

Today

At the North Pole, What? The Rockefellers Will Know. Honor the Wright Brothers. Brooklyn Leads. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

What will the navy find on the expedition soon starting to the North pole? No dog sleds for transportation, no crawling over ice hammocks, no water level boat, to freeze into the ice, on this trip, but a great airship carrying scientists, up in the clouds. That is exploring in style. Columbus and the others ought to see it.

No one knows what wealth, oil, gold and other minerals may be found in the frozen regions. If they are found, men will find a way to reach them. Already the Rockefellers have developed oil within the Arctic circle. To pipe the oil would cost \$50,000,000 which is more than it is worth now, but the Rockefellers look ahead. John D., number 42, a few centuries hence may turn that oil into electricity on the spot and sell wireless power to flying ships taking the short route around the world. The captain will say at dinner in the evening, to his neighbor, "I'm picking up power, just now, from an oil well that the original Rockefeller located inside the Arctic circle, away back in the 20th century. They say that first Rockefeller was worth only a couple of billions, at most. It would surprise him to know how much his family is worth now."

Or that captain of the future may say, "The luck of the people knew enough to take over all of the earth's natural resources, otherwise we'd be paying an extravagant price to some owner of oil created millions of years ago when the North pole was in the tropics."

The world soon will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight, it was short, crude, uncertain, but they flew. And if the Fourth of July is a great day, for independence, the anniversary of that flight is an independence day, even greater. Eventually we should have been independent of the British kings, no doubt of that. The Wrights made us independent of the power of gravitation, a tyrant that held us fastened to the ground for more than 100,000 years, and that holds us no longer.

"Liberators of the human race," is the line that ought to be the Wright brothers' tomb, and this nation, when the time comes, must honor them with a monument worthy of them. They set men free.

Which city, do you suppose, surpassed all others in building cost for 1923? It was Cleveland, Detroit, or booming Detroit, but Brooklyn, one of the boroughs of New York city, with a building program of \$300,000,000. Nearly \$200,000,000 spent on dwellings, still leaves a great shortage.

No one knows which is to be the world's greatest city in future. Los Angeles will run to 15,000,000, at least. That is certain. Seattle, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and several others will be bigger than New York is now. But Brooklyn will be the real New York city and proud old Manhattan only a great office building, one little borough in a great city, on Long Island, stretching away toward Montauk Point. That is why wide road building into the heart of Brooklyn from north, east and south Long Island should be no longer delayed.

For the time, the world seems weary of its experiments in democratic government. Even socialist Germany gives absolute power of dictatorship to the cabinet, putting the orders of Chancellor Marx ahead of the parliament and the people.

Italy with Mussolini, Spain with Primo Rivera, Russia with Trotsky and Lenin—a handful ruling 120,000,000—have decided that safety lies in letting one strong man have his way. Even victorious, dominating France is in the hands of the military power. England struggles along, as a democracy. We continue our interesting experiment—democracy tempered with financial and judicial over-lordship.

The accident on the Twentieth Century was partly due to running three sections close together. The marvel is not that nine were killed but that the disaster did not kill hundreds. No great tribute to the construction of the heavy steel cars could be imagined than the result of that accident—one high-speed train dashing into another.

If mechanically possible, it should be impossible for one train to enter a block until the other train has left. The Swiss government railways are equipped with automatic systems that set the brakes on a train electrically the moment it runs by a signal. The same automatic system exists in the subways of New York.

The prince of Wales, known as one of the most traveled young men in the world, is planning a visit to South Africa next spring. This is the only big dominion of the British empire he has not yet seen.

Sheriff Liked His Rum, Claim

Witness at Cass County Trial Tells of Alleged "Wide Open" Boast.

(Continued From Page One) The sheriff replied, according to Sands. "I'm looking for stills." Sands testified that several times he met the sheriff on the street, and the sheriff would say, "Hop to it, everything is clear," or "Better lay off, the state agents are here." Mrs. Bertha Sands, Walter Sands' wife, called to the stand, corroborated the testimony of her husband. "Did the sheriff ever visit your home?" she was asked. "Yes, he came with Grebe, and drank beer with my husband." "Did the sheriff ever see this beer in the basement?" she was asked on cross-examination. "He saw the cases."

"But how did he know it was beer?" "Oh, Grebe looked at it and told him it was."

Chief on Stand. Testimony to the effect that Sheriff Quinton was convinced that Julia Kaufman of Plattsmouth was selling liquor six months ago, was given by Alvin Jones, deposed chief of police of Plattsmouth.

Jones testified that he had a conversation with the sheriff concerning Julia Kaufman at that time, and that they decided to send an agent to gather evidence, but that the man they approached for the purpose refused.

The state centered its efforts in an effort to prove that Sheriff Quinton had knowledge of Julia Kaufman's reputation in the town. Julia Kaufman is under indictment on a liquor charge, on four separate counts.

First witness called this morning was Carl Rider, of Nebraska City, sheriff of Otoe county. He testified that last summer he arrested a man named Henry Kobel for drunkenness. Kobel had a bottle of liquor which he said he purchased of Julia Kaufman, the sheriff said.

Wayne Goehenheim, who drove the car in which Kobel was riding, testified that he drove Kobel to Julia Kaufman's house, and that Kobel entered, and came out a few minutes later with a bottle of liquor and ordered Goehenheim to drive to Nebraska City.

