

A FINE collection of mounted big game fish gathered by Zane Grey, the novelist, has been presented to the American Museum of Natural History. The fish number about 200 and are valued at about \$100,000. The collection is now at Mr. Grey's home at Lackawaxen, Pa. Van Campen Heilner, field representative of the museum, will go there to superintend their preparation for shipment. They will be placed in the new wing of the museum and will probably be ready for public exhibition early next year.

THE French scientific Polar expedition under Lieutenant Darcis is expected to leave Le Havre shortly on board the Norwegian ship *Munin*. The expedition, composed of 15 persons, will take with it two light aeroplanes, six motor sledges, six trailers and 24 tons of provisions. The members of the party, besides Lieutenant Darcis, consist of six mechanics, two air-men, four scientific observers, one film operator and one wireless expert. The expedition intends to winter in the extreme north of Spitzbergen and to start in February on a journey which is expected to last three months straight across the North Pole to Point Barrow, in Alaska. The motor sledges of 50 h.p. are designed to travel over ice, snow or land, and have also floats to prevent their sinking in case they fall into the water.

UNDER the auspices of the Argentine Geographical Institute and backed financially by the Argentine government, an expedition is being organized to explore the antarctic and south pole regions. Antonio Pauly, prominent engineer, will head the party. The expedition will start November 15, going first to Ushuaia, territory of Argentina. From there the party will proceed aboard a whaler to Graham Land, where a base will be established. From Graham Land flights will be made in airplane over the western coast of Graham Land and the Weddell Sea. When the weather permits a flight to the south pole will be attempted so as to explore 1,750 miles of unknown territory. Later the expedition will go by planes to Ross Sea, where they will board a ship and proceed to the Australian coast. From Australia the party will return to Buenos Aires.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE department of chemistry at the West Virginia University recently moved into its new million dollar chemistry building, which is said to be a model in this type of architecture. For lack of funds certain portions of it have been left uncompleted for the present.

THE department of geology of the University of North Carolina plans to move into its new geological

building about the first of January. The new building is of fireproof construction, has four stories and a basement and will house geology, mineralogy and geography beside a large departmental library and a museum. Special features of the building are a precision research laboratory and a seismograph.

DR. JOSEPH S. AMES, professor of physics and dean of the college of arts and sciences at the Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed provost of the university to take the place of Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, who has resigned in order to become American director of Lingnan University, China.

DR. S. C. BROOKS, biologist of the Hygienic Laboratory, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C., has resigned to become professor of physiology and biochemistry and head of the department at Rutgers University.

DR. NATHAN L. DRAKE, formerly with the Procter and Gamble Company, Ohio, has been appointed professor of industrial chemistry at the University of Maryland.

DR. D. R. HARPER, of the general engineering laboratory of the General Electric Company, has been appointed associate professor on the physics staff at Union College. Dr. Harper will, at the same time, continue with the general engineering laboratory in a consulting capacity.

DR. R. L. STARKEY, of the department of bacteriology of the University of Minnesota, has been appointed assistant professor in soil microbiology at Rutgers University and associate microbiologist at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

DR. WILLIS DERYKE, formerly instructor at the University of Iowa and editor of the "Proceedings" of the Iowa Academy of Science, begins his work this fall at Illinois College, Jacksonville, as acting professor of biology.

DR. S. VAN VALKENBERG, until recently in charge of the map-making section of the Dutch government at Batavia, Java, has been appointed lecturer in the school of geography at Clark University for the second semester of 1926-27. He will offer two courses on the geography of the Far East and the geography of Europe. Dr. Bruno Dietrich, professor of geography at the University of Breslau, will be a special lecturer at the university early in 1927. He will discuss particularly the geography of central Europe.

DR. JOHANNES BERGER, professor of mineralogy and petrography at the University of Tübingen, has been called to the chair of mineralogy and geology at the Hanover Institute of Technology to take the place of Professor Otto Erdmannsdörffer.