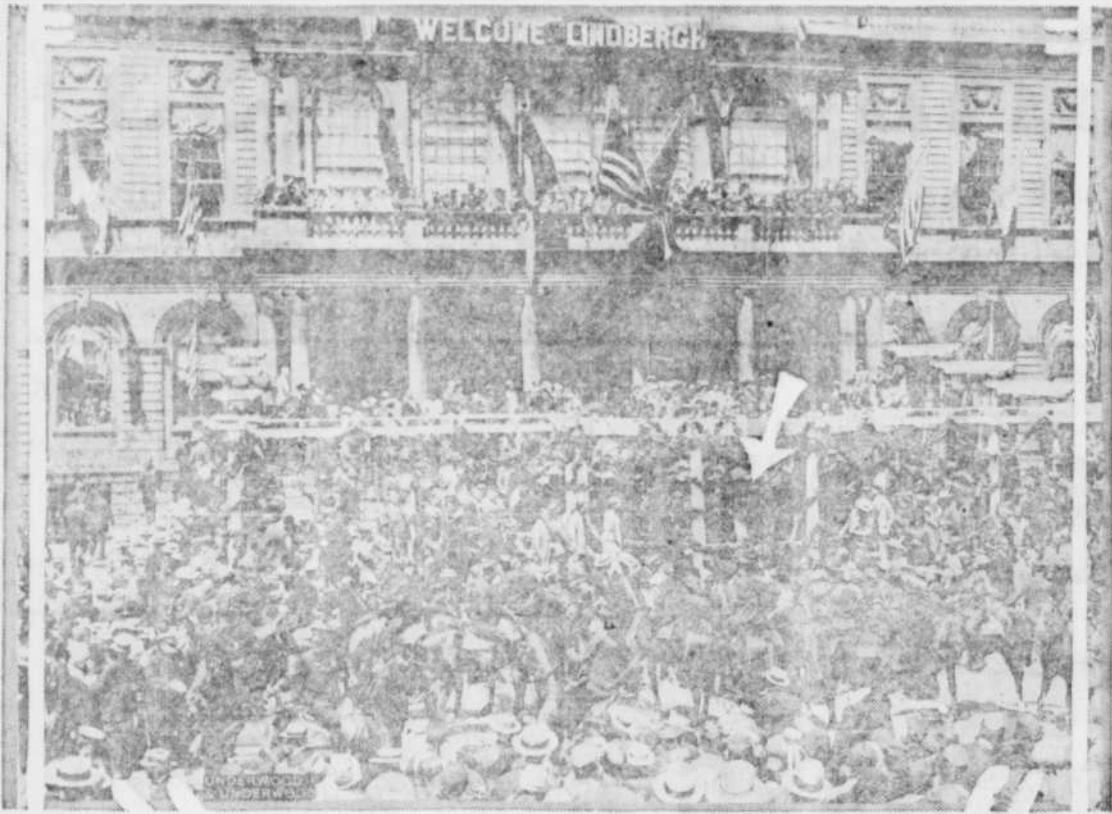


Lindbergh and New York Officials Review Parade



Colonel Lindbergh (marked by arrow) and New York city officials in the reviewing stand at the city hall, with mounted police trying to control the excited crowds.

West Point Graduates Receiving Commissions



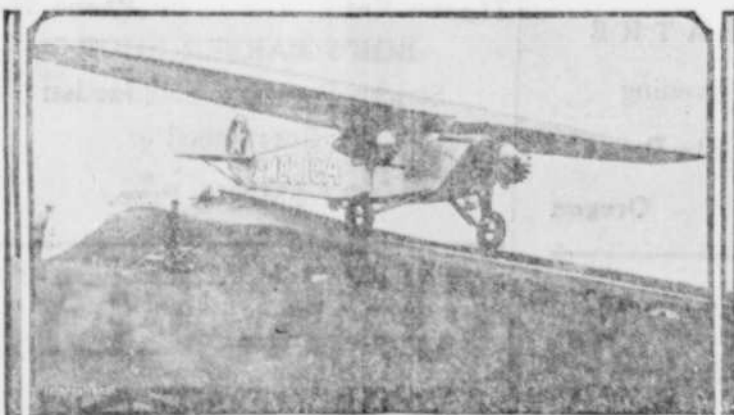
Secretary of War Davis bestowing commissions on the graduating class of the United States Military academy at West Point. There were 293 cadets in the class.

President Dedicating Wicker Park



President Coolidge delivering his address at the dedication of Wicker park, the war memorial of Lake county, Indiana. He declared the park established as a tribute to the war heroes of the Calumet district "a real memorial and a true emblem of our Republic."

"America" Ready for Atlantic Hop



Above is the gigantic plane America all ready for the flight across the Atlantic under the pilotage of Commander R. E. Byrd and Bert Acosta.

DRY CHIEF'S AID



An especially posed portrait of Maj. Herbert White, who has been appointed assistant prohibition commissioner.

FILIPINO LEADER



Senator Juan B. Alegre, one of the most prominent Filipino leaders, who has been conferring with federal officials in Washington.

FAMOUS MINING STRIKES

By THOMAS E. STEWARD

Butte as a Gold and Silver Camp

THE Butte (Mont.) district is known to the present generation as one of the world's richest copper mining regions and probably the most productive mining region in the United States. But it was the lure of gold dust that first attracted to it that band of hardy and adventurous souls who swept through the American West in search of wealth in its most condensed and glittering form.

