

# BYRD BEGINS WESTERN TRIP TO ANTARCTIC

## Modern Jason En Route to Search for Golden Fleece of Unsolved Mysteries—Commander Bids Farewell to Mother By Phone.

WESTWARD with the setting sun a giant whaler last night slipped through the harbor channel lined with cheering crowds and madly whistling craft, to bear a modern Jason on a voyage of which the golden fleece is the solution of mysteries of the icy wastes of the bottom of the earth.

Commander Richard E. Byrd and members of his expedition stood



COMMANDER BYRD

on the board deck of the Norwegian vessel, the C. A. Larsen, with faces alight with the reflection of that untroubled farewell and the eagerness with which they long had looked forward to the moment of departure for the Antarctic.

From the sides of the channel came the roar of tugs and the blast of whistles of passing street cars, sending forth their "Goodbye" and good wishes to the explorers and to

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We the undersigned legal voters of the First Judicial District of Oregon, comprising Jackson and Josephine counties, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name of Better Government League, for the purpose of assisting in the election of the Honorable Harry D. Norton of Grants Pass, Oregon, for the office of Circuit Judge of said District.

We believe that the office should be free from politics; that the office should seek the man and that the man should not seek the office; that the judge should not use the great power of his office to promote his candidacy; that he should be well grounded in the law; that his chief concern should be the conscientious performance of his duties; that in his conduct of the office he should not be influenced by any personal considerations; that as between litigants he should be no respecter of persons; that as between lawyers representing those litigants he should have no preference. Above all, that he should be a man in whom the bar and all the people can repose implicit confidence, for only then will his official acts be justly above suspicion.

Believing that Harry D. Norton of Grants Pass possesses all these qualifications and is the best qualified man in this district for the office, we are associated together to promote his election.

The foregoing are the articles of association of the better government league. If you believe with us and wish to join the association, please use the form below for stating your name and address, and your preference as to whether or not you wish your membership to be made known, and send to the Better Government League, P. O. Box 478, Medford, Oregon.

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# JR. HIGH FACULTY P-T. A. RECEPTION WELL ATTENDED

A large gathering greeted the Junior High School faculty at a reception given in their honor last evening in the school building. Introduced by Principal Hanby in a clever little speech, each teacher responded with a concise, well-thought-out statement of the work done in the different departments of the school in many cases with wit thoroughly enjoyed by the enthusiastic audience. Miss Lillian Wise and H. W. Keese, heads of the writing and reading departments, were roundly applauded for their humorous presentation of subjects usually considered rather dry. Principal Hanby, as head of the history department, gave the following definition of history as it will appear in his course of study now under preparation:

"History is the story of the human race. It is the record of the past and a prophecy for the future. It is like the stream of a mighty river, in that it has a course, a direction, an onward movement. It is like the life of every full-grown man, in that it presents all the stages of progress."

The chief feature of the evening, an address by Irving E. Vinson on "Important Periods in Life's Development," was said to be one of the finest ever given by Mr. Vinson in Medford.

Miss Melba Williams, musical director in the Junior High School, pleased with her beautiful solo work and Miss Dorothy Reynolds gave a fine whistling solo, responding to an encore.

Adra Edwards, president of the Junior High student body, urged every parent to join the P-T. A. Mrs. Hanby, assisted by the president and representatives of the P-T. A.'s of the city, presided over the social hour, while refreshments were served by Mrs. Ottomann, assisted by Mrs. Roberts. A group of girls from the Girls' League acted as ushers and helpers.

# BELIEF IS HELD HEARST REPORTER BEAT EXPULSION

PARK, Oct. 11.—(AP) Harold Horan, correspondent of the New York American, who had been requested to leave France by today because of his connection with the publication of a French diplomatic memorandum on the Anglo-French naval accord, is believed to have left the country without waiting for an order of expulsion.

A foreign office official today explained to a committee from the Anglo-American Press association the government's position in requesting Horan to leave and in consequence of this explanation the association probably will drop the matter.

# GIANT ZEP TAKES AIR TO U. S.

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ing to sleep in a wingway. To his intense astonishment the offer was not accepted.

Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, U. S. N., said before going aboard that his stay in Germany had been pleasant and instructive. He praised German hospitality and added:

"I am happy that I have learned to know the men who have put German aviation on such a high plane that nothing but congratulations is due them. Graf Zeppelin will no doubt be an important factor in the development of regular airmail services."

One by one the passengers entered the cabin until at 7:50 all 28 were aboard, including Robert Reiner, of Westhawken, N. J., and Frederick Giffiland, an American living in Switzerland. The cabin windows were soon lined with faces.

Dr. Eckener meanwhile was walking up and down with his wife, apparently unconcerned as the chief navigation officer, Captain Von Schiller, who was in command at the take off, debaur and sniffling gave orders which were quickly passed from mouth to mouth.

When Dr. Eckener last of all quickly ascended to the cabin, the Zeppelin was drawn out slowly and steadily as the inflation gas crept the surface of the balloon. Within two minutes it was in the open field.

# JACKSON COUNTY FINANCIAL STATE REPORTED GOOD

The financial condition of Jackson county is remarkably good and the total value of taxable property in the county has increased by over \$150,000 during the past year, according to figures today made available by the assessor's and treasurer's offices, indicating that the affairs of the county are in a more prosperous condition than ever before.

