

LASSEN PEAK MAY FOOL 'EM, BELIEF

Records of U. S. Geological Survey Indicate Volcano Far From Dead.

MINERAL, Cal. (AP) — Lassen peak, officially listed as a dying volcano, may be just playing possum, after all. It has been 14 years since it erupted, after nearly 200 years of comparative quiescence, but records of the Lassen volcano observatory of the United States geological survey indicate that it is far from being dead.

has watched at the crater of the volcano as zealously as a nurse at the bedside of a patient, concludes that "the one requirement for such a swelling of the mountain is an increase of internal pressure." Also that "if the pressure increases enough some form of eruption will follow." The record of the swellings, in Fitch's opinion, "is too short to warrant a forecast of future activity, but they do indicate that Lassen peak still must be called an active volcano. It should be remembered also that steam continually is escaping from many vents in the craters at the summit of the peak." During his time of sentry duty in the area in 1927, Fitch counted more than 200 earthquakes, there being 145 in March alone. This summer the quakes were increasingly frequent, the number in July being the greatest for any summer month since the establishment of the observatory.

lessness of the mountain," he declared. Except for the explosive eruptions of 1914 and 1915, when there were two small lava flows, the last outpouring was 10 miles from Lassen peak, at Cinder cone, in 1900. The volcanic activity which resulted in the upbuilding of Lassen peak, now 10,480 feet high, is believed to have begun near the close of the eocene period.

ISLANDS LAUNCH FREEDOM DRIVE

Question of Philippine Independence May go Before Next Congress

By A. Edward Stuntz (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON (AP) — Philippine independence, long in process of digestion by the United States congress, promises to become one of the earliest legislative morsels of the regular session in December. Promise of new agitation of the issue has been made by Senator William H. King, democrat, Utah, and Senator Hiram Bingham, republican chairman of the territories committee.

Independence will mean the culmination of centuries of native military and civil struggle against foreign rule in the islands. The Filipinos did not lay down arms in the campaign to prove themselves capable of self-government until after the American occupation in 1898. Pedro Guevara and Camilo Orosario, resident commissioners, view the projected legislative battle as a peak point in Philippine history. Believing that independence would mean the start of a long climb toward national solidarity, they are confident the islanders would give an unique example of united purpose as they welcomed their "national Gethsemane." In Manila, the Philippine independence commission, which is

composed of all members of the insular legislature, has taken two steps in the campaign.

For one, a commission composed of prominent Philippine political leaders has been named to come to Washington and present the Philippine case. For the second, a resolution providing for a committee to formulate a program for independence and present it to congress. Both resolutions must be ratified by the legislature.

The resident commissioners use compensation for early trials in the development of a genuine Philippine culture, influenced and strengthened by long contact with Spain and the United States. Improved commercial conditions, revealed by a 1,000 per cent increase in United States trade with the Orient, is advanced as a guarantee that the Filipino, favored by recent local autonomy would cheer

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