

Billy Mitchell May Yet Get Into Political Arena

Birth in France While Parents Sojourning Abroad Would Bar Him From Presidency Else Doubtless His Friends would Try Bring Him Out for Office

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Washington, Feb. 7.—If Brigadier General William Mitchell, of the Army, who has shown he can throw bombs as well as drop them, had belonged to the Navy, he would have been known far and wide as "Flying Bill."

Perhaps he might even have been referred to as an "old sea dog." The Army, however, hasn't gone in very much for sobriquets since the days of "fighting Joe" Wheeler or "Terrible Toddy." So "Billy Mitchell hasn't brought to his present combat, his death struggle, as it were, as much popular personality as so gallant a fighter in what he regards as so worthy a cause should have.

But the personality is there, a grim, bulldog type of it. "Bill" has the fighting jaw and he is just as willing to fight in peace as in war. His gallantry in action has been attested by the ribbons which adorn his manly chest. Congress is willing to back him as a fighter in peace.

There are some in Washington who attribute the "hot water" in which General Mitchell has found himself, to the old "West Point Crowd" in the Army. Mitchell is not from the Point. He went into the Army as a private during the Spanish-American war. He remained a private just six days. That's the type of hustling soldier Mitchell is. He came out of the Spanish conflict a first lieutenant. If that tiny little war had lasted a couple of years, Billy Mitchell would have been a brigadier, or maybe more than that.

As it is, he has the rank of temporary brigadier general today in the regular Army establishment, and he is only 45 years of age. There is talk that he may be reduced to his regular rank of colonel before very long. There is talk also of his quitting the Army and running for Congress. Maybe he will do all of that, but no matter how high he may fly in the political firmament, Billy Mitchell cannot become President of the United States on aviation or any other sort of ticket. This ambitious general, our "only flying general," as he is referred to in Congress, had the misfortune to be born in France, his parents temporarily sojourning in Nice. Under the constitution this bars General Mitchell for all time from presiding over the White House. However, if one half the support is given to the general that is talked of by members of Congress, they may pass a constitutional amendment permitting him to run for the Presidency.

It would not be at all surprising to his friends if General Mitchell should take up politics. He is one of the Wisconsin Mitchells known to political fame. His father, John L. Mitchell, was Senator from the badger state from 1893 to 1899. General Mitchell regards Milwaukee as his home and would return there if he quit his Army career.

WEEKS TELLS HOW MITCHELL ACTED

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary Weeks making his first public statement regarding the row centering about Brigadier General Mitchell. As assistant chief of the Army Air Service, today declared that those disagreeing with Mitchell had been targets for unjust and supercilious criticism.

Before passing judgment, Secretary Weeks said, it will be well for the country to remember that opponents of Mitchell's air policies included General Pershing and many other great figures in American war history.

NEWS AND OBSERVER GETS HERE EARLIER

Old Reliable Arrives on Morning Train and Subscribers are Delighted

The News and Observer is being delivered in Elizabeth City right along with the morning paper from Norfolk. If one is a subscriber to the Norfolk paper he gets both of them at the same time.

This is one result of the recent change in the schedule of Norfolk Southern train number 1. Arriving here at 12:10, this train now makes connection with the Seaboard train from Raleigh at Norfolk, thus making it possible for Elizabeth City people to get a North Carolina morning daily just as soon as they can get one from Norfolk.

BILL TO INCREASE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—A bill increasing the number of judicial districts from 20 to 27 was introduced in the House today by Representative Everett, acting for the courts and judicial districts committee.

Both houses held only brief sessions today, the Senate adjourning after seven minutes.

HORACE COOPER IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

Wilmington, Feb. 7.—Horace C. Cooper, cashier of the defunct Commercial National Bank of Wilmington, was today acquitted by the jury in Federal court of charges of violating the National Banking laws.

Wilmington, Feb. 7.—The jury in the Horace Cooper case was locked up for the night last night at 10:30, following four and a half hours' deliberation.

NEW MUSCLE SHOALS BILL EXPECTED PASS

Washington, Feb. 7.—With the presentation to Congress today of the conference report on the Muscle Shoals leasing bill managers of the revised measure in both houses are arranging to call it up at the earliest opportunity and predict its passage without much delay.

SURPLUS IN PORK AT CHICAGO PACKING PLANTS

Chicago, Feb. 7.—(Special).—Large quantities of fresh pork are available at unusually attractive prices, the Institute of American Meat Packers advises.

DEAD IN EXPLOSION OF AMMONIA TANK

Fort Lee, N. J., Feb. 7.—One man was killed, two severely injured and 18 slightly hurt by falling walls after the explosion of an ammonia tank here today in the National Evans Film laboratories.

Where Cave Explorer Is Trapped



Above is entrance to Sand Cave, near Cave City, Ky., where Floyd Collins, left, is trapped by an eight-ton boulder which dropped from the roof, pinning his foot. Diagram shows how Collins is trapped. Dotted line is where workers hope to clear space for free Collins. Smaller inset is Jewel Estes, 17, who discovered Collins' plight.

