

No Real Land Found By Amundsen In Trip Over The North Pole

SHERIFF YOUNG AND GOUGE DIE IN GUN BATTLE

Men Were Neighbors and Had Apparently Therefore Been on Most Friendly Terms. Asheville, May 16.—Citizens of Windon today are in a turmoil of expectation wondering what evidence will be brought out as to the cause of the shooting there last night which cost the lives of Sheriff J. W. Young, of Yancey county, and of Perry Gouge.

The fatal shootings are said to have occurred about 8 o'clock, directly in front of Gouge's home at Windon, where he operates a general store. No reason could be ascribed by friends of the two dead men as to the shooting, but it was intimated that Gouge was under the influence of whiskey.

Cumberland Presbyterians Have Biggest Endowments.

Columbus, Miss., May 17.—(AP)—Reports to the general assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, which meets here May 20-22, are expected to show the largest sum total of endowments of any year in the history of the denomination. More than one hundred commissioners will attend from several sections of the country. About as many delegates will come for the missionary convention which meets simultaneously.

During the last twenty years there has been an increase each year in the erection of new church buildings and mansees, the reports will say. The board of education announces a healthy condition at Bethel College, where all indebtedness has been wiped out.

Sunday school publications have more than doubled in circulation the last seven years. The Modernist discussion has not arisen in previous assemblies as the Cumberland Presbyterians are about one hundred percent fundamental.

With Our Advertisers. You can get your new dress at J. C. Penney Co.'s for only \$9.00, in many different and approved styles, sizes for women and misses.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. will welcome an opportunity to show you in person anything in their store in which you are interested.

Cline & Moore have the best improved seed corn. You can't afford to plant any common kind of corn, get the best. See list they have in their new ad, today.

You will still find at the Markson Shoe Store many big bargains in ladies' shoes in their closing out sale. Ladies' puppers from \$1.00 to \$3.95. Shoes for men and children proportionately priced.

You will find big specials for Saturday and Monday at the Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store. Among the reductions is Florsheim shoes at \$8.81. Special cash sale of Iver Johnson bicycles, only \$35 at York & Wadsworth Co's.

All sizes of Cooper's union suits at Parks-Bell Co's, stouts, slims and regulars. See new ad, today for other bargains.

Widener Not Pleased at Turn of Luck. Dan F. Widener, local prohibition officer, was not all smiles this morning and he had a right to be cross.

Explorers Tell Associated Press They Saw Rocky Islands Which Could Not Be Called Land.

DIRIGIBLE NOW BEING DISMANTLED

Will Be Shipped Back to States by Designer—Explorers at Nome Waiting For Vessel Home.

Nome, Alaska, May 17.—(AP)—Lincoln Ellsworth, of the Amundsen-Ellsworth trans-polar expedition, told the Associated Press here today that they saw much open water at the North Pole when he and his seven-day companions passed over it Tuesday night in the dirigible Norge. This statement by Ellsworth provided an answer to a question that has puzzled geographers and explorers for many years, and which was not completely settled with the visits of Commander Peary and Lieut. Commander Byrd in their trips to the pole because of the limited amount of area reviewed by them there.

Mr. Ellsworth said that rock islands were seen by his party at the pole, but these could hardly be considered land. Mr. Ellsworth said he had sent a telegram to President Coolidge in reply to one from the President congratulating him and his associates on their attainment of the farthest northern point of the earth.

The explorer said he dropped an American flag at the pole. The Norge was being dismantled at Teller, seventy-five miles northwest of here, where it landed Thursday night ending its flight from Spitzbergen. Col. Umberto Nobile, of Italy, designer and builder of the blimp, was supervising the dismantling. Two other members of the expedition besides Amundsen and Ellsworth were here awaiting a steamer to the states. These are Captain Oscar Wisting and Lieutenant Oskar Omdahl. The four arrived here in a launch from Teller yesterday.

