 against it.
The levy, which is twice that voted for the year now closing, applies on a district property valuation of \$2,175,410. This is in round numbers, \$50,000 less than the valuation of 1907, a decrease which nobody appeared to be able to account for. The new levy will raise \$21,754, and in addition will receive \$8000 in county and state money, making a grand total of nearly \$30,000.
What Money is Needed For.
According to the estimates presented by B. W. Strong, of the Board of Directors, the district will require for current and incidental expenses the sum of \$22,870; for the purchase of three needed school building sites the sum of \$2200 is required, and on the first day of next April, when the tax money begins to come in, there will be a deficit of approximately \$7500—a grand total of over \$32,000. Included in the current expenses are the following items: Teachers' and janitors' salaries, \$15,255; principal and interest on bonds, \$5,562; fuel, \$750. The incidentals are estimated at \$1500. Mr. Strong explained that the heavy deficit accruing on April 1 was due to too small a levy last year by at least 2 mills.
The three sites for new school buildings referred to in the estimates are in Riverdale, West Roseburg and in Waite Addition, adjoining the high school premises. For each of the two first named, the owners, Louis Barzee and A. J. Bellows, respectively, ask \$500. For the third named, comprising 4 lots, the Cobb Real Estate Company asks \$1200. Mr. Strong explained that the time was near at hand when the district would have to build in these localities and that it would be a good business proposition to buy the sites now. He figured that at least a 9-mill tax would be required for 1909.

FINCH CONVICTED

Special to The Review.

CONSULATE BUILDINGS DESTROYED

SHIPMERS WILL PROTEST

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Great co-operative mass meetings are being held throughout California to protest against the proposed increase of freight rates on Jan. 1, by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads. The shippers are preparing for a stubborn resistance of the increase in rates, but the silence of the railroad officials indicates that they intend to advance the rates as announced.
Ripley is Defiant.
SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 29.—"If there is a people on the face of the globe which should have no complaint to make it is the people of the Pacific Coast," declared E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe railroad in an interview given out on the eve of the proposed mass meetings to be held throughout California tomorrow to protest against higher freight rates scheduled to go into effect January 1st.
"All this talk about rates is foolish," declared the magnate.
"The rates between the Pacific coast and the east are the lowest railroad rates in the world. They are constantly complained of by shippers in the interior as being too low, and discriminating against them. Our only defense has been that they were made necessary by water competition, that there was little profit in them although such rates applied to all the business of the roads, would speedily bankrupt them."
"The people of this coast are an especially favored class. They get abnormally low rates because of their location; they would not have a leg to stand on in a court before any tribunal, either for low rates or for special advance. They have been spoiled by a railroad service that in its effort to build up the resources of the country has rendered a service out of all proportion to the amount paid for it, and unequalled in cheapness on the face of the globe."

DEAD NUMBER 200,000

Two hundred thousand dead; Messina, on the island of Sicily, and Reggio and a score of towns in Southern Italy overwhelmed; the entire Calabria region laid waste; that is the earthquake's record so far as at present known.

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Submerged by Tidal Wave

CANTANZARO, Italy, Dec. 30.—The city of Reggio, with a population of 35,000, was entirely submerged by a tidal wave during the earthquake Monday and it is estimated that not more than 1000 persons escaped. This is the report brought by the captain of a company of Carabinieri arriving here today. He said the sea rolled in like a mighty wall, sweeping over the entire city and scarcely a building remains standing. The lower part of the city is said to be sinking and it is feared that it may disappear in the sea.

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MARSHFIELD WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

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MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Walter Keating was burned to death at her home here today. Her son, Louis who works for Mr. Skinner, agent of the steamer Alliance, had gone to his office. Shortly after he left, Mrs. Keating ran from the house with her clothes ablaze. Neighbors immediately ran to assist her but it was too late. She died within a minute after they reached her. How her clothes caught fire will never be known.

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