## AVIATION MEET IS ENDED IN GLOOM

Flying at Los Angeles Is Dispirited and Air Currents Are Treacherous.

#### NARROW ESCAPES ARE HAD

Radley, Curtiss, Willard, Latham Threatened in Midair - Englishman Sells Machine and May Quit Dangerous Sport.

AVIATION FIELD, Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—The second International aviation meet held here ended today without the eclat that marked the close tast January of the inaugural meeting at Do-

uary of the inaugural meeting at Dominguez field.

The sorrow and gloom created by the tragic death of Arch Hoxsey last Saturday still held its weight upon both spectators and aviators and crushed all desire to carry out the festivities which had been arranged for the finale.

The work of the aviators was as spiritless as it was yesterday. They were more cautious today than they have been since the popular aviator was sain in the midst of his reckless display of daring, and the crowd, which was much smaller than it has been at any time during the week, sat in silence.

Hubert Latham, the French zwiator, was the only pilot to do anything out of the ordinary. He occupied the entire afternoon in giving rides to the daughters and feminine relatives of the officials of the meet.

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Other than this, the only interest cenother than this, the only interest cen-tered in several narrow escapes of avi-ators in the fickle winds which have interfered with the flying almost daily since the meet began. December 28. James Radley, the Englishman; Glenn Curtisa, C. F. Willard and Hubert Latham figured in these. None, however, figured in these. None, however, sus tained any injury nor were their ma

chines damaged.

Within a few minutes after the fare well gun was fired at 5 o'clock this aftwell gun was lifed at 5 o clock this sti-ernoon, scores of packers were busy in the hangars, boxing the flying machines which will appear next in San Francisco. Glenn Curtiss left tonight for San Die-go to look over the ground for his ex-perimental and training station.

#### Monoplane Wobbles in Air.

James Radley, the English aviator, be-James Radler, the English aviator, be-gan the last day of the Los Angeles meet with a narrow escape from death. Although the day was calm and there was absolutely no wind about the start-ing point in front of the grandstand, drifting gusts caught the Englishman's Bleriot monoplane and for a second or two it danced and wabbled in the air in a manner that startled the spectators.

Radley's encounter with the vagrant air currents was unexpected. He was totally unprepared for it, but regained control of the machine and immediately landed. A few minutes later, he ac-cepted an offer from a purchaser to buy his machine.

#### Radley May Quit.

However, he said, he intended to fly at the San Francisco meet, although he added that after that he might abandon the sport that has claimed so many victims during the past year. Glenn Curtiss ascended in one of his racers shortly after Radley went up, enrents and was forced to come down. He said that the bad spot in the atmosphere was located just above the place that Arch Hoxsey was struck and killed last

Saturday.
"It is a dangerous place and will always be a menace to aviators," he added, "unless the course is rearranged so we will not have to fly near that particular

#### AMATEURS WILL TRY FLIGHTS

#### Prizes Offered for San Francisco Meet Are Tempting

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2-Novices are expected to come in for considerable at-tention at the aviation meet which will V-shaped biplane fitted with a 96-horse-power motor, and another home-made seroplane of original design and construction is that of C. A. Lambeurth, of Oakland. It is a multiplane type with a wind surface of 564 square feet. Other wind surface of 564 square feet. Other amateurs entered for the coming meet are: Louis Fortney, with a Demoisselle monoplane; John H. Hudson, with a monoplane of original construction; Thaddeus S. Kerns, with a Curtiss biplane; Howard Woerner, with a Bleriot monoplane; Ralph J. Shedf, with a Farman biplane; Karl Wolf, with a Farman biplane; W. C. Wheeler, with a Bleriot monoplane; Brewer brothers, with an original biplane, and M. W. Giselman, with a Farman biplane.

Three flights to and from the deck of

Three flights to and from the deck of a war vessel by Engene Ely are now planned by the aviation committee and the navy officers who are co-operating in making the necessary arrangements. The cruiser Pennsylvania will probably be used for each of the following events: Flight from the deck of a warship to aviation field in South San Francisco and return; flight from vessel to land with a

return; fight from vesses to take with a naval officer as a passenger, and flight from aviation field to deck of ship.

The platform to be built on the cruiser for the tests will be 30 feet wide and like feet long, with a tilt of five feet at the lower end. Railings will be placed at the five feet at the lower end. at the sides to prevent possible accidents

#### MOISSANT MONUMENT IS PLAN

#### Citizens to Erect Tribute in Marsh Where He Fell to Death.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 2.—The mempetuated in a monument in marble and bronze to be erected in the marshes near Harahan, at the spot where the sviator fell to his death last Satur-

Tentative plans for the movement are in the hands of Crawford H. El-lis, chairman of the citizens' com-mittee, which had charge of the recent aviation meet. Ellis said he felt sure contributions would come from every section of the United States and from

crope and Central America,
"We believe John R. Moissant deserves a monument as much as any other pioneer of science, and at an early date, the movement will be placed on a systematic basis," said Mr. Ellis. "We have no doubt of its

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ALL EYES ON JUDGE WHITE

Congratulations Showered on Chief Justice-"Standpat" Payne and "Insurgent" Bristow March in as Brothers, Arm-in-Arm.