Despite the rather chilly reception accorded the four explorers because of their failure to land here instead of at Teller, Ellsworth, the only American in the expedition, said today he was enjoying himself. He is a typical American, enjoys frontier life, and is well known here. Ellsworth came to Nome in 1913, and was associated with an attempt to extract gold from gold bearing sands in this section.

The four men are staying at a log cabin which has been named "The Explorers Club of Nome." The explorers said they slept little on the flight. They said the blimp's gondola was too small to permit the men to lie down.

WILL REPAIR STREET AT SQUARE IN NEAR FUTURE

Nothing Can Be Done Until Work on New Hotel Has Been Completed.

The holes in the street at the square are to be permanently filled in the near future. This fact was disclosed this morning by Capt. Q. E. Smith, city engineer, who said nothing could be done until the hotel is completed.

The city plans to take up all of the street car track on the curve at the square, Captain Smith said, and with the material being used in the hotel already taking up part of the street, the repair work will have to be postponed until the new structure is completed.

"The street at the square is to be torn up," Captain Smith said, "but we can't take up any more of the street for our equipment. For that reason we are waiting until the material for the hotel is removed and the street cleaned. All of the street car track on the curve is to be removed and that section of the street repaired."

Captain Smith expressed the belief that the repairs would make the street as good as any in town.

Two Concord Items From the Badin Journal.

Mrs. S. M. Butler and little girls, Dorothy and Jane Allen, are visiting Mrs. Butler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Troutman, at Concord. Mr. Troutman, who has been visiting his daughter, accompanied them home. William Troutman, who attended school here the past session, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Troutman, at Concord. It is hoped that William will return next year for he is one of the most popular boys in school.

Eastern Tour to Leave June 11th or 12th.

The eastern tour being sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. will leave Concord on June 11th or 12th instead of the 10th as originally planned, H. W. Blanks states.

Changes in the schedule have been made for the convenience of members of the party, he said, as better arrangements can be made on the later dates.

Practically all reservations for the trip have been taken, Mr. Blanks said.

The Wake Forest baseball team won another important game Saturday by defeating State 5 to 0. The Baptists had victories over State, Carolina and Trinity to their credit for the year.

Over the Top



Capt. Roald Amundsen, heading the expedition, which flew over the North Pole in the dirigible Norge, is shown here in his Arctic togs as he dressed for the Polar hop from King's Bay, Spitzbergen.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy at Decline of 7 to 12 Points With July Selling Off to 18.20.

New York, May 17.—(AP)—The cotton market opened easy today at a decline of 7 to 12 points, July selling off to 18.20 and December to 17.45 in the early trading, or about 12 points net lower on active positions. The decline was in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables, early reports of favorable weather over Sunday and the official forecast which pointed to generally reasonable weather for the coming week.

Liquidation and Southern selling on the decline was absorbed by covering, and with a moderate trade or commission house demand, prices steadied. The market was a point or two up from the lowest at the end of the first hour when sentiment may have been influenced to some extent by private reports of rain at San Antonio, Texas.

Cotton futures opened easy: July 18.24; October 17.42; December 17.46; January 17.38; March 17.51.

PRESBYTERIAN BUDGET IN STATE NOT MET

Balance of \$210,454 on Benevolent Budget For Year Must Be Met in Near Future.

Charlotte, May 17.—(AP)—The general assembly of the Presbyterian Church to meet at Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday, will be told that the North Carolina Synod needs \$210,454 to balance its benevolent budget for the year. This is the announcement today by J. B. Spillman, secretary of the stewardship committee of the state.

Mr. Spillman declared, however, that by the time the report is presented at Pensacola, plans will have been made to meet "this paper deficit."

Members of the synod stewardship committee and of the executive committee of the advisory council of business men and women will meet in Greensboro tomorrow to consider plans of balancing this budget.

DePaolo Pledges Safety on Pair of His Baby's Shoes.

