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AN AERIAL PARADE ACROSS THE OCEAN IS BEING PLANNED

Plans for Four Non-Stop Flights From New York to Europe Announced Today in New York.

NOTED AIRMAN TO MAKE THE FLIGHT

Capt. Rene Fonck, Lloyd W. Bertaud, Gotthard Strohschein and Gladys Roy Planning Flights.

New York, July 7.—(AP)—An aerial parade across the Atlantic loomed as a possibility today with announcement of plans for four non-stop flights from New York to Europe.

Spurred by the achievements of Lindbergh, Chamberlain and Byrd the new expedition disclosed elaborate plans for flights to Paris, Rome and to an unnamed destination in Europe in planes ranging in size from Lindbergh's little Spirit of St. Louis to proportions greatly exceeding the giant America of Commander Byrd.

Veteran aviators, stunt flyers, one of them a woman, and a designer of a yet to be built steam-driven biplane, were named as members of the new expedition. Takeoffs from New York were announced for as early as next month and as late as next year.

Captain Rene Fonck, French war ace, is preparing for a flight to Paris. Lloyd W. Bertaud, air mail pilot deposed by Charles A. Levine as copilot on the flight of the Bellanca monoplane Columbia, is planning a 3,000 mile ride to Rome.

Miss Gladys Roy, stunt flyer and parachute jumper, is also contemplating a journey to Rome. Gotthard Strohschein, Jersey City inventor and former Chicago minister, hopes to reach Europe in a giant steam-driven biplane.

BIG PLANE IS NAMED "MISS WINSTON-SALEM"

Miss Mary Reynolds, Sister of Richard J. Christens Giant Tri-Motored Fokker.

Winston-Salem, July 6.—(AP)—A bottle of real champagne, Miss Mary Reynolds, sister of Richard J. Reynolds, Jr., broke the flask over a giant Fokker monoplane on Maynard field, near here, this afternoon at five o'clock, christening it "Miss Winston-Salem."

Christening was performed first prior to the official test flight of the plane with its "voice from the air" apparatus which enabled people on the streets of Winston-Salem to hear an impromptu entertainment. The strains of Dixie floated down from the sky and other popular songs.

The tri-motored plane was in charge of Richard J. Reynolds, Jr., who is a director in the Plane Speaker corporation, the concern that is behind the airplane speaking unit and who is also president of Reynolds Airways, Incorporated.

The official test flight of plane and loud speaker was entirely satisfactory, those behind it said. Large crowds had gathered on the streets to hear the tests and also at Maynard field for the christening.

The machine as it went into the air weighed around 10,000 pounds and carried 200 gallons of gasoline.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of 3 Points to Decline of 1 Point.

New York, July 7.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 1 point. Some overnight buying orders accounted for the advance on early near crop positions, but Liverpool was lower than due, while the early weather news was considered favorable, and prices soon turned easier.

Trading remained very quiet, however, and fluctuations were narrow. October eased off from 17.14 to 17.07, the general market showing net losses of about 3 to 7 points at the end of the first hour.

The market later remained very quiet. At midday, October was selling around 17.08, with new crop months generally showing net declines of 2 to 4 points, while July was 7 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 16.89; Oct. 17.14; Dec. 17.33; Jan. 17.37; March 17.56.

Bluejackets to Land

Shanghai, July 7.—(AP)—Advices from Tokio state that dispatches received at the Japanese foreign office today told of an agreement reached at Tsingtao Shantung last night, by which the United States would land 1,000 bluejackets there, and Great Britain send a contingent from Shanghai.

The advices said the agreement was reached at a conference of the British, Japanese, German and American consuls at Tsingtao.

What Can Be Done About the Equalization Fund at Present?

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, July 7.—Now that the \$3,200,000 school equalization fund has been distributed and from all accounts and purposes, in strict conformity with the law, what can be done about it, even though ten or dozen dissatisfied counties appear before the equalization board here tomorrow in vocal protest at the amount they have received?

