

**NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD**

**Outstanding Happenings of Past Week Gathered From Everywhere, Condensed for the Busy Reader**

The first definite clue to the fate of Roald Amundsen and five men who accompanied him on his expedition to rescue members of the Noble Arctic party, was brought to Tromsø, Norway, Saturday. It was a float from the seaplane in which the adventurers started from Spitzbergen on June 18. The relic was found by a Norwegian fishing vessel. It was picked up near the Fugle Islands, a rocky group off Tromsø port. Officers of the steamer Michael Sars and the French vessel Durance, identified the float as belonging to the French naval seaplane Latham in which Amundsen rode with Rene Guilbaud as pilot. Beside Amundsen and Guilbaud the plane carried Lieutenant Lief Dietrichsen and three French navy men.

New York, Sept. 2.—The New York Times in a copyrighted story tomorrow will say that it has received word from Prof. William H. Hobbs, who is at the University of Michigan observatory at Mount Evans, Southern Greenland, that Bert Hassell and Parker Cramer, crew of the America to Sweden plane Greater Rockford, are at the observatory, unharmed. The two aviators, who have been trekking to civilization for the past two weeks after making a forced landing at Point Sukkertoppen, southern Greenland, were uninjured. Their immediate rescue was accomplished by members of Prof. Hobbs's party, who sighted some smoke signals sent up by the aviators and went in a boat across a fjord to get them. Tonight Hassell and Cramer were at Camp Lloyd. They reported their plane undamaged. They said they had lived on reduced rations of Pompano for two weeks.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelistic exponent of the "four square gospel," will face the deliberations of another grand jury—this time for investigation of her alleged real estate operations as Lake Tahoe, a California resort, the district attorney's office announced today. As in the sensational grand jury investigation two years ago when the woman exhorter was alleged to have been kidnaped, she will stand accused of fraud by members of her own flock. Decision to bring the Angelus Temple leader before the inquisitorial body followed closely the visit of a group of alleged victims of her realty activities in the prosecutor's office. Two suits, asking damages from the evangelist totaling more than \$26,000, have been filed. A flat denial of the alleged victim's accusations were made by Ralph Jordan, manager of the Angelus Temple publications and co-defendant in the suit.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Speaking of ghosts, A. Borchart, deep sea diver, sent chills down the spines of Optimist club members here with a recital of some of his experiences down in the ocean. "The most gruesome encounter I ever had," Borchart said, "happened one day when I was working in a sunken German submarine during the war. I had to veiled down one of the passages to find the ship's log and upon turning around to retrace my steps, I found the bodies of three German officers standing upright behind me. You know bodies in a submerged ship remain in a perfectly natural state and follow a diver about in the vacuum he creates. On looking into the face of one of the officers I recognized him as a German. I had dined in a restaurant in Hamburg. I pushed him out of the way and proceeded to the conning tower where I made my exit with the upright body of the officer following me all the way."

Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—Judge E. O. Lewis, in addressing the grand jury investigating activities of Philadelphia gangsters, hijackers and bootleggers, declared yesterday that high police officials were on the bootleggers payroll. He said that if the director of public safety and the civil service commission failed to get to the bottom of the situation he would appoint a special commission under the authority of the city charter to go into it. At a preliminary report the grand jury told Judge Lewis that its inquiry had shown that a group of men, with the corrupt connivance of police officials, had for years violated the law on a wholesale scale and that as an organized part of their scheme, they had put on the street notorious criminals, thugs and gunmen who in the "conduct of their illegal purpose have not hesitated to indulge in bloodshed and wanton brutality." The investigation developed the fact that more than \$10,000,000 had been deposited by the bootleg ring in Philadelphia banks during the past twelve months.

Florida may be persuaded to stick with the Solid South by blaming the Republican weather bureau.—Dallas News.

The hats worn by Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Smith will probably influence the woman vote more than the speeches of the two candidates.—Louisville Times.

**THIS WEEK**

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

**Thanks for Blessings Big Brains Better Carnegie's First \$400 A \$500,000,000 Baby**

Mount Rokotinda, on the Island of Paloweh, Dutch East Indies, blew up in a volcanic eruption. Half the island, six villages were destroyed, a thousand killed.

Recently news came that three more villages were wiped out by a tidal wave caused by a submarine earthquake.

We pay little attention to these deaths far away, a thousand or five thousand, little difference.

But we ought to observe with gratitude how many things might happen to us that do not happen.

Raditch, Croatian statesman, murdered leader of peasants, is found to have a brain of abnormal weight, 1,459 grammes.

The average for eleven thousand human brains was 1,361 grammes.

All things being equal, a heavier brain is better than a lighter brain.

But one of the heaviest brains ever weighed, that of Cuvier, the great naturalist, was lighter than that of a man who died in a British poorhouse.

Possibly the man in the poorhouse was also a genius, but never had a chance.

"Andrew Carnegie made his first \$400 without spending a cent." That's how big fortunes often start.

Carnegie bought \$400 of insurance stock, gave his note in payment, paid for the stock with its dividends, owned it for nothing.

Joseph P. Day, learned land scientist, says the three greatest letters in the alphabet are "O. P. M.," meaning "Other People's Money."

A quicker way to make money without capital is to have a good idea and push it. A way to plate metallic surfaces with aluminum, something hitherto found impossible, is discovered and involves actually billions of dollars to be saved.

The invention will be applied to endless uses, from kitchenware to locomotives, and is expected to give automobiles a finish defying time and weather.

There are as good ideas in the human brain as ever came out of it. Try and find one.

