

AIRSHIP FLIGHT OVER NORTH POLE

Plans Being Made for It in
September — From Alaska
to Spitzbergen.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Plans for a trans polar flight in September from Point Barrow, Alaska, to Spitzbergen and the North Cape, Norway, are announced here by Edwin F. Naulty of New York. Scientific observation of ocean, air and ice currents will be the chief purpose of the trip, he said, with the hope of establishing the feasibility of the new route for commerce as a secondary consideration.

The start will be made from Seattle with a convoy of several planes which will proceed by early stages up the Alaskan coast to Point Barrow, stopping at Ketchikan, Anchorage and Nome.

The Arctic flight will be made by one plane which has already been constructed, carrying four men, including Mr. Naulty. The other three are former service men and it was said their names would be announced soon.

Fuel was conceded to be the chief problem. A supply, ample for fifty hours of continuous flight, will be carried, it was said, and it is expected that this will furnish an excess which would permit short by-flights at the first landing place on the polar ice and if the Pole itself. If no landing places are found it is the intention to make the 1,350 mile hop without a stop.

If the first flight is successful, others will be undertaken at once, it was said, with a view to settling definitely the location of the magnetic pole and the determination of the magnetic polar velocity.

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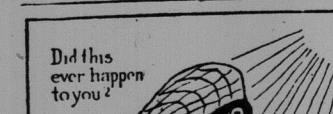
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CONFERENCE AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Antigonish, N.S., Aug. 1.—Papers on "Labor Unionism in Nova Scotia" by John T. Joy of Halifax; "Practical Methods of Developing Leadership" by J. P. Quinn, Halifax; "The Hierarchy of the United States and Social Work" by Rev. J. A. MacDonald, Ph.D., of Antigonish; and "Better Housing" by Justice Wallace of Halifax, occupied the attention of delegates to the fourth annual educational and social conference which opened its sessions here this afternoon. Rev. J. J. Tompkins of St. Francis Xavier University presided over the meetings.

CHATHAM PRIEST ADDRESSES THE HIBERNIANS

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
Halifax, N.S., Aug. 2.—Urging the continuance of the increase in the college and school scholarships founded by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Rt. Rev. Monsignor O'Keefe of Chatham (N.B.) addressed the convention of that society here tonight on the "Moral Aspects of the Order's Scholarships." Monsignor O'Keefe said he was delighted to be able to inform the meeting, attended by ninety-seven out-of-town delegates and about two hundred women members of the auxiliary, that the scholarship funds were in excellent condition.

Today's sessions of the convention, in point of members and enthusiasm, were the most successful in the history of the organization.

Following a parade and celebration of high mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in the morning the delegates convened at the Technical College, where they met again for a brief session in the evening. Later there was a band concert at St. Mary's Villa on the North West Arm.

THE K. OF C. OPEN BIG CONVENTION

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
San Francisco, Aug. 2.—The thirtieth international supreme convention of the Knights of Columbus opened here today with a parade through the Mission Dolores, where the pontifical blessing was received. Later a series of receptions were held and then the first business session of the convention began. James A. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, sent a cablegram of condolence to Enrico Caruso's widow, saying that before the singer left New York the last time he had praised highly the work of the Knights of Columbus.

CELEBRATES HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

William H. Bowman, a former contractor in the building trade, celebrated his ninetieth birthday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Fisher, Lakeside, on the C. N. R., yesterday amid a group of family friends and his immediate relatives, some of whom journeyed from the city to do him honor. Although but a decade removed from the century mark Mr. Bowman, late of the oldtime firm of Bowman & LeLachur, is hearty and reasonably active. It is but a few years since he retired from active engagement in his trade and when in the mid-eighties of his life he superintended radical alterations and building in connection with the exhibition buildings. Of the fire department he is a veteran and as a St. John citizen he represents the old guard who made the city a hive of industry in the days of shipbuilding and later.

PHANTOM VESSEL PROBLEM SOLVED?

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
New York, Aug. 2.—Federal officials declared today that they have evidence of a run-running conspiracy involving prominent persons in various cities along the Atlantic seaboard which would go far toward clearing up the mystery of phantom ships for several months reported bobbing up outside the three-mile limit.

This claim was made after the 11-quot-laden schooner Henry L. Marshall had been seized off Atlantic City and brought into this port with four of her crew by the coast guard cutter Seneca. Her captain and mate escaped in a swift motor boat.

THE HAMMERSTEIN COMPANIES FAIL

New York, Aug. 2.—Oscar Hammerstein, Inc., and the Hammerstein Opera Company have filed petitions in bankruptcy in the United States court here. The liabilities of the first named concern are given as \$700,000 with assets of \$10,000.

The liabilities of the opera company are \$621,000, no assets.

Print Works Fail.

Boston, Aug. 1.—The Arcadia Print Works have filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are listed at \$280,399 and the assets \$87,614.

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HEDGES AS WIND-BREAKS

Will Permit Development of Prairie
Gardens.

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—That the time will come when the prairies will be hedged and dotted with gardens of blooming flowers, of ripening fruits and of delicious vegetables was the prediction made here recently by W. T. Macoun, horticulturist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, who has almost completed a tour of inspection of the Dominion's experimental farms. Mr. Macoun is a son of Professor John Macoun, of Ottawa, the famous naturalist and explorer, who died last year in his ninetieth year.

Mr. Macoun said that he had seen on the prairies some of the finest gardens that could be possibly be seen anywhere in Canada. But before the prairies can have gardens they must have hedges for their windbreaks, Mr. Macoun added. "Set your hedge and you may look for your garden," he said. "The hedges are coming. The Dominion experimental farms have more, far more, than paid for themselves by the wide distribution which has been given to the caragana hedge, which the department at Ottawa introduced from Russia. It is indispensable to the small garden on the prairies. I attribute a great deal of the splendid results achieved in western gardening to the influence exerted by the

DISCOVERIES IN GREAT COURT OF HEROD

Jerusalem, July 16.—Excavations at Askalon have resulted in the discovery of the famous cloister round the great court built by Herod the Great which was described in the writings of Josephus as being admirable for its work-manship and grandeur. Statues of Apollo, Venus and Victory and also a gigantic statue of Herod has been found on the spot.

SING SING DEAN FREE AT 75.

John Monforte, Prison's Champion Fisherman, Out After Long Term.

Ossining, Aug. 3.—John Monforte, dean of Sing Sing's prisoners and cham-

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fisherman of the prison, was released last week after completing seven years and eight months for manslaughter in Brooklyn.

Monforte, who is seventy-five years old, told prison officials a few months ago that, despite his advanced age, his mother was still living and in her 94th year. Sing Sing prisoners fish with great difficulty because they have to stand behind the iron fence 20 feet back on the Hudson river dock from the water and cast through the bars. A few weeks ago Monforte caught a seventeen-pound carp that was so big he could not draw it between the fence pickets. A keeper on the dock opened the fence gate and passed it through.

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