

**ALL HOPE GONE
MINERS SAFETY**

No Chance Now to Reach Miners in Tunnel No. 2 of Lyden Mines—Commissioner Urges Safeguarding of Other Mines.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 17.—All hope of rescuing alive the ten miners entombed in tunnel No. 2 of the Lyden mine was abandoned today, when the first division of oxygen-helmeted searchers returned to the surface and reported that they had failed to find the imprisoned men.

A relief corps that followed the first division then set out to explore the extreme right wing of the mine, the only part of the tunnel that the searchers have not yet reached. At 10 o'clock this morning the men had been entombed 62 hours.

State Labor Commissioner Brake, who has been investigating the Lyden explosion, today predicted that others of the same kind would follow in mines in this vicinity within the next six months unless radical steps are taken to safeguard against it.

**JOHN D'S INCOME
IS \$179 A MINUTE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil income is \$179 a minute, according to the quarterly dividend of 10 per cent amounting to \$10,000,000 on all the stock which has been authorized by the directors. It was estimated today that Rockefeller since 1882 has received \$180,000,000 in Standard Oil dividends in addition to \$100,000,000 his equity in the profits of the concern. Since 1882 the company has disbursed \$709,812,620 out of its profits of \$1,129,442,064, leaving a surplus of \$419,679,444.

To understand real estate conditions and values in this city one must study real estate advertising and visit and investigate advertised properties. For the advertising columns of this paper are the textbooks of all who really study real estate, and the shifting of centers of activity and the rise and fall of values.

**URGES STRICTER
GAME LAWS**

State Warden Would Prevent Slaughter of Deer, Elk and Ducks—Also Recommends Closed Season for Trout on Rogue River.

Laws which would more stringently regulate the killing of deer, elk and ducks are urged by R. O. Stevenson, state game and forestry warden, in his annual report just transmitted to the governor and covering the operations of his department up to December 1.

Warden Stevenson declares the open season on deer should be closed on October 1 instead of November 1 and he would also make the owner or persons having charge of any dogs found pursuing deer guilty of a misdemeanor. He says this would put a stop to running deer with dogs and then making the plea that the dogs had got beyond control.

"There is a widespread feeling, in which I join," says Stevenson, "that the present penalty providing for the killing of an elk, the most splendid of our game animals, is not sufficiently severe, and I would recommend that the law be so amended that the unlawful killing of any elk be punished by imprisonment."

Beaver have multiplied so rapidly in some localities that their depredations have caused injury and annoyance, says the report. The warden says he believes it advisable to remove the protection for one year.

"The present limit on killing of ducks is not to exceed 35 in any consecutive seven days," says the warden. "This is too high. It permits a veritable slaughter of these splendid game fowls, and I earnestly urge the limit be reduced to 25 in seven consecutive days and that no persons be permitted to have in his possession more than the killing limit at one time. I recommend further that it be lawful to sell ducks in the open market at any time when it is lawful to kill."

Laws providing a trout season on the Rogue river, regulating the fishing of salmon trout in general and preventing night fishing on the Coquille river are urged.

There is \$55,107.31 in the game protection fund, and the warden reports that under the law he is unable to spend any part of this sum for trout hatcheries, which are desired. He recommends amendment of the law in order to permit this.

Sale of Chinese pheasants raised in captivity has been satisfactory, it is reported, and recommendation is made that this provision be extended to all game birds during the closed season and to deer and all other edible game animals.