The county has \$675,951.42 cash on hand and in banks and has an outstanding road bond indebtedness of only \$410,000. On the date of October 1, outstanding county warrants, which had been called for payment, but not yet returned, amounted to \$363.65, divided into 1487 for current expenses, \$37.29 for the general county fund, \$103.62 and \$225.82 for the county school fund.

In addition to this, warrants amounting to \$72.27 have been called for payment in connection with county road construction and maintenance, but have not been returned.

The cash on deposit in various county banks is heavily secured, the \$675,951.42 having \$539,963.41 behind it as security. In addition to the cash, the county is holding \$51,000 of its own road bonds as an investment. The present indebtedness is all that remains of the million dollar bond issue of 1913 and 1921-22, when bonds were voted for the construction of the Pacific highway through the county on the first date and for the construction of the Crater lake and Ashland-Klamath Falls highways on the last two dates.

The money was also used for other road improvements within the county.

While the county indebtedness is low, the various irrigation districts in the county are facing a heavy debt which, if combined, has a total of \$2,555,000. The original debt was \$2,790,000 of which \$135,000 has been paid off.

The increase reported by the assessor's office in the value of taxable property in the county is not influenced by the return of the O. and C. grant lands on tax rolls, as these lands are kept on separate tax rolls, which for 1928 have not yet been completed. The increase is attributed to new buildings, homes and the return of delinquent lands on tax rolls. A higher rate of assessing also plays a part in the increase, which amounts to \$195,339, according to exact figures.

The present value of taxable property which is \$27,924,616, does not include public service corporations, which in the year of 1927 had a value of \$5,404,855.59. Following is a summary assessment roll prepared by J. B. Coleman, county assessor and county board of equalization:

For the Year 1928, as Finally Equalized by the County Board of Equalization

Area	Number	Value	Rate
Area of all lands	868,974	\$13,552,640	\$15.49
Area of taxable land	198,510	6,008,870	30.38
Area of timber land	760,464	7,543,770	9.92
Improvements on undeveloped land		1,554,520	
Town and city lots		2,988,320	
Improvements on developed land		6,736,920	
Improvements on lands not developed or patented		70,000	
Logging roads and rolling stock	14.0	78,100	1,222.50
Wreathmen engines, etc.		770,000	
Mechanics and stock in trade		1,280,260	
Farming implements, etc.		174,700	
Mines, mines, amount and lease of oil		424,400	
Homes and office furniture, etc.		154,400	
Stock	3,420	200,000	58.48
Stock	13,111	10,000	22.91
Sheep	11,084	82,400	7.41
Cattle	1,951	4,100	2.08
Horses	2,250	23,700	10.53
Dogs	1,620	13,500	8.38
Automobiles	45	12,800	282.00
Boats	574	24,600	42.84
Poultry	21,802	18,750	.86
Bees	1,771	9,110	5.14
Telegraph and telephone lines	??	100	18.00
Total value of taxable property as finally equalized by the County Board of Equalization		\$28,124,750	
Unimproved property taken in title under improvement from soldier's exemption		26,110	
Deduction by board of equalization		1,400	
Total value of property distributed from rolls		\$28,100,000	
Total value of taxable property for 1927		\$27,924,616	

The above list does not include Public Service Corporation assets, assessed for the year 1927 at \$5,404,855.59.

J. B. COLEMAN, County Assessor, Medford, Oregon.

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# FRED W. KELLY MEDFORD VISITOR FROM ALASKA

Back from the land of glaciers and polar bears, with his partner, William Campbell of San Francisco, he spent the past five months looking after oil and placer interests in the icy Bay District, Alaska. Fred W. Kelly, twin brother of Colonel L. E. Kelly, has decided to spend the winter in Medford.

Mr. Kelly was in a section where some of the largest placer are to be found at this time of year. His headquarters having been established at the foot of Giot Glacier, a solid cake of from 2000 to 5000 feet deep. On either side of Giot are the Malaspina and Herby glaciers, the largest ice bodies in the world. These are from 2000 to 5000 feet deep, approximately 20 miles wide and 200 miles long.

Giot Glacier, situated in between the two has been sloughing ice at a rapidly increasing rate during the past few years, having receded 15 miles in the last 26 years, and over two miles in the last two years.

In 1912 Mr. Kelly, on a trip of exploration, discovered and named what is now known as Independence valley and Independence river, a section which was reached only after a hazardous trip, including a descent on a two-mile glacier. Now the place can be reached by crossing a half a mile glacier, and is said by Mr. Kelly to be rich in placer.

The two prospectors had their machinery and equipment shipped from Seattle to Yakutat and distributed from there to their various camps in the icy Bay district. They used a Dalkner dog team to transport their supplies.

A number of interesting northern scenes were taken by the men, including many poses of polar and grizzly bears, who were not in the least camera shy, according to Mr. Kelly. Upon one occasion, when the two were on their way to Cape Yakutat, they were charged upon by a silver tip grizzly, which stood 10 feet on its hind feet. Being unarmed at that time, Mr. Campbell grabbed a rain coat from their pack and waved it back and forth in the air several times, while the men stood their ground. The bear finally, in confusion, came down on its four feet and walked slowly away.

Another unpleasant experience was having their camp broken in and the supplies eaten twice by grizzlies.

A number of assays are being made of the samples of ore brought down by Mr. Kelly and Mr. Campbell, and the results will determine their future activity in the icy Bay district.

ASTORIA, Ore.—Young's Bay highway span being rededicated.

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