Indianapolis, May 17.—(AP)—A pair of baby shoes was worth \$97,500 in cash to Pete DePaolo last year, but they failed to bring him victory at the recent international speedway race.

The 1925 American automobile racing champion, who also leads the pack for 1926, attributes his success to the fact that a pair of his youngster's boots hangs from the front axle of his car in every contest. His cash winnings aggregated approximately \$97,500.

DePaolo is superstitious only in that one respect. He said from the time he attached the shoes he has not had a serious accident. He has his good-luck pieces until he quits the sport.

The champion driver will have two new cars in the 500-mile Indianapolis race and the shoes will be switched to the one he selects to pilot.

Annual Convention K. of P.

Goldsboro, May 17.—(AP)—The annual convention of the North Carolina Knights of Pythias will be held here June 8, 9 and 10, and a committee, headed by Captain Nathan O'Brien, is already at work on plans for entertaining the delegates during the convention.

The Grand Lodge will be convened on the night of June 8th, and immediately following there will be a public meeting, with addresses of welcome and responses. Plans for speakers have not yet been completed.

The "Dokis" will have their ceremonial on Wednesday afternoon and evening, June 9th.

At least 200 delegates from all sections of the state are expected, members of the entertainment committee say.

Mrs. L. B. Hayes Dies Suddenly.

Winston-Salem, May 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Agnes Rockwell Hayes, 35, wife of Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Ardmore Methodist Church, this city, and daughter of Dr. Lula A. Rockwell, of Asheville, died suddenly at a local hospital this morning. A native of Morristown, Tenn., she had lived in North Carolina for several years, and was one of the best known women in the state. Mrs. Hayes was a sister of Captain Kiffin Rockwell, who was killed while flying in France during the World War. She is survived by her husband and three children. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Dr. Ben R. Lacy Accepts Call.

Atlanta, Ga., May 16.—Dr. Ben R. Lacy, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church here, has accepted the Presidency of the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, Va., he announced today. He will succeed Dr. W. W. Moore, who has been elected president emeritus.

NO ONE HURT WHEN BOMB EXPLODED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY

Bomb Was Exploded Late Last Night in Front of the United States Embassy at Buenos Aires.

SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BUILDING

Ambassador Jay Was Not In Embassy at Time.—Cause For Bomb Not Known by Officials.

Buenos Aires, May 17.—(AP)—A bomb was exploded in front of the U. S. embassy late last night. No one was injured and only slight damage was done.

The American Ambassador Peter Augustus Jay, was not in the embassy at the time, but returned about ten minutes after the explosion. He was at a loss to explain why the embassy should be bombed, but the theory was advanced by some that the incident was connected with the recent denial of a new trial for Nicholas Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, convicted in Massachusetts of murder.

The bomb which exploded in front of the main entrance of the embassy, tore a hole in the left side of the door and shattered several windows of the building and of neighboring houses. Only servants were in the building at the time. They at first attributed the noise to the bursting of a tire, and did not realize a bomb had been exploded until the police arrived within a few minutes.

A police investigation was begun immediately.

UNIFICATION BURIED FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS

Methodists Also Decide Not to Elect Any Bishops at This Time at General Conference.

Memphis, Tenn., May 17.—(AP)—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, today buried the question of unification for four years, after deciding against the election of any bishops at this time, thus disposing of two major problems within a few minutes.

Action on proposals for the reorganization of the general board of the church also was deferred until the next general conference, the conference today adopting the report of a special committee which recommended that a new commission be appointed to study the question and report back four years hence. As a result, the status of the general boards will remain as it is during the next quadrennium.

A new constitution for the board of missions, however, still is pending. Under the provisions of this constitution, the complete reorganization of the mission board would be effected.

Following disposal of the much discussed bishop question came the question of unification in the form of a report from the church relations committee.

Notice to Those Who Want to Flirt With Firemen.

(By International News Service) Spartanburg, S. C., May 17.—"If you want to flirt with the single members of the fire department, call 236 and not 428. The latter number is for fire only."

