

# CITY MANAGER GROUP ORGANIZES FORCES

## NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT ATTRACTS SEVERAL ENTRIES

Commander Byrd, Captain Fonck and Lieutenant Davis Will Seek Fame.

NEW YORK, March 28.—With the fame and fortune attendant upon a nonstop New York-to-Paris flight as its goal, several groups of aviators today announced progress in their plans to span the Atlantic.

Commander Richard E. Byrd, first air conqueror of the north pole, said the America Transoceanic Company, Inc., had been formed and is building a plane, America, which will attempt the flight.

### Not Out for Prize

The \$25,000 Raymond Orteig prize for the first trans-Atlantic air voyage will not be sought by Byrd and Floyd Bennett, he said. Byrd and Bennett "have not definitely decided how, where or when we will attempt to cross the Atlantic with this plane," it was added.

Officials of the Sikorsky Manufacturing Company revealed that a twin-motored transport plane now under construction will be used by Capt. Rene Fonck, French ace, whose attempt last September ended in disaster at Roosevelt field, two of the crew of the S-35 being burned to death when the plane caught fire and was destroyed.

### One Less Motor

The new plane will have only two motors instead of three and hence will not have to carry as much gasoline as the heavily loaded S-35. Lieutenant Commander Noel Davis also will attempt the epochal flight. His biplane, The American Legion, is being completed and he hopes to take off in late spring or early summer.

Charles Nungesser, second ranking French war ace, and M. Coll, who lost an eye in the war, will set out from Paris toward New York in a one-motor plane.

## FAIRBANKS-MORSE SPLIT. IS HEALED

County Compromises With Firm on Track Spur.

Agreement with Fairbanks-Morse Company, whereby the county will be permitted to use a railroad spur on the old workhouse grounds, Northwestern Ave. and Twenty-First St., bought by the firm for \$150,000, will be drawn up immediately, County Attorney Clinton H. Givan told Commissioners George Snider and Charles Sutton today.

The controversy arose three years ago after the sale, when company officials declared the one-seventh acre on which the spur was located had been bought along with the remaining tract. County officials declared records were tampered with and the sale did not include the spur.

Under the agreement the county will have use of the track for three years beginning April 1 and the right to take a line off the track into the county grounds. The company agrees to maintain the spur.

## PLAN NORTH SIDE EXPO

Industrial Show Will Be Staged in Riverside Pavilion.

An industrial exposition will be staged April 18 to 23 in the Riverside dance pavilion by the Better Business League of North Indianapolis, it was announced today by League President Owen Shepherd. North side merchants and manufacturers will have booths at the show.

This is the second exposition of this type, the one last year being attended by 25,000 persons. The arrangements committee: U. R. Lee, chairman; Dr. O. E. Yater, Charles W. Scroggin, Ira Elmore, Charles Weisenberg, D. E. Stephens and John Chapman.

## GAINING AGAINST DEATH

Glenn Hill, Menaced by Paralysis, Better After Operation.

DENVER, Col., March 28.—Glenn Hill, young insurance salesman whose life has been threatened with paralysis, today was "much improved" and doctors have hopes of his ultimate recovery.

For more than a week Hill lay in a hospital here, waging a grim battle with starvation and an unusual attack of paralysis, resulting from influenza and infected tonsils. Dr. W. L. Holcomb, throat specialist, removed Hill's tonsils Saturday, relieving the source of the toxic poisoning that seemed destined to spread to his lungs and bring death.

## LANDRY'S DISEASE FATAL

Young Man Stricken by Paralysis Which Started in Toes.

By United Press. FALL RIVER, Mass., March 28.—Landry's disease has brought death to Gil Estrella, 22, a mill worker. The patient died last night after a seven-day battle with the same form of creeping paralysis that recently took the life of Alfred Frick of Chicago.

One hundred and fifty members of the Framont Swimming Club volunteered to furnish artificial respiration as resorted to in the Frick case. A pleuritic condition caused physicians to decline the offer.

The paralysis, which first affected Estrella's toes, spread rapidly upward, and had reached the heart and lung region when death came.

## FOREIGNERS SAFE, SAYS CANTONESE COMMANDER

Youthful Chiang, in Stating Policy, Outlines Plans of Chinese Nationalist Movement.

