

### USE OF WIRELESS ON AEROPLANES

#### Lieutenant Beck, Of U. S. Signal Service, Makes Successful Trials At San Francisco Aviation-Grounds

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Lieutenant F. W. Beck, of the United States Signal Service Corps, demonstrated to the army's satisfaction today the practicability of sending wireless messages from a scouting airplane to field headquarters. Flying with Philip Parmelee in a Wright biplane equipped with a wireless sending instrument, and with a wire antenna a hundred feet long trailing from the underbody of the car, Lieut. Beck transmitted half a dozen messages to the wireless station on the aviation grounds. The first message was to the Associated Press. It had been prepared in advance by an Associated Press representative and its text was known only to the writer. Lieut. Beck tucked it away, folded, in his pocket and did not open the paper until he had reached an altitude of 500 feet.

The airship was at times about two and a half miles from the field while the officer was flashing communications to the wireless station, and the receiving operator stated that no difficulty would be experienced in reading the messages had the distance been twenty miles.

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### MINING WORKERS MAY LEAVE A. F. L.

#### Refusal To Grant Charter To Western Federation Of Miners Is Taken Up In U. M. W. Convention

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 19.—A resolution which would have the withdrawal of the United Mine Workers of America from the American Federation of Labor, because of its refusal to grant a charter to the Western Federation of Miners, was introduced today in the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, which is being held in Columbus, Ohio. The resolution was introduced by a committee on resolutions, and it probably will be voted on tomorrow.

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### REVOLUTIONARIES GAIN ADVANTAGE

#### Bonilla's Forces In Honduras Making Headway Against Government—Attack Made On City Of Ceiba

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 18.—The island town of Port Sal, 50 miles off the coast of Honduras, has been taken by revolutionary forces under Manuel Bonilla, according to information brought today by the steamer Harold, and an attack upon Ceiba is expected at any time. It is reported that a force of 2,000 government troops, sent to reinforce Ceiba, deserted to the revolutionists. A force of 200 men sent to Puerto Cortes was lost in the jungle. The four highest officers in command being the only ones to report.

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### OREGON FLOODS

#### Heavy Rain Causes Much Damage To Property In Willamette Valley—Precipitation Continues

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Serious damage is being done by the rain, which has been in progress here for two days and which tonight shows no signs of abating. Nearly six inches of rain has fallen here since the storm started, and the precipitation is greater at almost every point south of here as far as Albany.

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### LEGAL INTELLIGENCE

#### Before Hunter, C. J. and a Jury

Kellett v. B. C. Marine Railway Company. In this case, at the conclusion of the argument on the motion for judgment, the learned chief justice dismissed the action on the ground that there had been no case made out of negligence on the part of the defendant company, thus setting aside the verdict of the jury in the plaintiff's favor for \$3,700. Alkman for plaintiff, H. E. B. Robertson for defendant company.

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### INTERFERE WITH PUBLIC

#### Malign Influence Of Liberal "Machinery" Against Needs Of Customs Dept

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