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## U.S. RADIO STATIONS ARE MAKING GOOD

Have Saved Many Vessels from a Watery Grave in the Atlantic.

NEARLY 16,000 CALLS ANSWERED LAST YEAR

By Cross Bearings Captain is Enabled to Fix Exact Location.

Boston, May 15.—Radio compass stations, maintained by the United States navy at more than 100 places along the Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes coasts as aids to mariners in foggy weather, have robbed the sea of many of its victims, say New England seafaring men.

Last year, with but 29 stations in operation, the navy men informed the captains of 15,374 fog-shrouded vessels of their location and thus enabled them to lay their courses to their ports of destination. An average time of four to six minutes was required to make the calculations upon which this information was based. How a wireless station on shore can tell the master of a vessel lost in the fog just where his vessel is seems something like a miracle to a landman, but it is simple enough to the operator of the system. It works this way: The radio operator in the station on shore picks out of the air the letters "Q T E" flashed from a vessel lying perhaps 100 miles off shore. In the International Code these letters mean, "what is your true bearing?" and these queries are coming to the shore station with such increasing frequency as to testify to the dependence which ship masters are placing on this modern aid to navigation.

The Modus Operandi. Once the signals are heard the radio operator adjusts his radio compass to meet the direction whence it comes. This compass is merely a rectangular coil of wire mounted on a vertical plane and fixed to turn so as to face in any direction. It acts like a mechanical ear and from it the operator can tell clearly the direction whence the lost vessel's call came. That means that he can tell in what direction the vessel lies from him.

Other stations along the shore also act in the same way and these reports to a central station and compare notes. The distance of the ship from the shore can be told approximately by the wireless operators by the strength of her signals. If the ship lies East from one station and South from another, the point where these lines cross is the ship's location. Once this is done the wireless operators on shore have only to tell the ship's master his position in terms of latitude and longitude.

A Case in Point. As an illustration of the method by which the directional plan operates to assist vessels, officers in the Naval Communication Service here advanced the case of a steamer south of Cape Sable in the North Atlantic, heading for Boston, which had not the aid of signals for several days because of storm or fog. Dead reckoning would give the skipper an approximate position for temporary purposes, but through his wireless operator, he could send out a call for his bearings from shore. Within a few minutes, the station at Otter Cliffs, Me., would report a

## OBITUARY

**Dorothy Anna McMurray.**  
At an early hour Saturday morning Dorothy Anna, daughter of Patrick and Mary McMurray passed away at her parents' residence, Fairville. Besides her parents she leaves to mourn three brothers, Ted and Louis, at home, and Raymond, at St. Thomas' College, Chatham. Four sisters also survive, Sister St. Anna, in a convent in Virginia, Mrs. D. Hennesberry of this city and Misses Mary and Clara at home. The funeral will take place at 8 o'clock on Monday morning from her late residence and the service will be in St. Rose's Church, Fairville.

**James Thompson.**  
The death of James Thompson occurred Saturday morning at the Mater Misericordiae Home. He was formerly a city postal clerk and was well and favorably known. He is survived by one sister, Miss Agnes of this city. The funeral will be held on Monday morning at 7:45 from the home in the Cathedral.

**FUNERALS.**  
The funeral of William McColm was held Saturday afternoon from his late residence, Eastmount, to the Methodist burying ground.

## Chick's Four Legs Try To Walk Two Ways

Fowl Falls Exhausted After Vain Tug of War Between Its Limbs.

Harrisburg, May 15.—A little chick with four legs, two of which go forward and the other two backward, caused C. H. Crouse of Penbrook to think his eyesight had gone bad today. Crouse was relieved when he saw other chicks fleeing from the strange sight.

According to Crouse, who kept the chick under observation after he made the strange discovery the four-legged fowl can travel fairly well except when it becomes excited.

Then the legs fail to work in unison and the chick finally becomes exhausted from the exertion of trying to go forward with the front legs, while the back legs persist in going the other way.

Job's Comforter.

Bridegroom (at the end of the wedding)—Well, I'm glad it is all over. Married Friend—All over? Great Scott, man! You have only just commenced!

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true bearing of 128 degrees; Portland, Me., 102 degrees; Appleton, N. H., 92 degrees, from which the skipper can calculate readily that he was 40 miles north and east of the position that he had erroneously approximated by dead reckoning.

Moving south for several hours, still in a fog, the ship could get another set of bearings for confirmation of its position from a southerly group of stations that more immediately protect the approaches to this port. The angles of their bearings in relation to the vessel would be more acute, and with the possibility of error from the finely drawn lines, an additional long range bearing would be advisable, this being supplied from a northerly station to act as a check.

## MINERS AND OPERATORS TO MEET AGAIN

Conference to be Held This Week—Agreement is Hoped for.

GOVERNMENT HAS SITUATION IN HAND

Clynes Declares Men Are in Mood to Accept Fair and Equitable Terms.

London, May 15.—Following the conciliatory speech in the House of Commons on the miners' strike situation yesterday by Lloyd George, it was learned unofficially that the premier will bring the miners' leaders and the owners' representatives together for a conference early this week.