Carolina Town Bids Fair Become Another Herrin

Jefferson Stirred With Klan Raids and Flogging and Reports of Organization of Anti-Klan Order, Situation is Tense and Officers on Duty

Jefferson, N. C., Feb. 7.—With legal action, the Klan was today being held in check by a number of masked and hooded Klans, and with reports of an Anti-Klan organization being formed, tension persisted at West Jefferson today, although there had been no raids such as characterized several nights of last week for the last three or four days.

APPRECIATE WORK OF KIWANIS CLUB

Letters Read in Meeting from Congressmen and from James Buchanan Duke

Letters from Congressman Lyon, Congressman Deal, and James Buchanan Duke were read at Friday night's meeting of the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club.

ACUSED NEGRO TO SAVE FRIEND, SEEMS

A pro was taken by County Prosecutor LeRoy Saturday morning in the case against Roosevelt McCleese, held on a charge of retailing liquor.

FEDERATION SERVICE AT CORINTH AND BEREA

The Men's Christian Federation will conduct services Sunday afternoon at Corinth and at Berea at 3 p. m. Frank Harris will lead the service at Corinth, while Calvin Twiddy will have charge of the service at Berea.

BRAGG INTEREST HIGH IN RENAUULT'S BOAT

Fort Bragg, Feb. 7.—Indications are that the big boxing show to be held here February 23 will exceed in attendance the record formerly established when Young Stribling appeared in the local ring, according to an announcement that Jack Renault, heavy weight champion of Canada, is to appear on the card has created considerable interest.

CHINA DELEGATION QUILTS OPIUM CONFERENCE

Geneva, Feb. 7.—The Chinese delegation today withdrew from the international Opium Conference, following the example the Americans set yesterday.

AT COUNTY HOME

Dr. N. H. D. Wilson will hold the service at the County Home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

City Engineer Asked For Plans Drain Open Canal

After Fifteen Years of Talk City Manager Gets Action Looking to a Real Start Toward Putting Paved Street Over Open Canal Next to New School

FROZEN BODIES FOUND ON BOAT

(By The Associated Press)
Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 7.—Three bodies coated with ice were today found aboard the gasoline mail boat, Georgia, Jr., on Admiralty Island.

A BIG CROWD SAW HUMAN FLY CLIMB

He Went to Top of Hinton Building, Stood on Head, Then Climbed Flag Pole

The Human Fly will climb the Hinton Building blindfolded this afternoon at 5 o'clock. While on this feat he will ride a bicycle on top of the Community Building.

Upon reaching the top of the Hinton building he stood on his head for sixty seconds and then walked over to the center of the building and climbed the flag pole.

"I'm a dare devil, but I'm not a fool," the climber said, after he had made several unsuccessful attempts to get a grip on a third story window sill. "So he gave up trying to reach the top by the window-to-window climb."

"Climbing is not a joke with me," said George Gibson Polley as he started to go up the building. "It is my business and I go about it in a serious way. I have about it in three children and I am going to take every precaution against an accident."

"Some of you in the crowd watch me and you are afraid that I am going to fall. I ask you to think of yourselves in your own work and business and take every precaution lest you fall."

Though the sensational feat was not scheduled to begin until 6:45 the crowd began to gather on Main street just before six o'clock. By the time the performance started the crowd packed Main street from Mitchell to the corner of the M. Leigh Sheep Co. and in the buildings in every direction from which the Human Fly could be seen people were seen gazing at the feat.

Some youngsters delighted in seeing choice speculations on the top of the First National Bank and Kramer Building and on the roof of the Flora home.

The Elizabeth City Fire Department furnished a fire truck spot light for the climber and drove one of the fire trucks on Main street. Loaded with firemen when it first arrived, it later became a convenient viewpoint for many youngsters who were afraid their view would be handicapped by the mass of older people in front of them.

Mr. Polley was perfectly frank with the crowd and told them that he was making the climb after four weeks rest, that the building was an unusually hard one to climb.

The Human Fly also let it be known that his insurance was paid by the "Studebaker automobile manufacturers as well as his hotel bill. Mr. Polley makes it a practice to take contributions when he makes a climb but insists that "you don't have to give." He received \$32.85 out of an estimated crowd of 5,000 people and admitted to a reporter that it was the smallest collection he had ever taken.

The climber was clothed in white with a covering around his body bearing the words—"Studebaker—the world's greatest climbers." He also shouldered a route boy's bag for The Daily Advance carrying the words "Our Circulation is Climbing too."

"This crowd is good evidence of the value of your newspaper as an advertising medium," Mr. Polley told a reporter for The Advance, "as it is the only medium through which my feat was announced."

PHILADELPHIA HOSIERY

MILLS CLOSE TO CAPACITY
Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—(Special).—Hosiery continues in good demand, prices are firm and in some lines of fall fashioned silk hose, have been advanced by local makers who are running close to capacity.

BOOTSBLACKS HAVE NO FEARS MEN DESERT THEM

Los Angeles, Feb. 7.—Women are not so extravagant as popular belief would paint them, but on the contrary are economical—on any rate they don't pay out money for shoe shines, says Los Angeles bootblacks. The shoe shine business here has been polished to one woman.