The secretary of the board, LeRoy Martin, doesn't know; it is not believed that Lieutenant Governor Long, chairman of the board, knows, or that the individual members of the board know. So it appears that the meeting will be chiefly for the purpose of permitting these dissatisfied and somewhat irate counties to let off steam. And that is about all.

This appears the case following rather an extensive analysis of the law creating the State equalization fund, just made by Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash, who after outlining the act and the functions which it authorizes the board to perform states:

"It is manifest from this short recapitulation of the act that the crux of the whole situation is in the valuation fixed by the State board upon the property of counties. If in a particular county, however, the valuation was less than was just and fair, that county's participation in the equalizing fund would be excessive."

"The whole matter, however, has been placed in the hands of the State board of equalization and their action in the matter is not subject to the control of any other department of the State government. The governor himself in no way participates in their deliberations and has no authority to call the board together to consider any action that it has taken."

"If it has made a patent mistake, or if facts collected by others should show that it has not properly valued property in any particular instance, then of course a body of men selected as this would, no doubt, upon such suggestion, not only be willing but anxious to give a hearing to those who are not satisfied and review their own action in the premises. If the board, then, has pursued substantially the authority contained in this act, this is the only remedy that any person aggrieved has."

And there the matter rests! The board is a law unto itself, as constituted by the act which created it, and unless it voluntarily chooses to reopen the entire matter and go into it again, no one can compel it to. And unless exceedingly strong evidence to the effect that certain counties have been badly treated and their valuations grossly misrepresented, is adduced, there is little likelihood that the distribution of the present fund will be reopened. So about the only thing that the present wave of dissatisfaction can bring about is a more thorough reevaluation in the various counties before the distribution of the 1928 equalization money.

There is one additional point, however, which Mr. Nash does not seem to have taken into consideration, and that is that besides the valuation in a county, the amount of funds which it receives from the equalization fund is also influenced by the size of its school budget, with the result that those counties with small valuations, which have at the same time been able to maintain larger school budgets, mainly as a result of allotments from former equalization funds, are undoubtedly in a more advantageous position than those counties that have not been able to do so. And to a certain extent those counties which have received large sums from former equalization funds also come in for larger shares this year.

So it seems that for the present there is little that can be done, other than to profit by this experience, and for the board to get busy now on getting the actual rather than estimated valuations of the counties between now and June 1, 1928, when the allotment of the equalization fund for next year must be made.

ALIBI FOR ACREE IS OFFERED AT TRIAL

Witness Said Defendant Was at His Home at Time of Alleged Flogging.

Toccoa, Ga., July 7.—(AP)—Testimony that W. G. Acree was at the home of a neighbor doctoring a sick cow on the night when a robbed and masked band of men flogged Mrs. Acree's daughter and her son, Lloyd, before resting his side at the trial of Acree on charges of assault with intent to murder in connection with the flogging.

M. B. Mooney, farmer, told the jury that he, Jesse Jordan, Mose Jordan and Bart Lovry went to Toccoa on the night of the flogging to get a veterinarian to treat his cow, and unable to find a veterinarian, they called on Acree when they met him on the street.

This testimony followed close on the declaration of Lloyd Bowers that he had recognized Acree among the men who flogged him and his mother. Mrs. Bowers testified yesterday that she knew Acree to be one of her assailants.

BOERSIG PAYS FOR HIS CRIME WITH HIS LIFE

Man Convicted of Beating Children to Death Electrocuted in the Virginia Prison.

Richmond, July 7.—(AP)—Louis F. Boersig, convicted of beating to death two small children at Alexandria last March, was electrocuted at the Virginia state penitentiary here today. He was taken into the death chamber at 7 a. m., and the switch was thrown shortly afterward.

The crime for which Boersig was convicted was extremely brutal. He went to the home of Mrs. Ridgeway, and asked for a drink of water. As Mrs. Ridgeway turned to get the water, he knocked her down, clubbed her two little girls, Loretta and Catherine, and took \$85 from the bureau drawer and escaped.

BODY OF LeBOUEF IS LOCATED IN LAKE

Body Had Been Mutilated and Weighted Down With Irons in the Lake.