It is understood that he will take this step as a result of unofficial overtures which have been made to him during the past twenty-four hours, which are regarded as paving the way to a settlement of the strike without humiliation to either side.

Another Conference.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George was appealed to by J. R. Clynes, chairman of the parliamentary labor party to bring the miners' and mine owners together and the premier promised to summon the disputants as soon as there was a chance of a conference proving successful. The resolution of the railway men in striking members to refuse to handle any "tainted" coal was, it has been learned, carried by an extremely narrow majority.

It sounds much more formidable than it is likely to prove in practice. The government, it is believed, has made complete arrangements to meet any such contingency. Glasgow railmen, who called off the proposed strike in sympathy with the miners, were instructed to do so by head-quarters of the union in London.

Can Handle Situation.

The Glasgow union men have in the last day or two received an impressive evidence of the capacity of the government to get all the help wanted in the thousands of volunteers who are helping to unload cargoes in the Glasgow docks.

The government continues its campaign in favor of the conservation of coal. It has issued a special appeal to women to economize in the use of household fuel as well as gas and electricity. As a result of the coal shortage, the Vickers Engineering Works at Barrow, which employ 15,000 men, will, according to an announcement made today, definitely close down next week.

In the course of his speech in the house Mr. Clynes said that the miners were in the mood to accept the guidance of their leaders if offered, fair and equitable terms.

MRS. J. E. HUNTER DEAD.

Toronto, May 13.—After an illness extending over a period of two years Mrs. J. E. Hunter, widow of the late Rev. J. E. Hunter, famed as one of the Crossly-Hunter evangelists, passed quietly away at her home here this afternoon.

Cause and Effect.

First Critic—"What is your attitude towards those Impressionists?" Second Critic—"Oh, I'm a Suppressionist."—Boston Transcript.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

To The Editor of The Standard, Sir:—Some attention is being directed to the commercial conditions prevailing in the Maritime Provinces, and their causes. It is suggested that these provinces are being unfairly dealt with in regard to transportation rates, and that the people should be properly informed as to the conditions leading up to and upon which these provinces entered into Confederation. That such an education is absolutely necessary to an intelligent and successful solution of the problem cannot be questioned. What percentage of our people or the people of Canada understand the conditions obtaining in the Maritime Provinces or Canada as then known, previous to Confederation?

A proper knowledge of Ontario and Quebec's position at the time would be sufficient to impress the people of the Maritime Provinces with the importance of a Federated Union to the upper Provinces.

A knowledge of the values possessed and surrendered by New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island in their geographical, financial and commercial positions, by confederation, is also essential.

The fact that the connection as established with the Mother Country and Canada, as then known, was imperative in determining a fair and reasonable line of procedure.

Such information as this is only procurable through a Board as suggested by the resolution to be forwarded to the Provincial Governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

In this effort, there will no doubt be some objection from persons who see in every new movement a thousand difficulties, which cannot be surmounted from minds constructed on the principle of rejecting all new ideas and clinging to old forms and systems, from classes who are always looking for precedents. That confederation was purely voluntary and that it is our privilege to withdraw without affecting our position with the Mother Country is also possible.

The information desired is such as would be necessary for a fair and impartial presentation of our case to the Federal authorities, and in the meantime every opportunity should be afforded the people of the Maritime Provinces to become intelligently acquainted with all the conditions surrounding confederation.

Our representatives of that day played fair, let those of today do the same, and irrespective of what has taken place in the past insist that the destiny of the future be according to the true intent and purposes of Confederation.

The value of our geographical position to the Dominion as a whole has not decreased since Confederation, and it is for us to collect.

Respectfully yours,

H. R. McLELLAN.

St. John, May 16th, 1921.

## Gets First Edition

Haliburton's Sam Slick

Vancouver Man Lands Prize in Book World—Very Few in Existence.

Vancouver, B. C., May 15.—A copy of Judge Haliburton's "Sam Slick the Clockmaker" has just come into the possession of R. L. Reed of this city, he having discovered its whereabouts in London a few weeks ago, and cabled an offer which was promptly accepted.

Mr. Reid, who has one of the best private collections of Canadian literature in the Dominion, looks on this Haliburton book as a prize, as there are very few specimens of the first edition to be had.

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## CONQUEST OF MT. EVEREST IS UNDER WAY

Party to Start from India During This Week for Tibet.

EXPLOIT IS FULL OF DANGER TO EXPLORERS

All Kinds of Weather Will be Encountered and Route is Practically Unknown.

London, May 15.—Members of the British expedition that is to make the attempt to scale Mt. Everest have arrived in India and will leave this week to penetrate into Tibet. Interest in the expedition is the most universal since the Arctic explorations. Had mapping may prove a drawback in the quick ascent of the mountain since nothing is known of the actual approach; but an effort will be made to reach the summit this year instead of waiting until next summer as had been planned originally.

Col. Howard Bury is chief of the expedition and Harold Raeburn, explorer and author of Mountain Range books will be mountain leader. Other British members of the expedition are Dr. A. M. Tellas, G. L. Mallory, G. H. Bullock and A. F. Wollaston.

