

ANOTHER AIR PARTY BEING FORMED FOR FLIGHT TO ARCTIC

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CITIZENS ARE GIVING MONEY

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Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—An independent expedition to explore the Arctic from the air is being organized by Lieut. Commander Richard E. Byrd, of Winchester, Va., who commanded the navy section of the MacMillan expedition last summer.

The enterprise will be financed by American citizens, among those who already pledged support being John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Edsel Ford, each of whom has offered \$20,000.

Commander Byrd is negotiating now with several concerns for suitable craft for the expedition, either of the dirigible or aeroplane type.

While it is now the plan to compete with the expedition of the Detroit Aviation Society which intends to hop off from Point Barrow, Alaska, for the North Pole this year, the aims of the two are in certain respects similar.

The navy officer's primary object, however, is to explore the unknown regions north of Greenland, Canada and Alaska, using either Spitzbergen or Etah, Greenland, as a base.

In Epitaph is the point from which Amundsen hopped off last year in his attempt to reach the Pole by airplane and Etah was the main base of the MacMillan expedition.

Present prospects favor Spitzbergen as a base, with Byrd flying from there to Cape Morris, Jessup in Peary Land at the northern tip of Greenland and then striking off toward the Pole.

London, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A scheme to exploit the valuable mineral products of the buried cities of Sodom and Gomorrah—its a part of the deepest chasm on earth, being approximately 680 feet below sea level.

The sea contains 24 per cent of salt and, in consequence, is so buoyant that a person can float on its surface without exertion of any kind.

After attending a terracing demonstration given on the farm of H. M. Morrison, of Statesville, Route No. 6, 18 farmers in this county are now planning to run terraces on their farms.

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It is said that students from Mercedbury (Pa.) inter-scholastic track records than athletes from any other school.

Effective February 1st, an additional penalty on City Taxes. Your street assessments are past due.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

Pa Graduates



A. G. Hiles, 44, restaurant proprietor and father of four children, received a diploma from Lombard college, Illinois, at the close of the first semester this winter.

BAGGY TROUSERS ARE LOSING THEIR GRIP

Suspenders Gain Hold in Men's Dress.—General Styles Not to Be Changed.

St. Louis, Jan. 30.—Return of the popularity of suspenders and a turning away from extreme baggy trousers, are to be the principal changes in men's fashions in 1926.

Colored shirts with collars to match will continue to be in vogue for town and business wear.

Unfinished worsteds will be used to as great an extent as ever. Flannels in shades of greys, blues and the lighter tones of browns will be popular.

Two or three button sack coats will be proper, with two button styles more generally favored.

MAN AND WIFE IN DEADLY FRAY Former Belhaven Merchant and Mate Fight With Razor and Hatchet.

Washington, N. C., January 29.—George Raiff, of New York City, formerly of Belhaven, is probably fatally wounded and his wife seriously so, according to reports which have been received here.

It is reported that Raiff and his wife, Minnie had an altercation over business matters in which she was directly interested.

Driver of Death Car Held For Grand Jury. Charlotte, Jan. 29.—J. L. James, former grocery store and pool room proprietor, was held for investigation by the county grand jury today after a coroner's jury had inquired into the death of Miss Lizzie Lawrence, who died Tuesday night.

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London, Jan. 30.—Glasgow is to be the scene of an experimental installation of the "Railplane," designed to relieve traffic congestion.

Contentants in the world's skating championships at St. John are loud in their praise of the hospitality of the New Brunswick city and the elaborate program of entertainment for the victors.

TAR HEELS WIN IN SUIT FOR PART OF WILLIAMS' ESTATE

Court Rules That the Late Jesse P. Williams Inherited For Relatives to Get His Money.

WIFE CUT THEM OUT OF ESTATE

In Her Will She Created Fund That Was to Have Been Used to Erect Memorial Hospital.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Fifty-one North Carolina relatives of the late Jesse P. Williams, pioneer-Georgia turpentine operator, and major stockholder in the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad today were participants in \$600,000 of his estate through a decree handed down here by Judge George L. Bell in Fulton Superior Court.

The petitioners sued for one-half of the estate left by the widow by Mr. Williams. The estate was valued at \$6,000,000.

The suit brought January 10, 1925, in behalf of Geo. W. Williams and others, was directed against John Lord Nisbet, executor of the estate of Mrs. Cora S. Williams, who died in March 1923.

The suit revealed an alleged agreement by which Mrs. Williams was to divide one-half of the estate to relatives of her husband in her will provided they left her in undisputed possession of the property during her lifetime.