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bert L. Spencer, U. S. N., and Ensign A. begin here Saturday. Prizes offered have bert L. Spencer, U. S. N., and Ensign A. attracted a large number of amateurs. L. Bristol. U. S. N., assembled as escort one of these, Orver Myerkofer, has a to the President and proceeded to the residential portion, where the President and Mrs. Taft were waiting.

#### President Enters, Function Is On.

As the President's escort descended to open the reception doors, bugiers from the United States Marine Band stationed at the foot of the stairway sounded the President's call and the

stationed at the toot of the stail and sounded the President's call and the great function was on, the entire band playing "Hall to the Chief."

The Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman and all the members of the Cabinet and their wives were in waiting to assist, joining the President and Mrs. Taft as they reached the foot of the great winding stairway. The party proceeded to the southern end of the Blue Room, where the receiving line was formed. When the diplomatic corps was ushered in, the Austrian Ambassador in his rich, red velvet cloak, embroidered in gold, his top boots and sable cap, as dean of the corps, led.

The agreeable duty of introducing the foreigners fell to the Secretary of State by virtue of long custom. He stood at the left of the Fresident during its progress. Throughout the rest.

stood at the left of the President during its progress. Throughout the rest
of the reception Colonel Cosby and
Captain Butt made the introductions.
The dean of the ministers, Senor Don
Joaquin Bernardo Calvo, of Gosta Rica,
led the long line of ministers and
Charge d'Affaires with the members of the staffs of the different legations. Next came the Chief Justice and As-sociate Justices of the Supreme Court

and their wives, who were among Mrs. Taft's assistants of the day. They were aiready in the Blue Room, but they joined their husbands to extend formal greetings along the line.

The Chief Justice was accompanied by Mrs. White and every step of their paying the Blue Room. progress after leaving the Blue Room was a signal for their friends to cluster about them and offer congratula-

tions.
Following the Supreme Court were the judges of the Court of Customs Appeals, the judges of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the judges of the United States Court of Claims and the judges of the Su-preme Court of the District of

#### Political Enemies Arm-in-Arm.

There was an exceedingly slim attendance of the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, proba-bly due to the fact that Congress does hly due to the fact that Congress does not reconvene until Thursday and that most of the members of both branches took advantage of the long recess to spend their holidays at home. Semething of a smile rippled around the crowd just inside the main entrance to the White House when Senator

York, author of the tariff law, an old-line stand-patter, came in arm-in-arm. They went down stairs together, hung up their hats and coats on adjoining racks and, still arm-in-arm, took their places in line.

Speaker Cannon by

Display of Gorgeous Uniforms

Makes Great Pageant.

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Speaker Cannon has not missed a New Year reception at the White House in years. Today he made a concession by wearing a frock cost.

Resplendent in fulldress uniform of blue and gold, the officers of the Army. Navy and Marine Corps and district Navy and Marine Corps and district National Guard formed a decided con
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Lieutenant-General Nelson A, Miles, retired, as the ranking officer present, occupied the post of honor at the right occup

## NEIGHBORS HARBOR KANSAS ROBBERS

Sunflower State Says Men Who Loot Banks Come Across Boundary.

SHERIFFS AFRAID TO ACT

Nebraska and Oklahoma Accused of Giving Refuge to Gangs Which Raid From North and South, Then Flee to Safety.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 2.—Joseph N. Dolley, State Bank Commissioner, has sent a letter to the Governors of Nebraska and Oklahoma calling their attention to the bank robbers and thieves who rendezvous in those states and mork in Kansas

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Mr. Dolley's letter to the Governor of Nebraska also called attention to the apparent indifference of the local officers. He asks the two Governors to act in conjunction with the Governor of Kansas to round up the robbers and put

Two Gangs at Work.

"There are two gangs of bank robbers and thieves, a north and a south
gang," said Mr. Dolley today. "One
makes its headquarters in Wymore,
Neb., and the other just over the line
in Oklahoma. The latter outfit, I believe, is a part of the old Callahan gang,
which formerly lived in Wichita.

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committed in the northern part of the

"Every time a bank robbery has been committed in the northern part of the state, the robbers were traced to Wymore. The detectives who have worked on the case were not able to get the officers of the Nebraska county to show any activity in helping to get the men

#### Sheriff Afraid to Act.

"A business man told one of the de tectives that there was no use in trying tectives that there was no use in trying to apprehend the robbers, at the same time admitting that they made their headquarters there. He said they brought lots of money to the town and that they never disturbed any one there. The Sheriff indicated that he feared

The Sheriff Indicated that he feared them, saying he would not go after nor would he send any of his men.

"I have an idea that, although these two gangs are separated by the width of the state, they have a perfect understanding between themselves. In other words, they have a division of territory like large trusts which divide the territory in trade. I have asked the Governors of Nebraska and Okiahoma if some arrangement can't be made wheresome arrangement can't be made where-by these gangs may be broken up."

NEBRASKAN ADMITS CHARGE

Chief of Lincoln Police Says States Must Co-operate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan 2.—The state-ment of Joseph N. Dolley, Kansas State Bank Commissioner, criticising the al-leged indifference of the Nebraska of-ficers to the activities of the bank robbers whose rendezvous is said to be in Southern Nebraska, was supported by Chief James Malone, of Lincoln,

Nebraska Bankers' Association Detective Bureau to locate the gang's hiding place had not been freely aided.
"The only apparent way of breaking up the gang, which undoubtedly has headquarters in this state near the

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