

PANAMA A PURCHASER.

Trade with the New Republic Rapidly Growing.

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WEALTH FROM MINERALS.

Order of the Producing States a Surprise to Most Persons.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Out of \$1,623,877,127 worth of minerals produced by the United States in the latest period that of 1905, last compiled by the Geological Survey, are included the following metals, with \$22,024,019 worth of non-metallic mineral products, such as coal, petroleum, bricks, stone, etc., and besides these there were a large number of unspecified materials.

In the annual tables of the Survey the mineral resources listed include both certain raw materials and also certain derivative materials in their first marketable condition, which do not appear in the table of mineral products of the United States as a whole.

Table with 2 columns: Mineral Name and Value. Includes items like Iron, Coal, Petroleum, etc.

LOS ANGELES FIRE LOSS \$500,000. Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Early to day the Fire Department gained control of a fire that had raged for about two hours in the five-story building occupied by the Cohn-Goldwater Company as a garment factory.

CONGRESS MEETS JAN. 3.

Little Business Likely To Be Transacted This Week.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Congress will reconvene after the Christmas recess at 12 o'clock next Thursday, but it is not expected that much business will be transacted in either house until the following week.

The purpose in a general way is to proceed with the appropriation bills as rapidly as possible, but as neither house has one of these measures before it, both will be forced to take up other matters of legislation or adjourn from day to day until the committees can bring in some of the supply measures.

The House is not nearly so well provided as the Senate with miscellaneous subjects which are in shape for consideration.

PAY IN THE POSTOFFICE.

Mr. Hitchcock Suggests New and Higher Scale of Salaries.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Failure at this time to increase materially the compensation of post-office employees will seriously jeopardize the efficiency of the service, according to the annual report of Mr. Hitchcock, the First Assistant Postmaster General, which was made public today.

Higher wages in other classes of employment, and the increased cost of living, have rendered pronounced the inadequacy of post-office salaries, he says.

The proposed plan leaves to the department the distribution of promotions, based on efficiency above the \$1,000 grade in first class and above the \$800 grade in second class offices, the extent of such promotions being limited, of course, by the appropriations provided.

FAVORS FRENCH CHURCH.

Washington Mass Meeting Adopts Resolutions of Protest.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Washington, of various religious denominations, was held here to-night, and resolutions were adopted, protesting against the action of the French government in regard to the Roman Catholic Church.

ATTITUDE OF VATICAN.

Awaiting Effect of French Law—\$1,000,000 Left to Pope.

Rome, Dec. 30.—The approval by the French Senate on Saturday of the amended Separation law did not cause surprise at the Vatican. The Holy See is now awaiting the effect of the law's application.

Clerical and anti-clerical held processions at Milan to-day, one in favor of the French Catholics and the other in favor of the French Government. Both, after insignificant disturbances, were repressed by the police.

A YEAR OF LYNCH LAW IN THE UNITED STATES.

OUT OF SEVENTY-TWO VICTIMS OF MOB VIOLENCE IN 1906 SEVENTY WERE NEGROES—A RECORD OF LAWLESSNESS IN FOURTEEN STATES.

New Orleans, Dec. 30 (Special).—Of the seventy-two persons lynched in the United States during the year 1906, according to figures prepared for "The New Orleans Picayune," one was the victim of mob wrath because he carried a pistol, one for stealing a calf, one for stealing a silver dollar, one for disorderly conduct, one for robbery, one for improper proposals and one for miscegenation.

There were 65 lynchings in 1905, 87 in 1904, 104 in 1903, 96 in 1902 and 135 in 1901. In 1905 Louisiana had 6 and Mississippi 20.

Following are the lynchings by months: During January, 3; February, 6; March, 4; April, 7; May, 8; June, 3; July, 7; August, 10; September, 3; October, 11; November, 9, and December, 1.

Table with 4 columns: State, Name, Crime, Method. Lists lynchings in Alabama, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas.

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BABY RHINOCEROS HERE.

BREAKS RULES OF LINE.

Wireless Messages Sent to Little Mesoviro, the New Arrival.

A baby rhinoceros, captured in the heart of German East Africa, and guarded with more care, perhaps, than is often bestowed upon a child, arrived here yesterday in fine health on the White Star liner Cedric, from Naples.

The animal, which is a splendid male specimen, was purchased at Mombassa, on the British East African coast, for the American Zoological Garden.

According to Mr. Lang, no baby rhinoceros has ever been captured alive without first killing the mother. After a desperate fight with the mother of the newcomer, which arrived yesterday, he was captured when only two weeks old.

"This little fellow is as gentle as a child," said Mr. Lang, as he fed the rhinoceros a mixture of condensed milk and boiled rice.

"I took him from Mombassa to Naples by steamer. The captain liked him and gave us the freedom of the deck. Each day I would run around the deck with Mesoviro, covering a distance equal to about four miles. At Naples I built a pool for him in the garden of my hotel.

"When I first took the little fellow under my care I gave him one of diluted condensed milk three times a day. He grew four inches on the voyage from Mombassa to New York, and now he is hardly satisfied with nine cans a day.

"The Cedric brought thirty-seven packages of skins, bones, elephant feet, birds, chemicals and natural curiosities consigned to the Museum of Natural History.

Arrested on Maid's Complaint. Police Say Servant Lost Seven Russian Bonds.

Charged with stealing seven Russian bonds from her maid, a woman who gave her name as Florence Scott and who was twenty-one years old, was arrested yesterday afternoon at No. 29 West 44th street.

RESCUERS SEE ENGINEER DIE.

Eight Thousand Dollars Still Needed to Lift Mortgage on Property.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 30.—The Seaboard Air Line's fast mail train, No. 32, northbound, from Atlanta to Richmond, ran into a string of loaded freight cars at Peachland, a flag station nineteen miles east of Monroe, late last night, partially wrecking the passenger train and killing S. E. Maxwell, its engineer.

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ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

ANNAPOLIS VACANCIES NUMEROUS.—There are a large number of vacancies for midshipmen at the Naval Academy, including those which have existed from resignation and dismissal and those which are anticipated by the graduation of those which take place in the class of 1907.

Advertisement for Vichy Celestins, featuring a notice about cautioning physicians against accepting substitutes and a list of ailments treated.

HEALTH MENACES AT NAVY YARD.

The surgeon general of the navy has received a report from the Brooklyn Navy Yard recommending that there be built a small building located somewhere on the cob dock, and some form of disinfecting apparatus installed there.

EVILS OF COALING SHIPS.—Some of the naval officers are inclined to believe that serious damage is being done to naval ordnance by the coal dust which settles over everything whenever fuel is transferred to a warship.

BABOONS FIGHT FOR REVOLVER. Bronx Park Crowd Deserts Monkey House.

For somewhat more than a month the monkey house in the Bronx Park has been the most popular spot to be found there. In the middle of the afternoon yesterday about a dozen Italians gathered in front of the cage occupied by Dolson and Polly, the baboons.

WANT \$1,000,000 FOR RIVERS. St. Louis Business Men Propose Big Issue of Government Bonds.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—After the speech of Congressman Richard Bartholdt at a dinner given to him by business men in this city last night, in which Mr. Bartholdt advocated an issue of government bonds to the amount of \$500,000,000 for river improvements in the interior, a resolution was adopted endorsing the plan.

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