Morgan City, La., July 7.—(AP)—The body of James J. LeBoeuf, superintendent of the Louisiana Public Utilities Company, who had been mutilated, shot and gagged, was found weighted down with irons in a lake here today.

He had been missing from his home since Friday when he is said to have left in a boat borrowed from a friend.

Connie Mack Sends Ehmk Back Home

Boston, July 5.—Manager Connie Mack of the Athletics, now playing a series with Boston, announced today that he had sent Howard Ehmk, lanky right handed pitcher, home to Philadelphia. The charge against Ehmk is that he is "in no condition to pitch baseball."

The Philadelphia manager said he did not expect that Ehmk would rejoin the club in the present lengthy road trip, which ends July 25. Ehmk was knocked out of the box in the first inning of the second game of yesterday's doubleheader and was marked up as the losing pitcher.

SHEFFIELD REFUSES TO DISCUSS REPORT HE WILL QUIT POST

Goes to the Summer White House to See President But Has Nothing to Say About Leaving Post.

DECLINES ALSO TO DISCUSS LAW

Says He Will Have Nothing to Give Out Until He Has Had Opportunity to Talk With President.

Rapid City, S. D., July 7.—(AP)—James R. Sheffield, ambassador to Mexico, came to the summer white house early today to visit President Coolidge. He declined to speak on repeated rumors that he intended to resign, but he looked forward with pleasure to a prospective trip to Europe.

The ambassador saw no likelihood of any change in the American policy toward Mexico, but he refused to speak about conditions surrounding the oil land law controversy between the United States and the republic to the South until he had consulted with President Coolidge.

"Maybe later I will have something to say," he declared. Declining to be drawn into any discussions of Mexican questions the Ambassador said he was looking forward to a few days' visit with the President, to go over the latest developments in the relations between the two republics, and then to a few weeks trip to Europe for which he and Mrs. Sheffield hoped to sail July 23 on the Berengaria.

"Until I have seen the President," he declared upon alighting from his train which had brought him from New York, "I cannot discuss the Mexican situation. I have given no interviews since I stepped upon American soil. I intend to pursue that policy until after my visit here."

He made a brief reference to the prospect of the American government to its viewpoint regarding its differences with Mexico, and then stepped into an open white house car to be whisked 32 miles up into the hills through a chilly mountain morning.

The ambassador had hoped that Mrs. Sheffield might accompany him here, but he felt the long journey would not have been beneficial.

"We are both looking forward to our trip across the Atlantic," he said. "It is going to be a real pleasure trip and a rest. We hope to tour Scotland and England, and then find a quiet place somewhere for a few weeks of seclusion."

To inquiries with respect to his future Mr. Sheffield declined to comment except to say that it was not he who had started the rumor that he might leave his post.

SEVERAL REPORTED KILLED IN WRECK

Reports Also Declare 75 Persons Were Hurt in Wreck in New York State.

Nyaek, N. Y., July 5.—(AP)—Reports of several dead and 75-injured in a railroad wreck on the West Shore Line at Jones Point called this afternoon for every available ambulance from Nyaek, Newburgh and Suffern, N. Y.

The report was that a New York-Ontario & Western Railroad passenger train with about 8 cars moving at full speed southward, had crashed into a freight train.

Scenes of great confusion prevented an early check of the dead and injured.

Luther League Stages Rally

Saltbury, July 4.—The crowning feature of the seventeenth biennial convention of the Luther League of America, of approximately 750 officers, delegates and visitors here from all sections of the United States, was when a great missionary rally was held in St. Johns church, the convention church.

It was taxed to overflowing and many were turned away. A pageant "God's Family" was put on and then there was a great procession of the leaguers, carrying state standards.

Treasurer C. C. Dittmer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., presented to Rev. M. E. Thomas, field secretary of Andra Christian college in India, a Lutheran institution, a check for \$25,000 covering the league's pledge for the erection of a building there, also \$5,000 as an oversubscription.

