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## AMUNDSEN HOPS OFF ON FLIGHT TO POLE

### LONDON'S SORRY CANADIAN NOT FIRST TO START

### Opinions Divided As To Possibility of Ultimate Success

### MACMILLAN PLANS

### U. S. Expedition Into Far North Scheduled to Start Next Month

LONDON, May 22.—A report has been received here that Captain Roald Amundsen, after two disappointments in previous years, finally hopped off yesterday from Spitzbergen in his long cherished attempt to reach the North Pole by air. The news caused the greatest of interest here.

No little regret was expressed at the fact that Grettir Alagarsen, of British Columbia, his principal competitor, who plans a Polar flight in a non-rigid airship, is still aboard his vessel, the *Locand*, in Liverpool harbor, awaiting completion of his "blimp," and the conclusion of other preparations before he can follow Amundsen into the Arctic.

### ALGARSSON ILL

Algarsson's principal object was to carry the British flag to the North Pole before Amundsen could carry the colors of Norway to that top of the world. Amundsen would have started his flight early in May, but he became ill with influenza, and subsequently was delayed by the necessity of making alterations in his airship. It is now expected that he cannot start his flight before early June.

Meanwhile, the British public is keenly watching plans of the United States expedition of Donald Macmillan, which is scheduled to start for the North Pole in June, with an especial objective of investigating the great unexplored basin to the north of Canada.

### OPINION DIVIDED.

Experts who are familiar with Polar exploration, are of divided opinion regarding Amundsen's chances of success. There is complete unanimity in the belief that the undertaking is one of extreme hazard. It is pointed out that the very fine weather which has been reported from the Polar region recently adds to the probability of fog, the airman's dangerous enemy, because any warmth in the atmosphere above the open ice fields, is so likely to cause evaporation, and consequent mists.

### DUE BACK TODAY.

If a favorable landing place is not found at the Pole, the journey from King's Bay to the Pole and return should occupy about 18 hours, and the planes should be back at King's Bay by this afternoon.

If trouble develops and the planes must be abandoned, it is pointed out that to reach Cape Columbia, Greenland, where the Peary expedition had a base, both planes were equipped with sleighs and with skis and were fully supplied with provisions and ammunition sufficient for one month's journey for killing game in Greenland.

The Norwegian government has empowered Amundsen to occupy any land he may discover as Norwegian territory.

### POLICE SEARCH FOR GAGETOWN GIRL

### Abduction Feared in Case of Phyllis Appleby, Missing Since Monday.

GAGETOWN, May 22.—Abduction is feared in the case of Phyllis Appleby, 18-year-old daughter of Benjamin Appleby, of Upper Gagetown, who disappeared from her home on Monday evening and who has not since been seen or heard from.

Phyllis is said to have boarded the train for Fredericton from her home on Monday evening, carrying a large quantity of clothing, which was later returned to the home of her parents in some mysterious manner. Inquiries made seem to have established that no one answering to her description arrived in Fredericton that night.

Left Home Before  
Some time ago she alarmed her parents when she was taken to the home of a man who resides near her home; she was brought back home again at that time, and the same man is said to be under suspicion again.

### MAY BE CARDINAL

### Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, Mentioned Among Possibilities.

ROME, May 22.—The name of Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, appears in a list of probabilities for new cardinalships, who, according to reports in Vatican circles, will be created immediately after the Holy Year festivities.

## Saint John City Tax Rate \$3.10, Increase of Six Cents a \$100 Over 1924

### HOUSE OF LORDS MARGIN AGAINST INCLUSION OF PEERESSES IN RED CHAMBER DWINDLES TO TWO

LONDON, May 22.—That women will before many years be entitled to vote in the House of Lords as well as in the House of Commons, is the conclusion drawn from the fact that Lord Astor's private bill to enable peeresses in their own right to sit and vote with British peers, was rejected by a free vote of the House of Lords yesterday by a majority of only two votes.

Lord Salisbury, speaking in behalf of the government, said he had decided to vote against the bill "with reluctance."

### SOBER AFTER 6 HOURS ON 4.4

PRESOOTT, Ont., May 22.—After sitting at a hotel table sipping Ontario's new 4.4 beer for six consecutive hours, on a wager, "to find out if the new beer is intoxicating," an Ogdensburg, N. Y., man was still at his task at 106 o'clock last night, and, in his own mind at least, "plain sober." The requirements were that he keep on drinking and not leave the sight of the proprietor.