By H. Francis Misselwitz. United Press Staff Correspondent. SHANGHAI, March 28.—Foreigners in Shanghai are absolutely safe so far as the Cantonese army is concerned, Chiang Kai-Shek, youthful commander in chief of the nationalist forces, told the United Press in an interview today, in which he also outlined the southern plan to drive on toward Peking at the earliest possible time.

"My army is ordered to preserve peace in Shanghai," he said, adding that he had telegraphed Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the southern government, to come to Shanghai to negotiate with foreign diplomats over the status of the settlement and concessions.

He said he did not believe the communist-centrist split in the Kuomintang (national government), was serious.

But for the northern Chinese faction, Chiang had no such words of peace as he offered to foreigners.

For Unity and Peace

"The Cantonese will not compromise," he said. "We will drive on to Peking as soon as possible, to attain our goal of a united, peaceful China."

Plans for the punitive expedition northward are as yet indefinite, said the plain-spoken commander, who has led the southern army on its sweep northward through the rice fields from Canton to Shanghai, Nanking and the Yangtze river in a campaign which seasoned military observers said could not be successful.

Plans Final Drive

"But I have given the order for mobilization for our final campaign and it will start soon," he added. "Three columns of troops will push northward on three fronts. One will follow the coast through Shantung. One will go through Honan, clearing out the sector held by Wu Pei-fu. The third will follow the Nanking-Peking Railway to the northern capital."

The unburdened commander in chief of the southern armies greeted me with no ostentation. He was clad in the plain uniform of a private, which he habitually wears, and he wore no decorations or insignia, unless a necktie of red and blue—the Cantonese colors—could be called such.

"I am cognizant of the friendly sympathy of America," Chiang said, "and needless to say, it is deeply appreciated. The incident at Nanking must be unfortunate and if reports are true that Americans joined the British in the bombardment of the city, I fear the news may cause misunderstanding and doubt of the good will of American toward the revolutionary party."

"The stories of refugees of atrocities at Nanking may possibly be true. I am investigating thoroughly. It must be remembered, however, that China is in the midst of revolution. The enemy constantly is seeking to spread ill-feeling abroad against the revolutionists."

Oppose Hostility

"Our policy has always been against hostility toward foreigners, and all my subordinates are from me personally definite instructions to protect lives and property regardless of nationality."

"The northern retreaters often dress in nationalist uniforms when they are engaged in looting, to spread distrust of the southern cause."

After giving his assurance of the safety of foreigners in Shanghai, Chiang said the southerners were trying to restore peace and tranquility from anarchy.

"We are clearing out the lawless element and the gunmen who cause trouble to foreigners everywhere," he said.

"We will leave the problem of the Shanghai foreign settlements to diplomacy when Foreign Minister Chen arrives. After that, I will not be interested in diplomacy, for I am a fighting man and I will back the Cantonese government's policy to the limit."

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## BUILDING FALLS SHORT OF DEMAND

Survey Shows Shortage in Three Construction Types.

By United Press. BEDFORD, Ind., March 28.—A building shortage in certain types of construction still exists, according to reports to the Indiana Limestone Company.

"Activity in the construction field in the last two or three years has steadily decreased the shortage that followed the World War," it is said. "This year's shortage has not diminished at the same rate as in the past three years."

A survey of several hundred communities indicates an existing shortage of three types of construction. Twenty-nine per cent of the cities report a shortage of single-family dwellings; 43 per cent show an apartment shortage, while 19 per cent show a shortage of business buildings. According to reports of six months ago, this shortage indicates an increase of more than 100 per cent for apartments. An increased shortage of 75 per cent is shown for single family dwellings and approximately 50 per cent for business buildings.

"If construction activity keeps pace with demand, building volume this year will reach a new high figure," it was added.

## Far and Near

FLIGHT CALLED OFF

WASHINGTON—The dirigible Los Angeles, inflated at Lakehurst, N. J., and preparing for a test flight, must forego its trip because of removal of most of the marines at that station for Chinese duty, the Navy announces.

## OPPOSE FILM PLAYS

LONDON—Many politicians and movie men oppose the Government's bill to compel the inclusion of British films in all moving picture theater programs. Opponents said the British films would be had because the producers would be assured of a market.

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## Girl, 15, Blamed for Four Deaths

By United Press. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 28.—Responsibility for a railroad grade crossing accident near here, which took a toll of four lives, was placed upon a 15-year-old girl today by the fireman of the locomotive which crashed into the automobile.

