

Patrol Discovered Musk and Caribou In Canadian Park

2-Man Expedition Making Thelon Preserve Survey Also Report Wolf Packs

Word has been received by the Canadian Department of the Interior that W. H. B. Hoare, explorer of the Northwest Territories and Yukon Branch, and Warden A. J. Knox, of Fort Smith, Northwest Territory, have completed an examination and patrol of the southern portion of the Thelon game sanctuary east of Great Slave Lake. After a survey by dog team and canoe covering eight months, they returned to their base near the site of old Fort Reliance on December 13 and began preparations for the immediate resumption of the work so as to complete it this year.

The survey of the 15,000-square-mile game preserve was begun in April last year, and from that time until the receipt of the report, on January 11, no word had been received from the investigators. Police patrols and other parties passing through the areas were asked to keep watch for the departmental party, but without results, the wireless message dated January 10 from Fort Smith being the first intimation Head Office officials at Ottawa had of the movements of Hoare and Knox.

Musk Ox Are Sighted

Much valuable information was obtained by Mr. Hoare and his companion during their survey of the southern part of the Thelon sanctuary. Musk ox were seen along the Hanbury River and tracks of these rapidly disappearing big game animals were noted in the vicinity of the Thelon River. Large herds of caribou were reported south of the sanctuary. Wolves were also numerous, but they proved wary of both trap and gun.

Mr. Hoare left Ottawa for the north early in January, 1928, taking with him six Baffin Island huskies to form his dog team during the patrol. He began his overland trip to Fort Smith from the end of Steel at McMurray, Alberta, on January 23, and covered the 300 miles to Fort Smith by February 3. Here the equipment was overhauled and supplies were secured. Then accompanied by Warden A. J. Knox, Mr. Hoare entered upon one of the most arduous stages of the trip—the 600-mile journey via Resolution to the east end of Great Slave Lake, where the base camp was established. About the middle of April the party began its patrol of the sanctuary.

Maps Are Found Faulty

It had been arranged that the investigators were to visit the post of Baker Lake to receive and dispatch mail and to get supplies. This post is situated at the western end of the lake of the same name which empties into Chesterfield Inlet, thus forming a navigable waterway to Hudson Bay. The route was through the Fort-Campbell-Smart chain of lakes to the Thelon and down that river to Baker Lake. However, the investigators report that these lakes are not connected as shown on the map, and, since the were unable to reach Baker Lake during the open season, it was decided to explore the southern part of the park and later return to their base at Fort Reliance.

They reached that point in mid-December, and shortly afterward a Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol brought Hoare's report to Fort Smith from which post it was telegraphed to Ottawa.

London-Cape Town Air Service to Be Longest In World

Expected to Speed Growth of South Africa—Governments to Help Pay Expenses

Cape Town, S.A.—Rapid development of South Africa is expected here through the new weekly air service between London and this city, negotiations for which were recently completed between the British and Union of South Africa Governments.

The new Imperial Air Line will link London within 12 days of Cape Town and this abridgement of distance is expected to react advantageously upon trade and commerce, and to encourage increased colonization and tourist travel.

Working expenses of the new air line will be shared between Britain and the governments of South Africa, the Sudan, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda for a five-year period, and the union government has given assurance of full support and co-operation. The route from London to Cape Town will be the longest commercial air route in the world. The African section alone will be more than 6,000 miles long. The proposed route will connect at Cairo with the London-India air route opened March 30.

While there is as yet no official confirmation, it is said in well-informed quarters that the new African service will be operated jointly by Imperial Airways and Cobham-Blackburn Air Lines.

They say ninety thousand New Yorkers get a living from bootlegging, but this doubtless includes undertakers.

Uncle Sam Helps the Farmer

A Farm Relief Board with wide powers and a "revolving fund" of six hundred and fifty million dollars is the first fruit of the special session of Congress. The wide powers include co-operative marketing, rural credits and other ideas not unknown to Canada. We make a guess that the rural credits will be the long end of the game with the United States farmers. Cash is a form of relief that can be grasped by the humblest intelligence which has a habit of backing up when it is asked to entertain broader economic theories.

Rural credits have been tried out in some of our prairie provinces, but with no satisfactory results, said provinces, after accumulating a number of bad debts, being glad enough to shift the burden to Ottawa. Our rural credit scheme now has a Federal scope, but how it is working none can say, no report having come to hand so far of its benefits, or otherwise.