### KENT FIRE PUT OUT BY BIG RAINFALL

### \$100,000 Damage Done in Hardwood Landed—Fighters Standing to.

Richmond, N. B., May 22.—Heavy rains which lasted several hours, last night, quenched the forest fire which started a few miles from here on Wednesday. The flames swept through heavily forested sections, destroying hardwoods valued at nearly \$100,000 before they were brought to a halt, last night. Four homes with all outbuildings were also wiped out. The fire came within a mile and a half of Richibucto Village.

A large number of men are standing guard this morning in case the wind, which is high, fans smouldering embers into flames.

### GET 2 YEARS EACH

### Nicholson and Hazlett Plead Guilty to Robbery at Fredericton.

FREDERICTON, May 22.—William R. Nicholson, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and Chas. Hazlett of Devon, charged with having "frisked" William McNutt, of Fredericton, of \$288, pleaded guilty to the charges before Judge Stupp under the Speedy Trial Act, and were sentenced to two years each in the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester.

### PROGRESSIVE PARTY AT NEW GLASGOW

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., May 22.—The party of 60 members of the House of Commons, accompanied by a number of ladies, arrived here shortly after noon today from Truro. Tomorrow at noon they will leave for Pictou, from where they will take steamer for Charlottetown, planning to spend the week-end in Prince Edward Island.

### SWIMMING CLASSES

Miss Dorothy McArthur, physical instructor of the Y. W. C. A. had a busy time with her classes this morning at the swimming tank of the Y. M. C. A. Next week, on account of the holiday, the classes will meet on Tuesday morning instead of Monday.

### THE DOLLAR TODAY

NEW YORK, May 22.—Sterling exchange steady. Great Britain 48 13-16; France 312 1-2; Italy 403 1-4; Germany 23 3/8. Canadian dollars par.

### DRASTIC CUT IN TRANS-ATLANTIC PASSENGER STEAMERS PREDICTED

GLASGOW, May 22.—A possible drastic reduction in Atlantic passenger service was forecast by Chairman Henderson, of the Anchor Line, in addressing the company's annual meeting here yesterday.

### 66 YEARS OLD, HOLDS NO FEAR FOR FUTURE

### Offers Services

CHARLES E. HUGHES, WHEELING, W. Va., May 22.—Charles Evans Hughes, former Secretary of State, has offered his services to the United States Mine Workers of America in fighting a temporary injunction, granted by Judge Wm. E. Baker, in the United States District Court here Tuesday, in which "peaceful persuasion" methods in unionization are forbidden.

### EXPECTS NEXT LIFE TO BE MUCH LIKE THIS ONE

### MUCH CONSOLED

Plans to Devote Rest of Days to Spreading Psychic Gospel

By WEBB MILLER  
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LONDON, May 22.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer and spiritualist, today 66 years of age, looks "forward" to death with serenity, even eagerness.

In a special interview with the United Press he declared his intention of devoting the remainder of his life "to spreading the psychic gospel throughout the world."

### WOULD PREFER LIFE IN HIS OWN HOME

### Irish Governor-General Not Anxious For Glamor of Vice Regal Lodge.

DUBLIN, May 22.—That Governor-General Timothy Healy would prefer to live modestly in his own private residence rather than in the vice-regal lodge with its trappings of a military character, was brought out in the Daily Express when the opposition challenged what it is considered the excessive cost of the vice-regal establishment. The sum was given as £27,500, which includes the Governor-General's salary of £10,000.

### MISS WETHERED IS STILL CHAMPION

### Defeats Miss Leitch at 37th Hole in Title Match at Troon.

TROON, May 22.—Miss Joyce Wethered retained the British Ladies' Open Golf championship title today by beating Miss Leitch at the 37th hole in a hard fought match, that was all square at the end of the first round, and again at the end of the second. Miss Wethered won the championship in 1922, and again last year.

### FAMILY CALLED TO BEDSIDE OF YPRES

DEAL, England, May 22.—The family of the Earl of Ypres, who was Field Marshal French, was today called to his bedside.

### FRANCO-BRITISH DIFFERENCES OVER NOTE TO GERMANY WORRIES AMBASSADORS' COUNCIL.

PARIS, May 22.—The French and British divergence over the exact form of the note to be sent to Germany concerning her violations of the Versailles treaty disarmament clauses, is proving a difficult problem, and the Allied Council of Ambassadors has again postponed its meeting, scheduled for tomorrow.

### RUM PLOT PROBED

BOSTON, May 22.—With the seizure today of a large quantity of high quality liquor which formed part of the cargo of the steamer Van from Jonesport, Maine, Federal authorities began investigation of an alleged new rum running route from Canada over the international boundary to Maine ports. From Maine, the officials believe, the liquor is also shipped to all parts of the country in merchandise packages.