The dead: William Ames, 45 years old; his son, William, Jr., 7 years old; and a nephew and niece, Clifford Ames, 8 years old, and Florence Ames, 5 years old. Floyd Ames, 21 years old, another son of the dead man, may die of injuries.

According to William Roberts, fireman, on whose side of the train the accident occurred, the girl, who was driving, apparently became excited after she stopped the machine, for it suddenly darted into the path of the engine.

## "Sheer" Romance at Radcliffe

By United Press. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 28.—Discovery of a Harvard student, with a girl's silk stocking in his hand, in a Radcliffe dormitory, today had resulted in the assignment of a police guard to Barnard Hall, which many a Radcliffe girl calls home.

Previously a love note, attached to a stone, had been tossed through a window of a girl student's room.

The Harvard man found in the dormitory insisted, when questioned by police, that he was merely participating in a fraternity initiation stunt.

## BUSY WEEK OPENS FOR BOY SCOUTS OF INDIANAPOLIS

City-Wide Swimming Meet Big Event on Today's Program.

Boy Scout week, featured today by a city-wide swimming meet in the pool of the Hoosier Athletic Club, opened Sunday with a mass meeting at Roberts Park M. E. Church. Gifford, Gordon of Melbourne, Australia, national secretary of the Disciples of Christ Church temperance board, addressed more than 1,000 scouts and scoutmasters on "The Land of the Kangaroo."

Troop No. 76, of the State Deaf School, had the largest delegation. The speaker's words were translated into sign language for them by their scoutmaster, A. L. Houdyshell. At the conclusion of the program a number of scouts from this troop gave the Scout oath in sign.

Gordon advised adherence to Scout principles. "Give to the world the best you have in you and the best will come back to you," he said.

## McNutt to Speak

The Golden Rule Orchestra, under the direction of Leslie C. Troutman, presented an opening program. Spirituals were sung by a quartet from the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A.

Following a renewal of the Scout oath, which opened the meeting, a sextette, composed of Scouts Robert Buschmann, Raymond Johnson, Emley Johnson, Howard Wheeler, Robert Stone and Robert Jones played.

Paul V. McNutt, Indiana commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the father and son dinner Tuesday night at Central Christian Church. Walnut and Delaware Sts. Dwight S. Ritter of the Grassroots fisheries will tell "A Fish Story."

## To Hold Office

Wednesday is civic day. Scouts will take over the reigns of city and State government for an hour and will assist in directing downtown traffic.

Thursday a court of honor will be held in Manual Training High School auditorium at 7:30 p. m., when honor badges will be given out.

At 8:30 a. m. Friday Scouts will assemble by troops at University Square to parade in the annual Scout rally at the Circle. At 2 p. m. the Scout exposition in Tomlinson Hall will open to continue all day Saturday.

## AXTELL FUNERAL TODAY

Widow of Former City Engineering Inspector Buried at Crown Hill.

Funeral services were held today for Mrs. F. M. Axtell, 79, of 3818 Central Ave., who died Saturday after being in poor health for two and one-half years. The Rev. Edwin W. Dunlavy, pastor of the Roberts Park M. E. Church, officiated. Burial was in Brown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Axtell was the widow of Samuel P. Axtell, former city engineering department inspector and at one time an attaché of Juvenile Court.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Mary Margaret Axtell, Technical High School teacher; Miss Grace Porter Axtell, of this city and Mrs. B. Reed Willis of Toronto, Canada, and two sons Robert J. Axtell, 3614 Guilford Ave., and Leo Rae Axtell, of New York.

## MINERS SEEK WAGES

PETERSBURG, Ind., March 28.—Lions by 100 miners for back wages totaling \$18,000 were filed today against the Central West Coal Mining Company.

## FLYER NEARS U. S.

By United Press. PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, March 27.—Francesco de Pinedo, Italian trans-Atlantic aviator, left at 6:30 a. m. today for Havana. He will fly to New Orleans, La.

## MEET THE FOLKS

The Indianapolis Times is proud of its children. It wants you to know the folks who make the paper something more than ordinary, the folks who make it a thing of flesh and blood, almost—a welcome interesting visitor in your home, a personality. Today The Times introduces:

## Mr. Fixit

Wednesday Deadline for Light Complaints.