"Didn't you stop a few blocks away from the Kaufman home?" Attorney Livingston for the defense, asked Goehenheim on cross examination. "No, we stopped right in front of the door."

"You don't know that he got that bottle from Julia Kaufman, do you?" "Yes, he didn't have it when he went in, and he had it when he came out."

No Friend of Sheriff's. "You don't like Sheriff Quinton, do you?" "I don't like him, but he is not an enemy of mine."

"He arrested you and put you in jail once, didn't he?" "I don't hold that against him."

"You're just as happy in jail as you are out?" "Well, if I deserve it, I don't mind it."

Converted on Street. Goehenheim testified that he has no knowledge of Kobel's whereabouts. He said he frequently observed Sheriff Quinton and Julia Kaufman in conversation on the street, but that he thought nothing of it, because "everyone knew about it."

C. J. Pankham of Louisville, Neb., foreman of the grand jury which returned the indictment against the sheriff, identified the bottle introduced as that which had been taken from Kobel at the time of his arrest, as the same bottle which had been turned over to him as evidence during the session of the grand jury. He said he had taken a sample of the contents to the state chemist for analysis.

The defense filed formal objection to the testimony of each witness, together with a motion to strike. All the motions were overruled.

Deposed Chief Nervous. Alvin Jones, the deposed chief of

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police, also under indictment, was nervous as he was called to the stand. "Did you ever hear that Julia Kaufman was selling liquor?" he was asked. "Yes, several times. It was common knowledge."

Jones is alleged to have told the grand jury that he knew nothing about Julia Kaufman and her activities. "Did you ever do anything about it?" "I was unable to."

"Did you ever have a conversation with the sheriff relative to Julia Kaufman?" "At this point Judge Paul Jensen, for the defense, objected to the form of the question."

"Change the English," he said. "The poor man thinks 'relative' means a cousin of Julia's."

Admits Talking to Sheriff. The question was recast, and Jones admitted that such a conversation had taken place.

"How long ago?" "About six months ago. I suggested that we send a stool pigeon to buy some liquor, but the man we selected refused to go. He said Julia knew him and wouldn't sell him any."

Dr. Ralph G. Beatty, state chemist, testified that he examined a sample from the contents of the bottle taken from Kobel, alleged to have been purchased from Julia Kaufman, and that it tested 80 proof, or 40 per cent alcohol. He said, however, that the sample, had been turned over to him by Sheriff Rider and not by Pankham.

The court room was packed again at the morning's session of the trial. In the crowd was a plentiful sprinkling of women. Sheriff Quinton appeared somewhat concerned.

Deposed Chief Nervous. Relying on an alleged statement by

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Children of River Victim Sure of Xmas

Help Pours in to Home Stricken by Death of Father in Accident at New Bridge.

"We are not asking help—" Those are the words of Paul Tacy, Woodbine, Ia., brother of Mrs. Frank Williams, widow of the man drowned in midstream of the Missouri river yesterday, when a stone barge carrying seven men capsized. Williams was drowned. Six others were rescued.

Today his wife lies in their modest home, 1609 Avenue C Council Bluffs, stunned by the tragedy. She is seriously ill and will be removed to a hospital, according to Thomas O. Tacy, Council Bluffs attorney, a brother.

Brother Stands Guard. Reports that the family of the drowned man was destitute brought good Samaritans from far and near to its assistance. Outside the home Tuesday morning Paul Tacy stood guard against all seeking to inquire about the tragedy or bringing cheer. Curious minded and philanthropic alike were turned aside by his firm but quivering voice.

"We are not asking help." **Faces Grief-Lined.** The words are borne out in stoical, grief-lined faces of the dead man's children. They moved in and out of the house, unmindful of the world without their hearts. Occasionally near neighbors entered the house. Away from eyes of strangers the four children stood huddled in a group—silent.

"We can take care of them. I came from Woodbine last night. We have another brother, Tom, here. There are aunts and uncles who will take the children. There will be a Christmas for them in their relatives' homes—as much as toys and trees can make a Christmas for them this year."

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the shock of his tragic death in the Missouri. His four children move silently about with grief-laden hearts. Approaching the camera in the foreground is Paul Tacy, Woodbine, Ia., brother of the widow.

Frank drowned in on the way here now. There are things to eat in the house. And while we thank the Red Cross, the Visiting Nurse association and all good friends who have been solicitous—we are not asking help."

On Douglas street bridge, workers for the Mount Vernon Construction company, former companions of the drowned man, were about their work Tuesday in the usual way, but ever with searching glance toward the turbulent Missouri beneath them.

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brother-in-law, Frank Heckerdorn, lives. It was to this brother-in-law that Williams told of his premonition of early coming in a dream in the early morning of his death. He had dreamed that while fishing he had fallen from the boat and drowned. He related his dream at breakfast. His wife pleaded with him not to go to work. He smilingly caressed her fears away and departed for work. An hour later he was dead.

Police of Council Bluffs and Omaha had no report of finding of the body at noon Tuesday.

Second Battle of Xmas at Rum Row

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 11.—Smugglers and dry forces today are fighting the second battle of Christmas off rum row, while New York watches. A score of liquor carriers, coming from the Bahamas and other points where distillation is lawful, have found themselves blocked, at least temporarily, from landing their supplies in quantity by the coast guard cutters harassing landing parties afloat and dry forces snatching the liquor as soon as it touches the beaches. But rum row, although checked, does not concede itself deserted.

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