### 17 GRADUATES

HAIFAN, May 22.—Seventeen graduates, including nine in electrical engineering, seven in mechanical engineering, and one in mining engineering, were presented diplomas at the graduating exercises of the Nova Scotia Technical College held here this afternoon.

### EMPIRE DAY WELL KEPT IN CITY SCHOOLS

### Observance Marked By Patriotic Addresses and Exercises

### HAVE HOLIDAYS

### Monday Is School Holiday— O. D. E. Prizes Presented In Some Buildings

EMPIRE DAY, sunny and breezy, with flags flying from all the school poles in town, was fittingly observed throughout the public educational system today. In some buildings the exercises were held in the forenoon, in others they were gone through with this afternoon. Some principals assembled their rooms in the auditoriums, in other schools the appropriate lessons and programmes were held in individual classrooms.

On the whole the day was enthusiastically and joyously celebrated, a specially interesting feature being the new parting demonstrations of the children.

As Monday will be a public holiday, the pupils are free from school until next Tuesday.

### WAYSIDE INN AT HAMPTON IN DANGER

### Fire Fighters Save Building as Blacksmith Shop Nearby in Flames.

THE Hampton fire department this afternoon sent in an urgent call for assistance from the local department and preparations were being made to give help at the time of going to press.

### DEFEATED ON NON-CONFIDENCE VOTE IN CHAMBER TODAY, 73 TO 98.

BRUSSELS, May 22.—The recently formed cabinet of Premier Aloys Van De Vyvere was overthrown today by a non-confidence vote in the chamber of deputies, 73 to 98, with nine not voting. Van De Vyvere and the entire cabinet presented their resignation to the king.

### SHIP IN TROUBLE

QUEENSTOWN, May 22.—The British freighter *Bosworth*, bound from London to Montreal, has put in here with propeller trouble. The extent of damage is not known.

### EVANGELIST DEAD

SEBATH, Wales, May 22.—Rev. Seth Joshua, prominent Welsh evangelist, is dead.

### EARLY PAPER SATURDAYS

BEGINNING TOMORROW, The Times-Star will be published at noon on Saturdays during the summer months. This is in line with the policy of former years, and is done to meet the requirements of the large number of readers who leave town early on Saturdays to spend the week-end in the country. The business office will also close at 1 o'clock each Saturday and advertisers are asked to please make note of this in preparing their Monday edition copy.

### TOTAL LEVY TO BE \$1,756,442, \$18,000 MORE

### City Proportion Larger But County Tax Smaller

### LIST INCREASED

### The Number of Rate-payers Is 115 More Than Last Year

THE tax rate for Saint John for 1925 will be \$3.10 on each \$100 of valuation, it was announced this morning by the chairman of the Board of Assessors. This is an increase of six cents on each \$100 over the rate of 1924. The total levy for the year is more than \$1,750,000 in excess of last year. The city proportion is larger by nearly \$24,000 but the county was nearly \$6,000 less making the net increase about \$18,000.

### ROUND TRIP TO POLE FIGURED TO TAKE DAY

### OSLO, May 22.—Given favorable conditions, the two seaplanes of the Amundsen-Erickson expedition which started from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, at 5:45 o'clock yesterday morning in an attempted flight to the North Pole, should be back at Spitzbergen in about 24 hours from the time of the take- off. The distance to the pole, 5,100 kilometres, or about 620 miles, was expected to require about nine hours.

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### SAYS CANAL WILL BENEFIT 43,000,000

MICHIGAN CITY, May 22.—An outlet to the sea by canalization of the St. Lawrence River would benefit 43,000,000 people without taking any appreciable tonnage from New York harbor, Henry J. Allen, Wichita, Kansas, former governor of his state, declared last night before the council of states of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater Association.

### FORMER KANSAS GOVERNOR DECLARES ST. LAWRENCE PLAN WILL NOT HURT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK does not want to handle according to Mr. Allen, the bulk of the surplus tonnage of the Middle West, which seeks the foreign markets. "The most effective opposition to the St. Lawrence project," said the former governor, "continues to emanate from New York."

### THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS—The high pressure which was north of the Great Lakes yesterday, has passed to the Middle Atlantic States, and a fairly deep depression is now moving eastward over the Western Provinces. The weather is showery in the west, and fine from Ontario eastward.

### FORECASTS:

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MARTIME—Fresh northwest winds, fine, Saturday—West and southwest winds, fair and moderately warm, Sunday—Moderate west winds.

### TEMPERATURES

TORONTO, May 22	Lowest	Highest
Victoria	48	60
Calgary	32	50
Edmonton	31	50
Winnipeg	41	50
Toronto	54	65
Montreal	44	58
Saint John	62	72
Halifax	51	66
New York	58	68