Mr. Fixit is just what his name implies. He is a fixer, but not the usual type. Mr. Fixit is interested in nothing but the interests of Times Readers. He doesn't care what political party is in power or out. He doesn't care who wants to be mayor, police chief, or superintendent of street cleaning.

Mr. Fixit spends most of every day at city hall. He's a welcome visitor there, because he is as helpful to city officials as to citizens. He receives complaints from Times readers about municipal service and requests for aid in getting improvements, like street lights, sidewalks or sewers. He takes these to the proper city officials, finds out what can be done about them and tells the citizens about it in his column. Then he follows through if the improvements are not made he checks up and makes another request for action.

City department heads usually are eager to satisfy citizens who welcome Mr. Fixit, because he lets them know what is wrong.

All you have to do to enlist the aid of Mr. Fixit upon any municipal matter is write him a letter in care of The Times. Then you watch his column for the answer.

## AMERICAN SLAIN BY MOB IN CHINA KNOWN HERE

Dr. J. E. Williams Has Visited Indianapolis.

According to Dr. Charles T. Paul, president of the College of Missions in Irvington, Dr. J. E. Williams, vice president of Nanking University, who was killed some days ago in Nanking by Chinese mobs, was well known in Indianapolis and had visited here.

Dr. Williams met death while being robbed of his watch. "He was one of the finest men I have ever known," remarked Dr. Paul.

Dr. Paul added that no immediate action to recall missionaries now in China is contemplated by the various missionary boards of Indianapolis.

"I think the trouble which is centered at Shanghai will spread to other parts of China," he said. "Danger to missionaries there are from mobs opposed to foreigners and not from the soldiers."

Dr. Frederick Taylor, Indianapolis Baptist missions board president, said that the missionaries will not be recalled. "They know the situation in China better than the board does," he said, "so it is left to the missionaries to decide what they shall do."

Harry A. King, superintendent of the Indianapolis M. E. district, said that no dispatches from missionaries have been received by the M. E. missionary board. "We will not recall our missionaries," he said. "We shall let them use their own discretion. We know and depend upon the papers for our information as to conditions there."

## SOCIALIST RICH; WILL HE DIVIDE?

Inventor Discusses Plans—'But Not Forgetting Myself.'

NEW YORK, March 28.—Socialist principles held by Anatol Josepho today were put to a severe test, for the 33-year-old Russian, who long preached the doctrine of equal division of wealth has become a millionaire.

Riches came to Josepho because of his invention of a self-service, cafeteria style camera, which takes eight photographs for a quarter. He was handed a check for \$1,000,000 by a newly organized company, will continue to receive royalties, and will be an officer and adviser in the corporation which will manufacture his invention.

"I intend to do as much good with the money as I possibly can," Josepho said, adding hastily, "but not forgetting myself."

Some of the money would go to charity, he said; still more would go to aiding other young inventors. And he would need to spend a great deal in perfecting projects of his own.

Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, heads the new company. Associated with him are Gen. James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America; John T. Underwood, president of the Underwood Typewriter Co.; Henry Morgenthau Jr., publisher, and other prominent business men.

## Chain Proposed

One automatic studio has been in operation here for six months and has been patronized by 280,000 customers, including Governor Smith. Others will be established at Atlantic City and Coney Island soon, and thereafter it is planned to spread the chain from coast to coast, Morgenthau said.

Josepho was born at Omsk, Siberia, and was educated in Russia. He left that country after the revolution, wandering through Europe and Asia making a living taking photographs. He came to this country, went to Hollywood to learn the movie industry and then came to New York, where he managed to finance his invention.

## BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Dodge touring, license, 572-587, found at Washington and Alabama St.

George Schuder, Columbus, Ind., Chevrolet, at White River Blvd. and Georgia St.

Clarence Williams, 1018 Bellefontaine St., Chevrolet, at Eleventh and Illinois Sts.

Elsie Hancock, 3905 Washington Blvd., Chevrolet, found at 315 W. Fifteenth St.

## FIRED AT WIFE, CHARGE

Couple, Separated Year, Wrestle for Weapon After Threats

Charles Bay, 56, giving his address as the Gem Hotel, was arrested Saturday night after it is alleged he fired two shots at his wife, Mrs. Cora Bay, 124 W. Southern Ave., from whom he has been separated for about a year.