The summary of arrests during the

**Natives of West Africa Clash With
French Troops; Hundreds Slaughtered.**

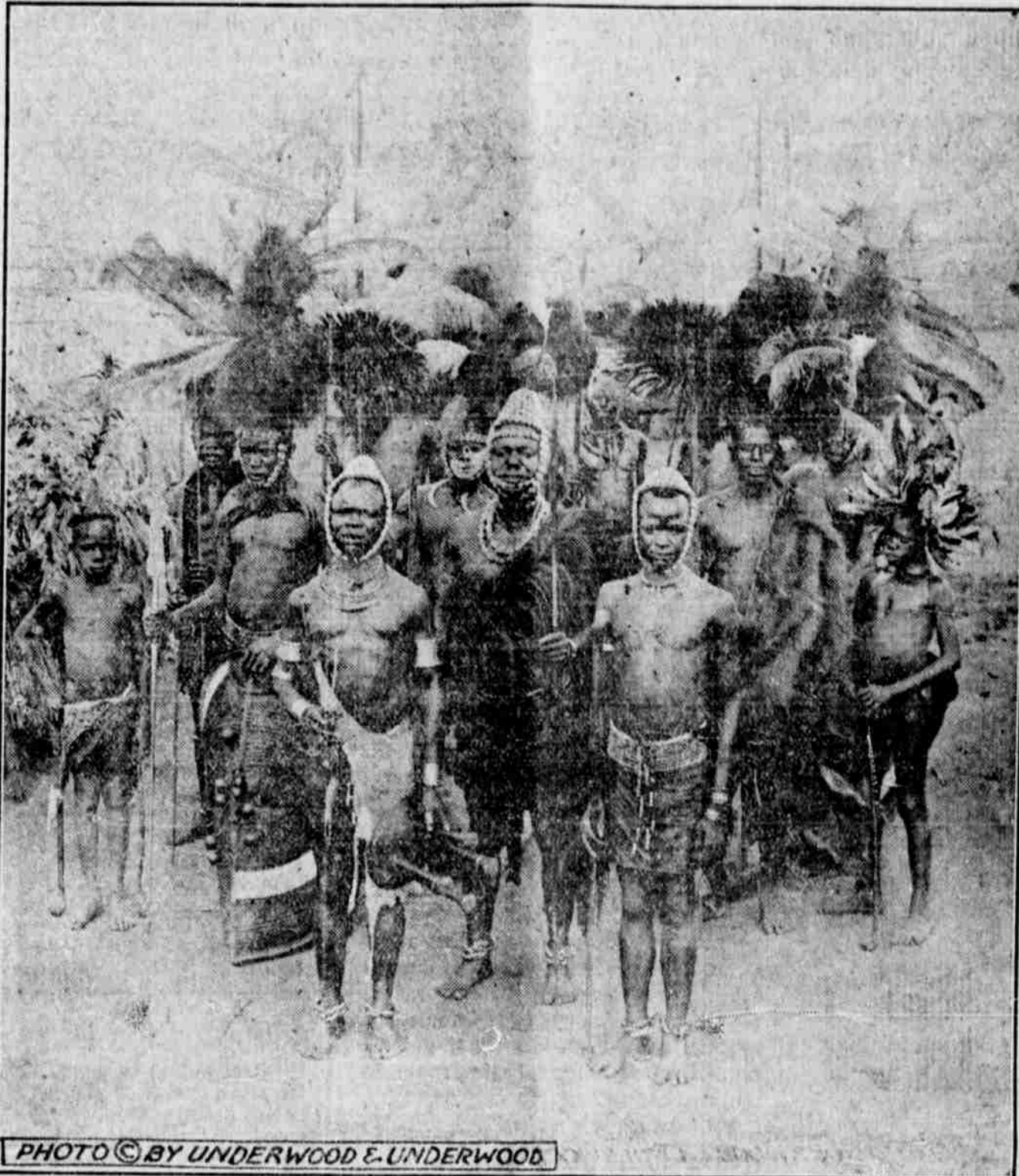


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Paris is excited over the fact that French troops have been in a number of serious engagements with natives of West Africa. During November, according to cable reports, the French had three bitter fights, one battle resulting in the killing of 600 natives and the killing and wounding of many French soldiers. Several garrisons are reported before the last of December. In the meantime more troops are being sent to Africa. The French war department has about concluded that a strong force must be sent to the scene of the long drawn out conflicts and the natives, who have objected to French rule, brought to terms once and for all.

year shows that a total of 286 cases were prosecuted and fines totaling \$10,955 levied. There were only seven acquittals and five cases dismissed. Six hunters were sent to jail.

Most of the inefficient workers get their jobs through the "influence of friends" and most of the efficient ones through the purely business method of want advertising. Most employes understand this—so it's getting harder all the time to secure a good job through "influence."

**BIG TACOMA STORE
WIPED OUT BY FIRE**

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—Overwhelmed by the loss of their big apartment store at Fifteenth street and Pacific avenue, which was wiped out by fire about midnight, just as the store was beginning to feel the

heavy Christmas rush, Thomas and James McCormack of McCormack Brothers were unable definitely to state what their future plans would be. The loss practically is complete and except for a few thousand dollars' worth of stock in the warehouse the business of the firm was completely wiped out. The stock was partially insured. The loss will be above \$100,000 and \$10,000 on the building.

The cause of the fire is not known.

**CROOKED RACE
GAME FOUND**

Wireless is Employed to Get Racing Tip—Farmer Becomes Suspicious and Went to the Authorities With the Story.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—County officers today are investigating what Saunders Williams, a Santa Paula rancher, declares to be a modern adaptation of the ancient racetrack wire-tapping game, and which he alleges is operated through a wireless station at Redondo Beach. As a result of Williams' charges, William Lacey and James Martin were arrested under the "confidence operator" clause of the vagrancy statute, and Lacey was sentenced to six months in jail, following his plea of guilty.