The intermediate secretary also presented a check for \$500 for equipping a gymnasium at the college and the junior secretary presented a check for \$500 for furnishing two of the college rooms.

A group of missionaries at home on furlough were presented, some of these being located in Japan and others in India. A cablegram was received from Rev. Rajah B. Manikam, of India, expressing regret at being unable to be present because of illness in his family, also one from Dr. J. Roy Stock, president of Andra college.

The 750 visitors are being given an old fashioned barbecue this afternoon.

"Dead" Bomb Found in Newspaper Office.

BYRD TELLS AIR EXPLORATIONS HE WILL ATTEMPT

Plans to Spend Next Seven or Eight Years in Air Explorations.—South Pole Will Get Attention First.

MAY SAIL FOR HOME TUESDAY

Airmen Slept Late This Morning and Then began Round of Entertainment Provided for Them

Paris, July 7.—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd and the other members of the crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane America had their first long unbroken morning sleep today since their arrival in Paris.

"He did not get out until nearly 11.30. It was then that the formal affairs of the day began with a reception by Fernand Bouisson, president of the Chamber of Deputies, who met them at his private chamber in the Presidency and congratulated them upon their flight.

Commander Byrd took a few minutes before leaving his hotel for the chamber, to tell the Associated Press of his plans for seven or eight years exploration from the air, the most comprehensive scheme of its kind yet outlined by any aviator explorer.

The plans involve, after his trip to the South Pole, an aerial journey of exploration over the Brazilian forests, a goodwill trip around South America, and later another flight over the Arabian Desert.

A crowd from the aristocratic St. Germaine quarter awaited the commander and his companions in front of the residence of the President of the chamber when they arrived there, to be received by M. Bouisson. There were a few discreet bravos as their car drove into the courtyard.

"Receiving the aviators in the superbly decorated President's room M. Bouisson told them how closely he had watched their flight and how greatly he admired their courage in the face of stupendous odds.

"I am sure," he said, "that the traditional friendly relations of the two people have been further cemented by this feat."

Commander Byrd with Charge de Affaires Sheldon Whitehouse, acting as interpreter, told the President: "From the very beginning of my talk with Rodman Wanamaker about the flight, we had in mind the good such a flight might do for the relations between France and the United States. We are sure that while many people say nothing was needed to help those relations, some good has been accomplished by the flight."

May Sail Tuesday. Paris, July 7.—(AP)—Passage for Commander Byrd and his trans-Atlantic flight companions has been tentatively booked on the steamer Leviathan, sailing from Cherbourg next Tuesday. Unless there are developments to change their plans the aviators will motor to Cherbourg from Le Touquet, where they are to spend the week end, Tuesday afternoon, without returning to Paris.

Clarence D. Chamberlain has also announced that he has arranged to sail on the Leviathan, but Charles A. Levine, his passenger on the trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Germany, will remain in France to prepare for a return flight with a French pilot.

Aged Man Dies After Slashing His Own Throat

High Point, July 4.—A. C. Cranford, 67, died in a local hospital today with a slashed throat. Last week the elderly man attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He was found bleeding on the side of a country road near Silver Hill mine, in the edge of Montgomery county, and brought to a High Point hospital.

His health is attributed as the cause of the suicide. The deceased is survived by a son and daughter in Denton.

Rural Mail Carriers to End Meeting

Raleigh, July 5.—(AP)—Burlington, Shelby and Kinston were making strong bids for the 1928 convention as the final day of the State Rural Mail Carriers gathering got under way here today. The selection of the convention city, election of officers, and naming of delegates, to the national convention of carriers at Oklahoma City, August 18, were the remaining matters for consideration.

Morganton Athlete Dead

Morganton, N. C., July 5.—(AP)—Herman "Bill" Nogles, local athlete, died in Grace Hospital at midnight Monday from injuries received yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding with three friends ran off highway No. 10 while the party was on their way to a baseball game at Valdese.