In their suit the relatives contended that Williams intended to divide his property equally among his blood relations and those of his wife.

ICE AND ZERO WEATHER HOLD BACK THE MIGHTY TORRENT OF WATER AND BOB IS DRY. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Thousands of persons today viewed a dry Niagara—one of nature's rarest spectacles.

Verdict of Second Degree Murder Returned Against Coal Operator. Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 30.—(AP)—David Gore, coal operator, today was found guilty in circuit court of second degree manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Bessie Lawson, shop girl, on July 25, 1925.

Not Sufficiently Punished. Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, who was here today enroute to Honolulu, declared that Colonel William Mitchell who was permitted today to resign from the army had not been sufficiently punished.

Four More Miners Killed. Miami, Okla., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Four miners were killed today in a cave-in at Velle No. 4 lead and zinc mine at Cardin. First information was meagre.

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Boys' Friend



Daniel W. Norris, Milwaukee millionaire, spends \$100,000 a year to maintain a 751-acre farm at Big Bend, Wis., where boys who have gotten into trouble with the law are fitted to become good citizens.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 1 to 4 Points, But Later Prices Eased Off. New York, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 to 4 points in response to relatively steady Liverpool cables and favorable trade advices from Manchester goods market.

Many stories of horror were told by those who were rescued. Some told of relatives and friends who were killed as they stood by their sides, while sheets of flames swept through the slopes and entries.

CHANGES IN RAILROAD SCHEDULE FOR CONCORD. Four Trains on Southern System Will Have New Schedules Beginning Tomorrow.

Announcement is made by officials of the Southern Railway of the following changes in train schedules affecting Concord, all of the trains affected being southbound ones:

Go Into Court to Force Their Pastor to Resign. Gastonia, Jan. 29.—Seeking to force their pastor, E. W. Burke, to resign from his charge, trustees of the St. Paul's Baptist Church, colored, have taken the matter into Superior Court here.

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BODIES OF MINERS TRAPPED IN MINE TAKEN TO SURFACE

Last of 27 Miners Killed in Alabama Mine Explosion, Brought to the Surface Today.

THREE DISASTERS IN SINGLE DAY

Eight Persons Killed in Two Other Explosives Which Occurred During the Single Day.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Rescue crews today were bringing out the last of the 27 miners, 11 white and 16 negroes, who were killed in an explosion at the Mossboro mine of the Premier Coal Company near here late yesterday.

The tragedy brought the total number of miners killed and three explosions throughout the country during the day to 35. Five were killed in West Frankfort, Illinois, in an explosion in the New Orient mine, the world's greatest coal producer, while three met death in a gas explosion in a Bear Canyon Coal Company mine near Trinidad, Colorado.

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Her Hubby Was Too Funny



Hazel Howell, film actress, won a divorce when she told a Los Angeles judge her husband had torn her clothes off so she couldn't go to a matinee "He's a comedian and sometimes he tried to get funny with me," she complained.

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HOOVER ADVOCATES WATERWAYS SYSTEM TO HELP FARMERS

Before House Rivers and Harbors Committee, Secretary Outlines Suggestion.

SUGGESTS LINES OVER COUNTRY

Would Have Main Waterway Line of 3,000 Miles, With 6,000 Miles of Lateral Lines.

Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Secretary Hoover, appearing before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee today, advocated a comprehensive system of inland waterways development as an aid to agriculture.

He outlined a system which would include 3,000 miles of main waterway lines, and 6,000 miles of lateral lines, with the Great Lakes as the most important link.

Storm on Atlantic Showed No Signs of Exhaustion After Week-long Blow. New York, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The cryptic call of ships in distress was becoming commonplace in maritime news today as the god of storms continued his rampage across the Atlantic.

Want Europe to Join in Protest. Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Twenty-six motoring organizations in Europe were invited today by the American Automobile Association to join in an international protest to the British government against the cost of crude rubber.

Plane Flying in Normal Fashion. Porter Praya, Cape Verde Islands, Jan. 30.—A wireless message from the Spanish aviator Don Blas Lugo received at 12:40 o'clock this afternoon says Commander Franco's seaplane was flying in normal fashion at that time, headed for Pernambuco, Brazil.

Would Cut Off Tax. Washington, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, notified the Senate today that he would prepare a bill soon to take off the 10-cent tax on cotton seed substitutes for butter and the requirement for its special labeling.

Jack Dempsey made more money in one fight than did Jim Jeffries in his whole career as the heavyweight champion.

St. Louis claims to have more of its residents in the major baseball leagues than any other city.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS! (Illustration of a bear speaking)