This was the request to Spartanburg flappers made by members of the local fire department, as a result of repeated calls over the wrong telephone. One 'phone, the elder firemen explained, is for "conversation" and "flirtation," while the other is strictly for "fire."

Not only is the calling of the wrong number a menace to public safety, the veterans of the department pointed out, but it is a nuisance to the married members of the department as well. This is especially true, they said, when a call comes in after bedtime, as it has been known to happen.

Record Certain That Dellinger is Ross.

Greensboro, May 15.—The Daily Record says in a copyrighted story today that the fact is firmly established that Julius Coleman Dellinger and the long-missing Charlie Ross are the same.

J. Frank Caffney, formerly of Gaffney, S. C., has made an affidavit before a notary public in this city that he is sure "Dellinger" is the person for whom the world-wide search was made back in 1934-75.

Mrs. Mae Starr, wife of Pierre C. Starr, both subscribing witnesses to the affidavit, is herself a cousin of Ross, and is convinced beyond a doubt that the man formerly known by his abductor's name in 1934, then as Coley McHale, and finally as Dellinger, is her long-missing cousin, the son of Christian K. Ross, of Germantown, Va.

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True American Indian types exist in Tibet, 6,000 miles from the nearest point of the American continent, according to scientists of the Smithsonian Institution.

Christening Airmail Plane



Citizens of St. Joseph, Md., held a public jubilation ceremony when the first plane on the new air mail route, left St. Joseph for Chicago. This picture shows Marie Hogan, "air mail queen," christening the plane Miss St. Joseph. Immediately after taking this picture Photographer M. P. Haber put the negative on the plane and it was carried to NEA Service's office in Cleveland as part of St. Joseph's first air mail package. The new route is from Chicago to Dallas.

MAKE REQUESTS FOR HUGE SUMS FROM DUKE ESTATE

Chancery Court Asked to Rule Upon the Validity of the Requests. Trenton, N. J., May 17.—(AP)—Requests of two claims totalling more than \$1,000,000 made upon the estate of the late James B. Duke, tobacco king, who maintained a home at Duke's Park, Somerset county, executor of his estate today asked the chancery court to pass upon the validity of the request and to determine how much money, if any at all, should be paid to the claimants.

The larger of the two demands was made by the Southern Power Company, of Charlotte, N. C., asking that \$900,884 be paid from Duke's estate for money and electric power furnished in the prosecution of experiments conducted by him in a process of making cheap phosphate fertilizer by an electrical method.

Duke, it is said, was the controlling factor in the power concern, and relying upon his word and upon his personal credit the power company advanced funds and electricity to the Piedmont Electric Chemical Company of Charlotte, the name under which the phosphate operations were conducted. The latter concern never went beyond the experimental stage, it was stated, and its property was recently sold for \$301,000.

Trustees of Dilworth Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Charlotte, have also placed a claim against the estates for \$50,000, the executors declare. It is alleged that Duke pledged that amount for building of a new church and plans were changed in accordance with his views.

Convicted of Converting Soldier's Soldiers' Funds to Own Use.

(By International News Service) Atlantant, Ga., May 17.—Unless he finds a means for further court intervention, State Senator J. D. Clifton, of Leesburg, Ga., must serve a sentence of from three to five years which was imposed on him following his conviction of fraudulently and willfully converting to his own use more than \$4,000 belonging to John J. Curry, disabled, War veteran, for whom the soldier had been made guardian.

This was the status of the Senator's case after he lost his appeal to the Georgia Court of Appeals. The indictment against Clifton charged that he converted the sum of \$4,000, representing funds that had been paid as compensation for the veteran's injuries in the World War, to his own use.

Will Not Abandon Co-operative Marketing.

