

## Digger the Badger Confesses He Is a Member of the Weasel Family

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Peter Rabbit, sitting in the bramble-tangle on the edge of the Old Pasture, with Digger the Badger sitting at his feet, could hardly believe at the thing he had wanted for so long was now really his. It was the opportunity to ask Digger the Badger about himself. He had said that a long time he had wanted to ask him questions, and now Digger had told him that he never would have a chance.

"Is it true, Mr. Badger, that you are a Weasel?" was Peter's first question.

Digger grinned. "I suppose that in way it is," said he. "You don't look it," said Peter. "If I had been asked to guess and had had a thousand guesses, I never would have guessed that you were a Weasel. You are so broad and fat, and Shadon the Weasel is so slim and long, that it is hard to believe you are truly related."

Digger chuckled. "I must confess," said he, "that Cousin Shadow and I don't look much alike. Nevertheless, I am a member of the Weasel family, although I have nothing to do with any of the other members of it."

"Then that means that you are related to Billy Mink and Little Joe Otter," said Peter.

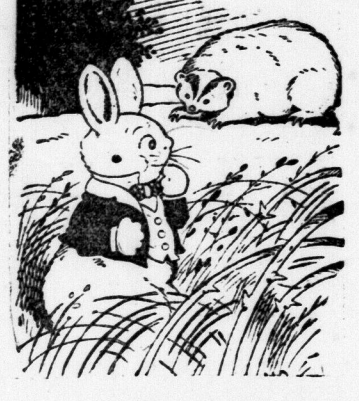
Digger nodded. "Yes," said he, "and to Jimmy Skunk and Spite the Marten and Pekin the Fisher and Glutton the Wolverine. We are quite a family when you come to name us over. I must agree that there isn't much family resemblance between some of us. What more is on your mind, Peter?"

"Is it true," asked Peter, "that you came from the Far West?"

Once again Digger nodded. "It is quite true, Peter," said he. "I am told that the Badgers used to be rather widely distributed, but we're at home now only in the Far West. My, what wouldn't I give to be out there now!" Digger gave a long sigh. It was a homesick sounding kind of a sigh.

"If you feel that way about it, what do you leave there for?" asked Peter bluntly.

"I didn't leave there because I wanted to," replied Digger. "I left there because I couldn't help it. I was taken away from there. I was only a youngster then, not half grown, but I remember it just as if it were yesterday."



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terday, Peter Rabbit, never be foolish enough to think you know all there is to know. Any one who is foolish enough to think that is heading straight for trouble. I thought I knew all there was to know, but all the time I didn't know enough to know how little I did know. Do you know what I mean?"

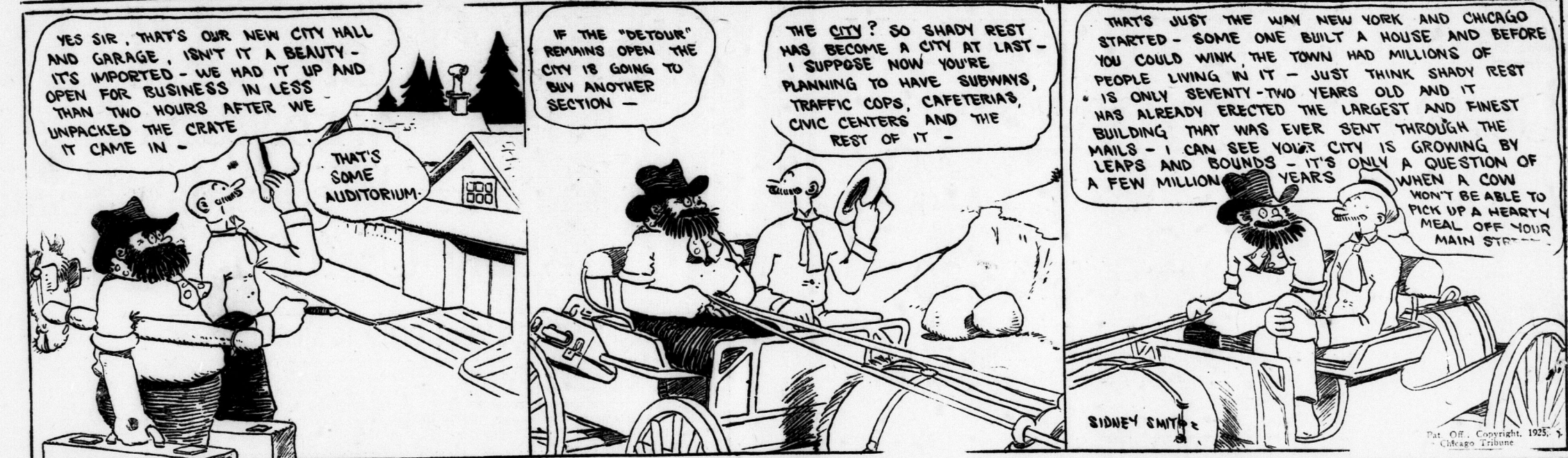
"But I have all night in which to listen," pleaded Peter.

And so Digger the Badger finally promised to tell Peter the story of how he came to the Green Meadows and the Old Pasture.

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The next story, "Digger the Badger's Story."