Much Scientific Interest.

The Indian government is sending for survey purposes Major Morshead and Captain Wheeler, the latter a Canadian.

Besides adventure, the expedition will have great scientific value, since the territory in this region is one of the few still totally unknown. Scientists say the greatest difficulty will be in finding the mountain before climbing it. When once a route is determined, the ascent should be made comparatively rapid. No one ever has seen the real approaches to the mountain, as neighboring peaks conceal it.

Great difficulty in the ascent are not expected below 20,000 feet and the last 9,000 if made at all, will be made in ten days. Protection from chronic sunstroke and frostbite at the same time is one of the difficulties for the party. The ultraviolet rays of the sun are very strong at a great height, and an injurious effect on the climbers is feared.

Airplanes Impossible.

Airplanes have been found impossible in Tibet, owing to the fact that they could not rise from the ground at the high altitude. Consequently, plans to use them in locating a route had to be abandoned. Arctic weather will be met on the greater part of the expedition and 60 degrees below zero is expected at the summit.

The route most advocated by the leaders of the party is the Tibet trade route from Darjeeling to Jelep La and Thugri Dong. This follows broad valleys 15,000 feet above the sea.

Danger is connected with the trip especially because the condition of the snow is unknown, and a fine powdery condition may prove more serious for the climbers than avalanches. First plans to climb Mt. Everest were made 30 years ago, but political complications prevented the scheme. If the summit is reached this time, the height attained will be 4,000 feet above any ever before reached.

King is Interested.

The royal family has shown great interest in the expedition; the King received the leader and gave a contribution of \$500. The Prince of Wales also has shown active interest in the enterprise. People from all parts of the world have written expressing interest in the venture, and interest in America is said to be especially keen.

The party will leave Darjeeling with hundreds of mules and ponies, for the first stage of the journey through Tibet. When actual climbing is begun yaks will be substituted for transport purposes.

In the last stages of the ascent, Bhutian coolies must be used for carriers. These are strict Hindus and the question of food for them is complicated. Organizers of the expedition advocate "invalid diet" as the most desirable for use. Stoves that can supply heat at a great height are an important part of the equipment.

The party will maintain telephone and wire communication throughout the trip, and many unknown flowers and animals are expected to be found on Mt. Everest.

## Honest Boy Finds \$10,000 Treasure Bag

New York, May 15.—The honesty of a small boy, who found a heavy leather bag at the 125th street station of the Lexington avenue subway and carried it to the East 120th street police station preserved the life savings of David Tallmach, a retired merchant of 2349 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning.

On opening the bag the police found \$400 in gold coin, \$250 in silver currency, a pair of diamond earrings valued at \$1,500, several packages of Russian rubles, four mesh bags of gold and silver, a gold ring, a diamond bracelet, a lady's jewelled and enamelled watch, and bank books showing deposits of several thousand dollars.

A short time later Tallmach called at the station. He said the total value of the bag's contents was \$10,000.

MAY ADOPT SWEDISH PLAN.

Copenhagen, May 15.—The Norwegian government says the National Tidende, will shortly introduce in Parliament a bill proposing to substitute the present temporary system of proportional representation by a system of ratifying the law that adopted in Sweden. The measure also will provide that all profits derived from the sale of alcohol will be employed for the furthering of social reforms.

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## ELECTIONS WERE QUIETEST EVER SEEN BY IRISH

Sinn Fein Candidates Elected Without Opposition.

HALF OF THEM ARE AT PRESENT IN JAIL

Will Not Take Oath of Allegiance and Parliament Cannot Function.

Dublin, May 15.—Except for four Imperialist candidates who were returned unopposed for Dublin, not a single opponent has been nominated for the southern parliament against the Sinn Fein candidates, who, therefore, will be returned unopposed in the southern constituencies.

These Sinn Feiners will refuse the oath of allegiance to the crown, and therefore the new parliament will never function. Thus it will devolve upon the vice-roy to nominate an executive on the lines of crown colony administration unless the government should decide to recognize all the members elected in the north and south as a constituent assembly.

Half of Them in Jail.

More than half the members elected in the south are in jail. Others have been at some time in prison. The elections were the quietest ever known in Ireland. No polling was necessary, because according to the British when only one candidate is named the polling is dispensed with. In this way the 128 seats in the southern parliament were filled, as the four Imperialist nominees, who were named for Dublin university, also were unopposed.

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Those elected include Ramon de

Valera; Michael Collins, for county Cork; Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein; Alderman Cosgrove, and many other men prominently connected with the Sinn Fein movement.

CHILD WORKERS INCREASE

Washington, May 13.—Increase in the number of child employees in the United States has been almost exactly proportionate to the increase in total population in the last eight years, according to the United States Department of Labor. Statistics compiled by the Children's Bureau show that 76,194 minors took out permits in twelve representative cities to go to work in 1920. This compares with 67,185 in 1913, an increase of thirteen per cent. The population of the twelve cities increased fourteen per cent in the same period, the bureau estimated.

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