Williams told the authorities that soon after his arrival in Los Angeles for a vacation he met Lacey, who proposed a trip to Redondo beach. On the way to the beach, he said, Lacey told him of a system he had evolved of getting race tips via wireless, and later took him to the room where the apparatus was installed.

"I made several bets on the strength of these tips," said Williams, "and always won. Finally I bet \$500, giving a draft for the amount. I won again, and then the men insisted that I should go to a bank with them and prove that the draft was all right before they paid me. I became suspicious and went to the authorities."

Martin pleaded not guilty when arraigned with Lacey. His trial was set and he was released on \$500 bail.

**GREAT SEALSKIN SALE
IS ON IN LONDON**

VICTORIA, Dec. 17.—The seal-skin sale held yesterday at Lampton's, in London, at which the total catch, over 3000 skins, of the Victoria pelagic fleet, the United States catch of 12,000 from the Pribyloff rookeries and catches of locally owned schooners in the South Atlantic and Antarctic, about 16,000 or 17,000 pelts in all, were offered, showed no advance in the price over last year, according to advices received here today.

In fact, the general average will show a decline in the price of the Bering seal skins, and there was a falling-off of 10 per cent in the price of the South Sea seals. The average price brought by the Bering sea seal skins was \$28 per skin; last year the majority of the skins brought \$28 and \$30.

Medford Mail Tribune want advertising results.

**DISTRICT RICH
CENTRAL POINT**

Assessment of Central Point School District Is Over \$1,000,000, Aside From Assessment of Railroad and Equipment.

CENTRAL POINT, Or., Dec. 17.—Outside the assessment on railroad right of way, depot and grounds, rolling stock and other accessories, as well as telegraph and telephone within the district boundaries, the assessed valuation of property within the confines of the Central Point school district amounts to the snug sum of \$1,099,211, as reported by School Clerk Jacobs recently by W. R. Coleman, county clerk. This is considerable increase over any past assessment and insures the material welfare of the school kids for the next year or so.

Jackson county proper is rapidly advancing in value with each passing year, which fact makes all of us look pleasant and smile sweetly when we pay taxes.

Brokers Suspend.

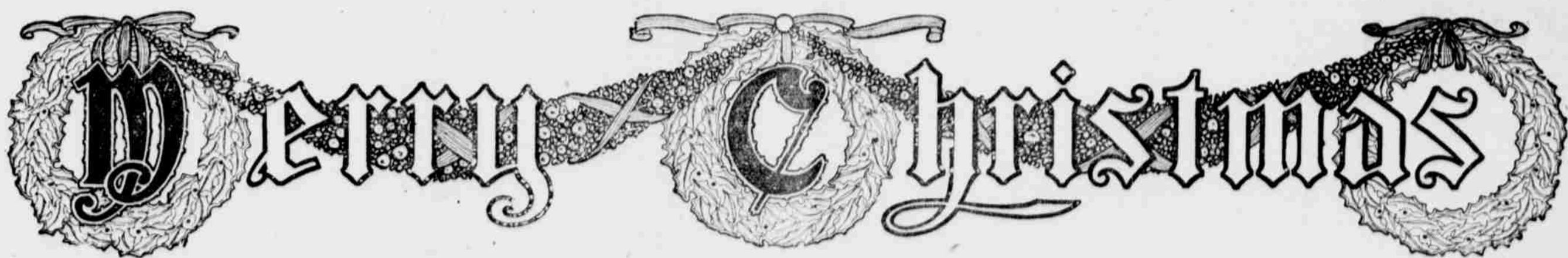
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The suspension of the brokerage firm of Judson & Judson was announced today on the stock exchange. The firm was established in 1901 and the principal members are A. M. Judson, George P. Judson and Percy Sherman.

**MADE GREAT FLIGHT
ACROSS RIVER PLATA**

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 17.—That Aviator Cattaneo's flight across the Plata river was as hazardous as one across the English channel is the opinion of aviation enthusiasts here today. It took Cattaneo two hours and 20 minutes to fly over the river. This is a considerably longer time than Latham consumed in crossing the channel.

Cattaneo flew from Buenos Ayres to Colonia, a distance of 24 miles. He encountered strong headwinds, which accounted for his slow time.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 17.—"Sid" McElie, head of the alleged Chicago bucket shops, which were raided on Thursday by order of the federal authorities, surrendered himself today into custody. He gave \$10,000 bonds and was released. McElie was supposed to be in Florida and an officer with a warrant for his arrest already had started for Tampa.



Will be enjoyed most by the families who live in their own homes.
We have furnished the material for most of the homes in Medford.

Woods Lumber Co.