After spending the past week-end and Independence Day with their parents, three sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Brown left for different points Monday night. William G. Brown Jr. returned to Starr, S. C., where he is in the employ of the Southern Power Co.; J. T. Brown returned to Charlotte, while Jerry Brown departed for Philadelphia.

Bob Jewell returned to Albemarle Monday night after a visit here with friends for several days.

FRENCH PILOT WILL BRING COLUMBIA TO AMERICA LATER ON

Plane in Which Chamberlain and Levine Flew to Germany Will Be Driven Back by French Pilot.

NAME OF PILOT NOT DISCLOSED

It Is Said That Break Occurred Between Levine and Chamberlain But Report Is Not Verified.

Paris, July 7.—(AP)—Clarence Chamberlain will fly the Bellanca monoplane from Columbia to London with as yet the unnamed French pilot, who will attempt a return flight across the Atlantic with Charles Levine, he told the Associated Press today.

He will show the new pilot the controls and everything he needs to know about the peculiarities of the plane, as well as give him the full benefit of the experience gained on the trans-Atlantic flight, Chamberlain added.

Chamberlain will leave the plane in London to be returned to France by the French pilot and he himself will sail from Southampton on the Leviathan next Tuesday.

It is believed the pilot who will take the Columbia back to France will be either Capt. Georges Pelletier Doisy, of Paris to Tokio fame, or Lieutenant Paul Tariscon, who originally planned the trip across with the ill-fated Colli and who since the failure of the Singsger-Colli flight has been working on plans for one of his own.

Chamberlain declined to comment on the rumors current in Paris that there had been a break between himself and Levine.

"I would be perfectly willing to take the plane home myself" he said, "but I long ago made engagements that made it impossible."

Friends of the aviator also stated that arrangements concluded some time ago precluded his remaining in Europe any longer.

They did hint, however, that all was not too smooth between the two men, and intimated that Chamberlain felt that Levine without sufficient experience in aviation, had undertaken too much in the direction of the flight, especially in their round of visits to European cities.

MISS SIBYL PRESNELL HAS LIFE CRUCIED OUT

Was Riding on Running Board of Coupe When the Machine Turns Over.

Lenoir, July 6.—Sibyl Presnell, riding on the running board of a Ford coupe, was crushed to death Monday afternoon when the car turned over at the intersection of the Blair road with the highway, two miles south of here. The accident occurred shortly before 3 o'clock.

Sibyl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Presnell, of near Valdese. She was visiting Gladys Haigler, the daughter of Cub Haigler, who lives on the Blair road. During the afternoon a neighbor drove over and the children asked if they might take a ride in his car. Gladys was driving and Ester Lee was on the seat of the coupe with her. Sibyl got on the running board on the right hand side of the car. Olive Hass, who sits on the left hand running board, Carroll Hass was riding. They came out from the Blair road at the filling station, turned to the left towards Hickory and again entered the Blair road at the new connection, 100 yards south of the filling station.

The recent rains had left the entrance to this road rough and it was thought that the girl had not calculated on this when she turned from the pavement on to the dirt road. The car skidded and rolled off an embankment. Olive Hass, who sits on the same running board, jumped or fell off before the car turned over. Carroll Hass, who was on the other running board, also jumped, but the Presnell girl was caught as the car overturned and later examination showed a broken leg and internal injuries as the result.

Fear John Drew Is Near Death

San Francisco, July 7.—(AP)—Physicians attending John Drew feared today that the noted actor, 73 years old, who has been ill in a hospital here since May 31st, was near death.

Hospital reports today said the aged actor was very weak, and doctors doubted if he could live 48 hours.

Find Dead Body of Alleged Attacker

Yazoo City, Miss., July 7.—(AP)—The body of Joe Smith, negro, who is alleged to have attempted an attack on a white girl near here, was today found hanging from a tree about seventeen miles from here. He had been shot numerous times.

Rubber is used in various forms in the production of fully 30,000 different articles.

To produce results, a garden must be cultivated. So must happiness.

WEATHER Local thundershowers tonight or Friday morning, followed by generally fair and cooler Friday afternoon.

STOCK MARKET section containing various market data and prices.