We make a guess that the revolving fund of six hundred and fifty million dollars will be generously drawn upon and that the more rural credit is extended the less will be done to the United States tariff, the revolving fund being a direct sort of charity and the tariff what one might call an oblique blessing. At all events, money is something everybody can understand and a farmer naturally things more of a dollar in hand than two dollars in the bush.

President Hoover is a man of great courage and some day he may be bold enough to tell the farmer that the best sort of help is to help himself. But that will probably be some time after the revolving fund has been exhausted, the farmer having helped himself to every last dollar of it.—Montreal Standard.

Court Asked to Give Ruling On Length of Stage Kisses

Paris—The question "How long is a kiss?" is perplexing the police as the result of a formal complaint filed against the producer and author of the state production "Rolls Royce."

The complaint, filed by a well-known architect, promises to raise the issue of whether a kiss on the stage should last as long or longer than an embrace in private between lovers. Naturally, gossip is waxing warm on the subject.

The question was raised after the architect and his wife attended a performance of the play, of which they had heard a number of good reports concerning the amusing nature of the comedy. It is a satire on the lives led by post-war wealthy persons in France.

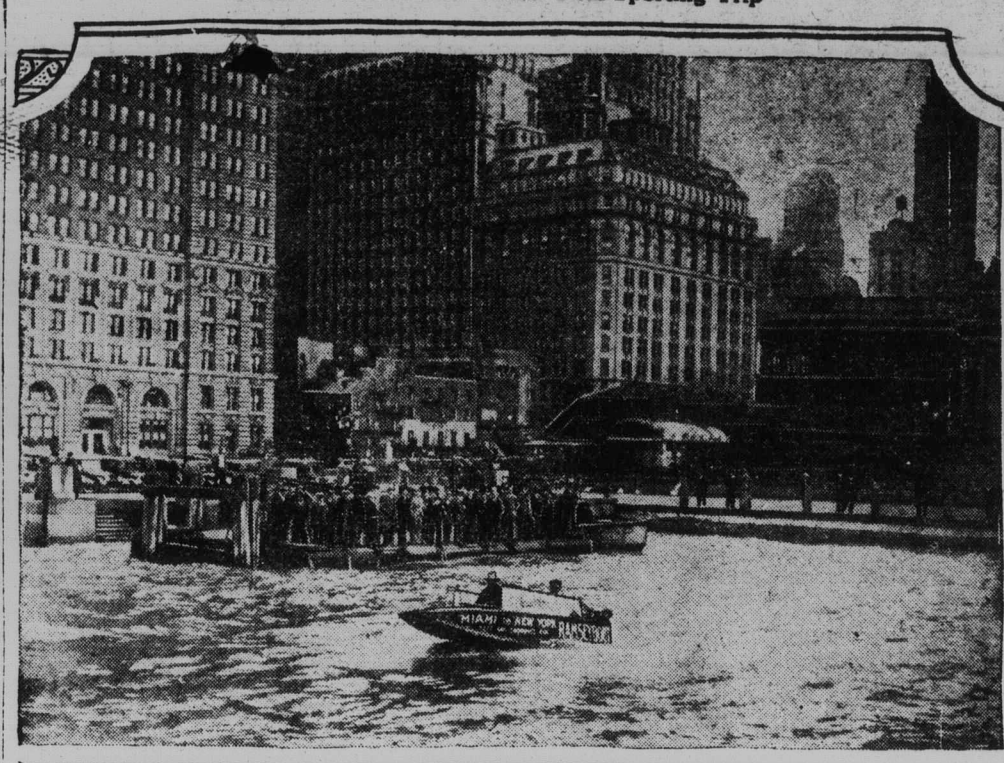
After the performance, the architect left the theatre, which is situated on the Rue Mathurins, just off the Boulevards, and went to the nearest police station, where he filed an information against the producer and author. He complained that the nature of the kisses which Saturnin Fabre, the leading man, administered to the alluring lips of the beautiful Mlle. France Ellys, was such as to arouse improper sentiments in the minds of the younger members of the audience.

The complaint also charged that the kisses were prolonged unnecessarily. The complaint, which was quite novel for Paris, gave the actor and actress considerable concern.

"We have acted the parts sincerely," they said. "If we have forgotten ourselves in the roles it was because of our sincerity. We had no idea anyone could take offence at our manner of kissing."

A bandit entered a New York supper club the other night, and got away with \$32. It is estimated that this was only about \$27 less than he had when he went in.