Gold deposits of the placer type, dust and nuggets that could be washed from gravel, was discovered at Hancock, Alder Gulch and East Chance Gulch, Mont., in 1863, and the usual rush of prospectors and their ilk followed. They searched every gulch and creek bed, located numerous claims, and washed out, all in all, an impressive amount of gold.

The first strike in the actual environs of Butte was made by a passing immigrant in 1864, who staked out a claim on the west side of what became Main street in that city. Other strikes followed in neighboring gulches, but placer mining seemed less remunerative here than in other parts of the state. The gold was inferior and brought only \$11 to \$14 an ounce. Water was not available. At first the Butte ore was hauled by ox team to Rainbow creek for washing, but ditch lines were built eventually. It is estimated that \$1,500,000 worth of gold was washed out at Butte during three years of placer mining.

Butte's copper history will make a separate story. The history of its rich silver mines is part of that of the gold deposits. Quartz veins rich in silver existed on many of the rocky hillsides around Butte, but the ore was of a type not then recognized, although similar veins in the Comstock lode were soon to prove so valuable that the Butte mines were immediately opened. A number of silver lodes were worked in the middle sixties, and it was the prospect of rich silver mining, rather than gold, that led to the development which resulted in the town's being laid out in 1866. Butte reached the greatest prosperity of its early stage in 1867-68, then declined rapidly until about 1875, when copper mining gave it a new lease of life and led to its tremendous later development.

The climax of Butte's silver period was reached in 1887, when stamp mills grinding silver ore in that city were dropping 200 stamps and the amount of ore worked in the silver stamp mills reached 400 tons a day. In addition to this about 100 tons a day were being shipped out to smelters. All the ore carried a considerable amount of gold as well as the silver and the average yield was placed by geologists at probably \$25 a ton in the two precious metals.

The period of active silver mining continued until 1892, when the Butte mines, like others, were almost prostrated by the decline in the price of silver. A few mines continued in operation until 1896-97, but only one mine, the Lexington, which has copper in its silver veins, has been operated for silver since that time.

The Diamonds of Brazil

IT IS said that at Diamantina, in the Brazilian province of Minas Geraes, gold in tiny particles is so plentiful in the soil that children follow the workmen who are putting in telephone poles or doing any kind of digging, for the sake of picking up the tiny flecks of precious metal that are sure to be revealed.

Writers on Brazil tell how miners seeking gold found a number of bright and attractive pebbles which had such an individual appearance that residents of the village of Tijuca began saving them for markers in card games. They became "chips," and in all there probably were a bushel of them around the place.

Presently a Portuguese visitor in Tijuca "got into a game" one day and recognized the markers as diamonds. He expressed mild interest in them and offered to buy some. They sold him half a bushel or so, and he cut his stay as short as possible, departing for Amsterdam, a diamond center, with the diamonds safely stowed away.

Word of his discovery reached the Portuguese crown, for that was before the days of Brazilian independence. Investigation showed that there was a huge tract of diamond bearing soil in Brazil, in all about 400 square leagues, including the famous black diamond district in the state of Bahia.

At one time the Brazilian fields practically controlled the world's diamond supply, especially in the century prior to 1867-70, when the South African strikes were made.

The largest diamond ever found in Brazil, the "Star of the South," was found at a place called "Agua Suja," meaning "dirty water." It weighed about the same as the celebrated Kohinoor of South Africa, about 300 carats.

Brazilian stones are usually found in the beds of rivers and the business of gathering them is prosaic in the extreme. None of the improved methods employed in South Africa have as yet been introduced by the Brazilians. The stones, when discovered, look like white, half-transparent pebbles.

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Itching for Trouble Defect in Character

A young man had applied for a certain position and his possible employer was getting some sidelights on the applicant's character. "Why, he's all right," said those who knew him best. "He's young and sometimes foolish, but he means all right."

"That is not satisfactory," said the employer. "What's the doubt about him?" "Well," was the hesitating reply, "he rather has a habit of defying authority, just for the sake of defying it. He doesn't care particularly about breaking the rules or the laws, but he seems to have a complex which makes him antagonistic toward anyone over him. He will probably do his work well, but he will always be itching for an opportunity to sass you a bit."

"Guess that's enough," said the employer, and he looked elsewhere for an employee.—Springfield Union.

Not What It Seemed

The dancers stopped and watched as a sunburnt man crossed the floor toward the host. His whole frame shivered and shook. Then suddenly his tremors ceased and he was surprised to hear a burst of applause from the guests.

"Welcome, old man," cried his host, seizing the newcomer's hand, "and congratulations. I never expected to see such an expert performer of the Charleston straight out of central Africa."

The traveler gasped. "Charleston?" he echoed. "That wasn't the Charleston, that wasague."

Tree Preserved in Ice

A Canadian government exploration party recently came across a spruce tree which had been preserved in the ice of the great North American glacier in Alaska. The glacier had receded and left the tree exposed after an imprisonment estimated at hundreds of thousands of years. The spruce was apparently one hundred twenty-four years old when the glacier enveloped it.

Husband, 9, Is Divorced

One of the first cases heard under Turkey's new divorce law was that of a seventeen-year-old girl who divorced her nine-year-old husband to whom her parents had wed her sight unseen under the old law, says Capper's Weekly.

Bluebird Your Friend

The bluebird can never have too many homes free from English sparrows. In feeding, it is his habit to fly from a perch to the ground and return with leisure. He turns flycatcher and adds winged insects to his bill of fare.—Nature Magazine.

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Division

"How is the earth divided?" asked a pompous examiner, who had already worn out the patience of the class. "By earthquakes," replied a boy.—Vancouver Province.

Public opinion legislates all the time. It creates and enforces the unwritten laws.

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