(By International News Service) Danville, May 17.—(AP)—Tobacco growers of North Carolina and Virginia are not going to following South Carolina and abandon co-operative marketing. Such was the outcome of a meeting of 500 leaf growers who gathered here to decide what was to be done with the Tri-State Co-operative Tobacco Marketing Association.

When a resolution calling for the immediate conducting of a sign-up campaign on a five-year contract, the planters were unanimous in their approval of the plan. This action on the part of the weed growers came as a surprise to former pool members over Virginia and North Carolina.

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Nome, Alaska, May 17.—Lieutenant Wjalmar Riiser-Larsen, second pilot of the dirigible Norge, said that thin ice and open water were found at the North Pole, but no land was discovered in the Arctic wastes by the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition, which arrived at Teller, Alaska, Thursday night in the airship from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen.

Teller is 75 miles northwest of Nome. The big airship was in the air about 72 hours. Considerable time was spent at the North Pole making observations, the Norge having descended to within 600 feet of the ice, and rose to an altitude of 4,000 feet.

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MARSHAL PILSUDSKI DOES NOT WANT TO DICTATE IN POLAND

Refuses to Become Dictator Although He Alienated Extreme Left Elements by Decision.

AFTER ONE MAN IN CABINET

Leader of New Government Takes Oath as Minister of War But Will Take No Other Office.

Paris, May 17.—(AP)—It is said in well informed quarters in Warsaw, says a dispatch to the Havas Agency from the Polish capital, that Marshal Pilsudski has never had any intention of establishing himself as dictator. His sole object was to compel Premier Witos to resign, and he has persisted in confining himself to this, notwithstanding urging by the left groups and certain generals. He took the oath of office as minister of war before provisional President Rataj which the other ministers and by this attitude is declared to have alienated the extreme left elements.

Former Premier Witos and the ministers in the late cabinet who were detained at Vilna have been released and returned to Poland, but a dozen military officers of high rank are still being kept there. Among these are generals Rozwadowski and Suszynski, inspector of cavalry Zagowski, and the governor of Warsaw. Other officers have been sent back to their regiments.

The dispatch adds that the provisional government has decided there shall be no reprisals whatever, and M. Rataj and Premier Bartel asked M. Trompszynski who always has been an open adversary of Marshal Pilsudski, to go to Posen and try to calm the anti-Pilsudskites and induce them to accept the new situation.

The Havas correspondent says Trompszynski's act was only one case of broad-mindedness on the part of public men, all of whom are following the example of former President Wojciechowski, sacrificing personal resentment in the interests of peace.

Continuing, the correspondent declares that it has become known that when President Mojsiechowski and Premier Witos resigned they knew that strong reinforcements were on the way to Posen to help the government, but preferred to withdraw from office and thus prevent a struggle in which brother would fight against brother. The posen divisions stopped 8 miles from the capital at Ozarow, where they are now encamped.

Armed Motorcycles For New York Cops.

By International News Service. New York, May 17.—A new armored motorcycle, which the makers claim will revolutionize the present system of pursuing automobile bandits, was inspected recently at Police Headquarters by Police Commissioner McLaughlin and his aides.

Both the motorcycle and its sidecar are completely protected with steel shields, in which are set bullet-proof glass panels. Behind low behind these shields on the operator and his companion are completely protected from bullets, and at the same time are able to operate the motorcycle and direct revolver or rifle shots at their quarry.

"Bouncing Walls" Helped to Prevent Speedway Deaths.

Indianapolis, May 17.—(AP)—"Bouncing walls" and hub-high guard rails have been instrumental in preventing serious accidents in 500-mile races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in the last six years.

Pronounced the most dangerous speedway in the world by drivers, the course has been singularly free of fatal accidents since 1919, when two drivers were killed. The concrete walls are so constructed that when a car crashes into them, it is bounced back onto the track in such fashion that it seldom overturns. The improvements to the course were made after 1919.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

Fair tonight and Tuesday except probably local showers Tuesday in extreme west portion; little change in temperature. Moderate to fresh west and southwest winds.

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