Outboard Motor Boat Makes Real Sporting Trip



TOURS FROM MIAMI-NEW YORK TRIP IN FRAIL/CRAFT
H. S. Harris and J. D. Ramsey, Miami sportsmen, arriving at the Battery, New York, on last lap of 1,600-mile water journey in outboard motorboat from Miami, Fla. The boat was equipped with two Lockwood motors.

Tom Mix Indicted By U.S. Grand Jury

Charged With Withholding \$100,000 in Income Taxes

Los Angeles—Tom Mix, whose western films made him a millionaire, was indicted by Federal Grand Jury on charges of conspiring to withhold \$100,000 in Government income taxes.

The lengthy indictment, prepared in Washington, D.C. and sent here for vote, contained accusations that the actor failed to pay part of his tax for the years 1925, 1926, and 1927, and that he attempted to evade and defeat payment.

Two conspiracy indictments were returned. In the first Mix was accused, with Eugene J. Ford, his brother-in-law, and J. Marjorie Berger, Hollywood income tax collector, of conspiracy to defraud the Government of \$41,449.57.

In the second indictment those named with him were Jack Hill, his former publicity manager, and Miss Berger. The true bill charged that \$79,964.54 in income taxes were withheld over a period of two years.

The grand jury also voted an indictment against Miss Berger, charging her with aiding and assisting, counselling and advising Mix in his assertedly false returns. Miss Berger was indicted recently for alleged falsification of income tax returns of other movie stars.

Mix is not in motion pictures at the present time. He is touring with a circus, and was said to be in Minneapolis.

Canada and the West Indies

Saint John Times-Democrat (Ind.): Representatives of the Eastern Telegraph Company are touring the West Indies in the interests of a larger and improved cable service. . . The press of the West Indies gets only the merest skeleton of daily news because of the expensive cable rates, and days necessarily pass before news by mail is received. Canada is very deeply interested in this matter. The West Indies press contains almost no Canadian news. If we are to have enlarged trade relations, then the people of the West Indies should be able to read in their newspapers much more about Canada.

Dominion Assured of Bright Future

Sir Arthur Balfour Confident Dominion Will Forge Ahead

London—Promotion of Imperial trade through the medium of an Imperial business conference was urged by Sir Arthur Balfour, who has just returned from a visit to Canada in an interview recently.

He said he had been in Canada 40 times but had never returned with a deeper conviction that Canada is destined finally to play a leading part in the industrial affairs of the world.

"He dwelt on the 'boundless' possibilities of Canada, the optimism prevailing in the country, the extent to which industry in Canada is enlisting the aid of the scientist, and Canada's need of population and capital."

With regard to the idea of an Imperial businessmen's conference he said such a development would be of the greatest value. The matter would require very careful preparation, but he was convinced the Empire could be developed vigorously as an economic unit if only the leaders of industry in the Dominions and in the Mother Country could get together.

Financial Worry Disheartens Men

Judge Pleads for Better Provision for Presbyterian Ministers

Toronto—Deploring the fact that "good men" are leaving the church because their present stipends would not allow them to provide for their families, Mr. Justice Craig, in supporting a proposed pension fund scheme before the Toronto and Kingston Synod of the Presbyterian Church, declared ministers' salaries should be equal to the income of a good lawyer, or at least they should receive the salary of a headmaster of a school in a small town. He said no minister could put forth his best efforts unless he were free from financial worries. The creation of a pension fund was the one way to save the church, he declared.

Sir A. Ewing's Splendid Work In "Room 40"

Enemy Wireless Messages in Cipher Were Intercepted and Decoded

What has been described as "the best kept secret of the war" was locked, until many years after hostilities had ceased, in the brain of Sir Alfred Ewing, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Edinburgh University, who has just been presented with the freedom of Edinburgh.

Sir Alfred, who is 4, retires in September. The secret is the story of what happened in "Room 40," the department of the Admiralty which dealt with the solving of the enemy's wireless messages in cipher intercepted by our secret listening stations. Room 40 was wholly controlled by Sir Alfred Ewing.

Scattered up and down the east coast were wireless stations equipped with direction-finding apparatus, and a few minutes after a German warship had sent out a message to headquarters, that message was in the hands of the staff of Room 40 and the position of the ship was picked off on the map. It was in this way that a close watch was kept on the German fleet, who could never solve how their plans were getting to English ears.

Atlantic Flight Plans
Stockholm, Sweden—The plans of Captain Albin Ahrenberg, Swedish flier, for an Atlantic flight from Stockholm to New York early in June were said to be progressing favorably.