Mrs. Bay told Lieutenant Forsythe, in charge of the emergency squad, that when she returned from work about 11:30 she found her husband in the kitchen. She told police he was drunk and after threatening her, fired twice as she struggled to wrest a revolver from his hand.

Bay was arrested and charged with assault and battery, shooting with intent to kill, blind tiger and drunk.

## SHORTMEIER SPEAKER

Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortmeier will deliver the Appomattox day address at Ft. Friendly, 512 N. Illinois St., at 2 p. m. April 9. Daniel H. McAbbe of G. A. R. Post 17 and William D. Wilson of G. A. R. Post No. 25 are in the charge of arrangements.

## CAMEL NAMED VOLSTEAD

By United Press. FRENCH LICK, Ind., March 28.—A baby camel born at the winter home of John Robinson's circus has been named "Andrew J. Volstead."

## Ward-Precinct System Will Be Used to Muster Workers to Obtain 15,000 New Signatures.

Plans to perfect a city-wide ward precinct organization to carry on the movement for a city manager form of government were considered today by the executive committee at luncheon at the Columbia Club.

Advocates of the "business-like" form are setting up a strong organization similar to that of the political bosses. Additional blank petitions calling for a manager election were received from the printer this afternoon and distributed to volunteer workers who will secure 15,000 additional names. Already 22,000 signatures, more than the number stipulated by law, have been obtained.

## Outlines Plan

Claude H. Anderson, executive secretary, outlined the city manager organization at the luncheon. A manager organization of ward and precinct chairmen is under way.

Frequent meetings of the executive committee are planned. It is expected the petition calling for an election in June on the proposed change, will be filed before May 1.

Announcement of the movement met hearty response from many citizens, leaders declared. Many volunteered to circulate the manager petitions.

## To Blanket City

"Some persons least expected to back the drive were very enthusiastic over the announcement," declared J. W. Esterline, president of Esterline-Angus Company, temporary chairman.

"We expect to blanket the city with petitions and should obtain the quota without difficulty," said Esterline.

Meanwhile, W. H. Insley, president of the Insley Manufacturing Company, chairman; John J. White, Federation of Community Clubs president, and Mrs. George Finck, were picking the permanent campaign committee.

## MAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN CRASH

Skull Fractured When He Steps in Front of Car.

Charles Elix, 50, of 1122 South-eastern Ave., is in city hospital in a serious condition as a result of having been struck by an automobile driven by Ben Finegold, 21, of 415 S. Rural St., at Southeastern Ave. and Washington St., Saturday night.

Witnesses told police that Elix stepped in front of Finegold's car. Elix sustained a fractured skull and a broken left leg.

A police automobile was damaged Saturday evening in a collision with another machine, driven by Colin Alexander, 30, of Monto Glo, Pa., at the intersection of Washington and West Sts. Alexander was released after investigation.

Other persons injured in week-end accidents were:

Mrs. Priscilla Law, 51, of 954 E. McCarty St., struck by an auto driven by George Young, 1908 N. Tacoma Ave., at Lexington Ave. and Shelby St., and Mrs. Louis Turner, 45, of 1114 W. McCarty St. and Mrs. Sadie Halfack, 53, of 1067 W. McCarty St., who were in an auto that went into a ditch on the Martinsville Rd.

## RADIO VIEWS WANTED

Federal Commission Will Begin Public Hearings Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—To seek views of the public, the Federal radio commission will begin a series of hearings tomorrow on regulation of the radio broadcasting industry.

The hearings will open with a discussion of the possibility of broadening the broadcasting band to permit operation of additional stations. Experts are to testify on this point.

Other problems to be considered: Wednesday, reducing frequency separation; Thursday, simultaneous broadcasting with same frequency and chain broadcasting, division of time and consolidation of broadcasting service; Friday, limiting number of stations and general discussion of all problems.

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Husband Held When Wife Dies in Crash.

Week-end accidents took the lives of six persons in Indiana outside of Indianapolis, a check showed today. Two boys were drowned.

Fred Heine of Ft. Wayne was arrested on manslaughter charges when he fled from an auto accident in which his wife, Mrs. Minnie Heine, was killed. He lost control of the car while driving at high speed. He was arrested several hours later and explained that he was dazed when he fled.