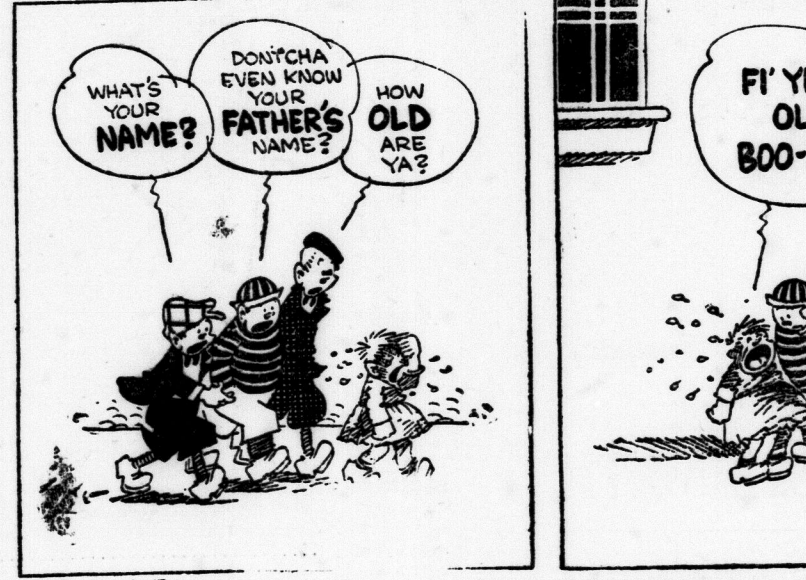
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## DROP PLANE IDEA FOR POLE FLIGHT

### Amundsen's Crew Anxious To Join Next Trip To the Arctic.

Associated Press Despatch.

Oslo, July 6.—The lure of the Arctic has taken a firm hold on the men who accompanied Capt. Roald Amundsen on his recent attempt to reach the North Pole by aeroplane. All of them are anxious to join the next trip, but they declared it should not be made with aeroplanes, which they held, proved definitely that they were unsuitable and dangerous under Polar conditions.

Capt. Amundsen displayed unwillingness to talk about the prospects of reach the Pole by seaplane, asserting that a great deal of close study was needed to determine the best type of aircraft with which to accomplish his great dream of a trans-Polar flight.

Karl Feuchter, one of the mechanicians, is alone in devotion to the plane. He pins his faith to the flying machine for exploration purposes, even though landing facilities for such craft do not exist in the Arctic. He admits that planes used in the future must be much higher powered than those used in the expedition from which the men have just returned.

THORNS ATTEND FUNERAL OF FLAVELLE AT LINDSAY

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lindsay, July 6.—The funeral of the late J. D. Flavell took place this afternoon from his residence here, and was attended by throngs of citizens of the town, and friends from distant points.

Flags were at half-mast, and the stores and business houses closed their doors for the afternoon out of respect to the merchant prince who had fallen.

The service, which was very impressive, was conducted by Rev. H. W. McIntosh and Rev. T. E. Holling, of Lindsay. Representatives were in attendance from the Ontario Legion, the Twenty club, of which Mr. Flavell was a charter member, and several curling clubs, with which he was connected.

MIRACLES WROUGHT AT STE. ANNE BASILICA

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## Vessel Passages

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Sarnia, July 6.—Up—Sam Mitchell

10 a.m.: Erickson, barge, 10; Kerr,

10:30; Bill McKinney, 10:30; A. H.

Smith, 11; Agawa, 12; Cygnus, 13; Frontenac, 13; Zenith City, barge,

5; Jas. Davidson, 5; Riverton, 6; Hoover and Mason, 8; Wickwire,

8:30; W. P. Snyder, 8; Cadiz, 11:30; A. F. Harvey, 12:30; Cary

Bradley, 1; Agassiz, 1:30; Zeising, 2; J. McKenney, 3; Sher-

man, 4; Cornell, 4:30; Morrow, 5; Nettleton, 5; Jas. Wallace, 6; Ashley,

6:30; G. Tomlinson, 7; M. Farr, 7; Down—Brookton, 8; Spokane, 8:30;

Pontiac, 8:30; Alpena, 9; Trumbull, 10; Canadian, 10; Wickwire, Jr., 10;

Emperor, 10; Pine Bay, Cadillac, 10:30; Perseus, Mather, Yosemite,

Arcus, Attlebury, 11; Covall, 11:30; F. Upson, 12; Calumet,

12:40; Fitzgerald, 2:30; Sonora, 3; M. Andrews, 3; C. A. Reis, 3:30;

Delaware, 4; Ball, 4:30; D. O. Mills, 5; Spiras, 5; Zillah and barges, 5:30;

Phipps, 6; Ranney, 6; Burlington, Negaunee, 8; Angeline, 8:30; Augustus,

8:30; Tremaine, 9; Ingalls, Rock, 10; John Shaw, 11:30; Gallagher,

12:30; Murphy, C. A. Black, 1; Northstar, 1:30; Walters, 2; M. T. Greene, barge, 2:30; Trumbull, 2:30;

Glenora, 3; Wyandotte, Osler, 4; Dickson, 4:30; Midland King, Kling,

McLean, 5:30; Jenkins, 6; Boston, 6:30; Penobscot, 7; L. W. Hill, 8;

Truener, 8.

GODERICH.

Special to The Advertiser.

Goderich, July 6.—(Arrived) Glen-

elg, Toledo, coal; Glenelg, Fort Wil-

liam, wheat.

(Cleared) Glenelg, Toledo, light.

PORT COLBORNE.

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Drumhams, 4:30 p.m.; Elmby, 5 p.m.;

John Gehm, 5 p.m.; Maple Hill,

10:30 p.m