The flier has received word from Desau, where his Junkers plane, of the same type as the Bremen, is in preparation for the flight.

The Swedish postoffice has granted his application for a charge of 20 krona (about 54 cents) for each letter of ten grams weight. As his carrying capacity is about sixty-two pounds, he hopes to realize a considerable sum toward the flight's expenses in this manner.

During the coming month supplies will be sent to his three projected stopping places, Reykjavik, Iceland; Iqikut, Greenland, and Anticosti Island, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

Reds Dwindle As Mid-Europe Wins Stability

Communists Still Strong in Prague, Elsewhere No Longer a Menace

Vienna.—Post-war conditions in Central Europe provided an excellent field for Communism. For a time the Reds seemed likely to take possession of these states and spread thence to the Balkans. Now, however, after ten years of constructive work, the Communist cause is growing weaker, and in some cases ceases to present any actual menace.

Of the three states, Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the former is the one in which Communism has least power. There is no Communist representative in Parliament, and no Communist press worth consideration. This is largely due to the Social Democratic Party who carried through measures of alleviation for the workers and poorer classes generally.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Communists consider the Social Democrats their greatest enemies, and limit their activities almost entirely to discrediting the work of this party. Their few and generally insignificant street disturbances are timed to coincide with the street processions of which the Social Democrats are so fond. After the ring leaders have been arrested the disturbances subside and no more is heard of the party for some time.

Vienna, in virtue of its central position, is no doubt being made a centre for some secret Communist propaganda for the Balkans and elsewhere. The arrest of Bela Kun, the Hungarian Communist leader, who had been working for some time in Vienna under a false name, drew attention to this activity; but, as it is directed mainly toward other countries, it cannot affect the home position very much.

Hungarians still talk of the three months "Red Republic" under Bela Kun in the summer of 1919, and welcome the most stringent police regulations to prevent its possible recurrence. Hungary has no Communist representation on either national, provincial or municipal bodies and nothing in the nature of Communist publications. Not only are these prohibited in the country but the frontiers are carefully watched, so that no propaganda literature may come in from abroad. The most disturbing feature in the present situation is the fact that the very stringency of the dictatorship makes the recurrence of Communism a real danger.

At the present moment Communism would appear to be at its strongest in Czechoslovakia. In 1925, at the last general election, the party registered 933,711 votes. It has 41 deputies and 20 senators in the present Parliament and is thus the second party in the state, inferior in numbers only to the Czech Agrarians. It is also the only party in the state which includes members from all nationalities, Czech, German, Magyar and Jewish. Its power, however, is not commensurate with its numerical force. Its heavy polling at the last elections was rather a mark of disapproval of the existing regime. The party has no record of constructive work in Parliament, its tactics being mainly obstructionist. During the last twelve months Communism has received great setbacks. The local elections show a great drop in Communist returns.

In the Central Europe of today, Communism has ceased to be an active menace and will undoubtedly continue to lose more and more ground, as long as the present economic recovery continues.

British Films

Saskatoon Star-Phoenix (Lib.): Artistic leadership in the film world has definitely passed from America to Europe. Germany is producing the finest pictures of the day. Great Britain is a little behind in technical achievement but there is no reason to suppose that a country so pre-eminent in the drama will continue to take second place in a kindred art. Canadian film theatres, it is to be hoped, will be wide open to the products of the British studios when the expected improvement in their quality occurs. An occasional change in the steady diet of Hollywood productions would be welcomed by many people in the Dominion, for both artistic and political reasons.

The I'm Alone Case

Truth (London): Such cases have frequently led to serious trouble in the past, and if this one did so the trouble would not and could not be confined to Canada. In a general way it is no doubt convenient to the Dominions and everybody else that they should deal directly with certain foreign governments in regard to their own local affairs, but where local affairs tend to implicate the Imperial Government and the whole Empire it may not always be satisfactory to have them handled by the representative of the one Dominion immediately concerned.

Chicago Bandits Rob Six Safes in One Block.—Headline. A Chicago block party.—Arkansas Gazette.

It begins to look as if a fortune awaits the man who invents a non-leakable trunk for Congressmen.—Dallas News.

Many Canadians Will Remember Canal Du Nord



COMPETITION RECALLS SCENES IN GREAT WAR.
Members of Artists Rifle Troop crossing kapok bridge during forced march and shooting competition which was held under war-time conditions at London spring rifle meet for household troops and territorial army.