Sears, Roebuck stockholders vote to increase the capital stock by 800,000 shares. At market prices that company is worth more than \$500,000,000. Julius Rosenwald hardly expected that when he took hold of the company a few years ago.

Compared with other companies, General Motors, Standard Oil, U. S. Steel, etc., Sears, Roebuck is only a baby. We have the four billion dollar stock company. When will the 100 billion company arrive?

The death of Chang Tso-Lin, dynamited in his railway carriage, is attributed by a British writer, Lenox Simpson, to the Japanese "Black Dragon Society," which interests itself in patriotic Japanese affairs, and is said to have had a hand in the death of the queen of Korea in 1895. In spite of the romantic name and the patriotism, the Japanese will probably dig out the facts.

They don't like any organization exercising power outside of government, or controlling government, such as are tolerated, sometimes, in other countries.

**STRATON IS OLD OFFENDER AT MAKING FALSE ASSAULTS**

Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary church in New York, who recently assailed Governor Alfred E. Smith from his pulpit, and after being challenged by Mr. Smith, sneaked behind the skirts of his deacons, has some previous reputation as an assailant of character. Also, the clergyman has been obliged to retract his verbal assaults and to make public apology for same.

Dr. Straton was formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in Norfolk. He made scurrilous attacks upon public officials, and wrote a book which he called "The Scarlet Sins of Norfolk." It was denounced by the press and declared to be obscene and unfit for youth to read.

In February, 1919, Dr. Straton became acquainted with one A. G. Backus, a bootlegger, who was serving a six-months term in jail. Straton sought to obtain his pardon, and published a circular addressed to Governor Davis of Virginia, accusing Charles G. Kizer, chief of police, and Commonwealth Attorney Shackelford of being involved with proprietors of disreputable houses in Norfolk.

Shackelford brought suit for libel, and Straton, unable to prove any of his charges, was forced to retract them. When summoned before the grand jury, he was compelled to admit that his information was baseless.

The following is a copy of a letter on file in the office of the clerk of the city circuit court of Norfolk, in which Straton retracted his statement and made apology:

"Dear Mr. Shackelford: I desire to withdraw all insinuations and charges made by me against you or your character in a statement addressed by me to Governor Westmoreland Davis, entitled 'Statement of Grounds for Asking a Pardon for A. G. Backus,' and to say to you that I regret that I made such insinuations and charges.

"These insinuations and charges were made by me upon information which I deemed reliable, but subsequent investigation has satisfied me that this information was incorrect. Hence, what I have said or insinuated concerning yourself or your character as a prosecuting officer in the paper referred to was incorrect and does you a great injustice and I am anxious to right the wrong done you.

"You are at liberty to use this letter in any way you see fit.

"John Roach Straton."

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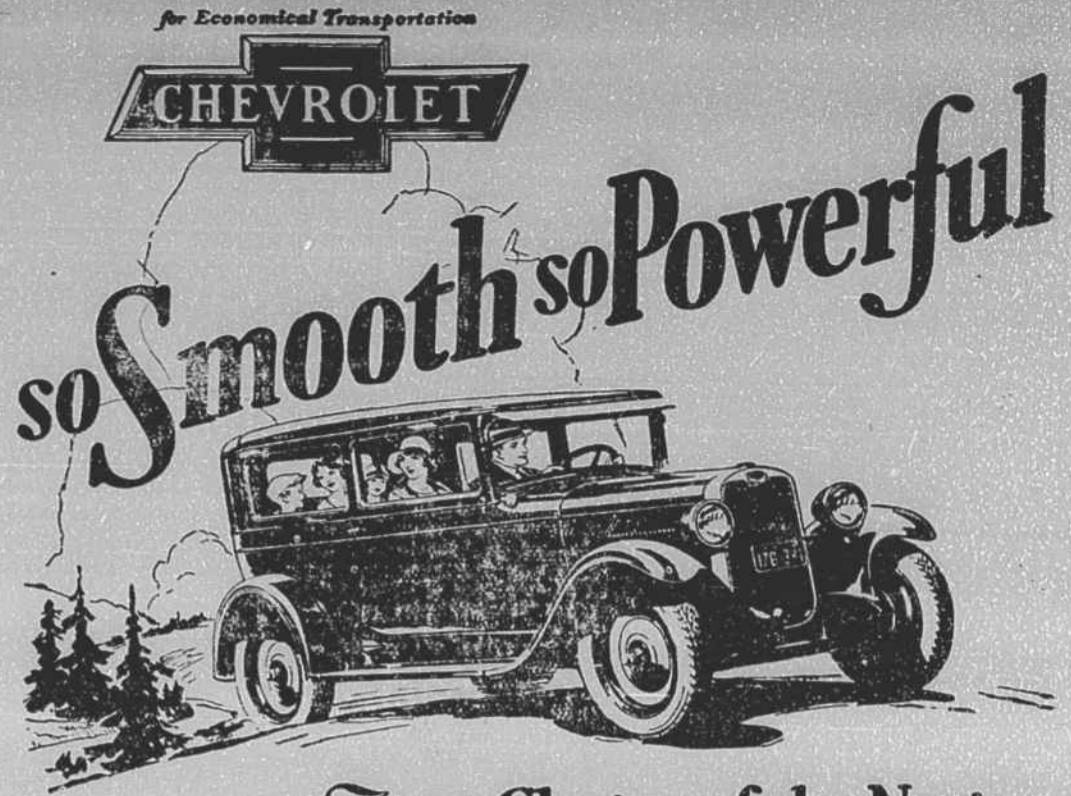
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