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NORGE REACHES POLAR FLIGHT STARTING BASE

Crosses Arctic To Spitz-
bergen In Fourteen
Hours

SENDS REPORTS

Two Thousand Mile Jump Over
North Pole Set For
Summer

NEW YORK, May 7.—The big dirigible Norge has arrived at its base in Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, whence it will start during the summer in an attempt to fly across the North Pole to Point Barrow, the northernmost point in Alaska.

The airship sailed out of Vadsø, Norway, yesterday afternoon, and covered the 700 miles across the Arctic Ocean to Spitzbergen in about 14 hours, according to a despatch to the New York Times and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

During Thursday evening several despatches were received by wireless from the Norge as she purred her way northward toward the region where daylight will be perpetual until the fall. The first of these despatches told how the aircraft had left North Cape, Norway, 180 kilometres astern, and was flying at an altitude of 400 metres in a light southeasterly breeze, with the temperature minus one Centigrade (30.2 Fahrenheit).

The despatch correctly estimated the time of the journey from Vadsø to Kings Bay at from 18 to 20 hours. On the flight from Tromsø to Vadsø, a similar distance, the Norge required 19 hours for the trip.

At 5 p. m., eastern daylight saving time, another communication from the dirigible said she had crossed the drifting ice south of Bear Island, which lies midway between the northern Norwegian coast and Spitzbergen, and passed through a patchy fog stretching to the northward. All on board the airship were reported well.

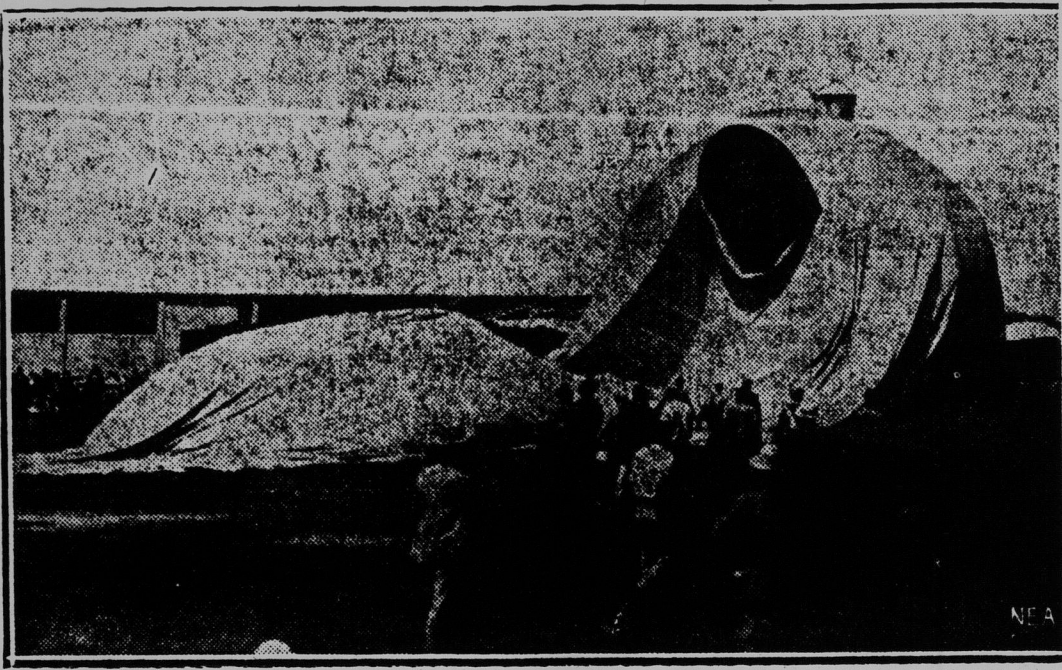
On her arrival at Vadsø from Tromsø, early Thursday morning, the Norge anchored to the mooring mast there and remained until Thursday afternoon, when Commander Nobile unleashed her and started her toward the northern regions. Although on the voyage from Tromsø to Vadsø the Norge was buffeted by strong winds which made her roll heavily, and those aboard her were thrown about in the gondolas, she nevertheless negotiated the 700 miles through daylight and darkness and successfully moored in beautiful weather.

It was a cold trip for the crew of the hydrogen-buoyed aircraft, and all of them and even Commander Nobile's terrier felt it, the dog nestling close to the fur-clad steersman. The drinking water in the aluminum container froze during the flight.

REAL TEST AHEAD
Having arrived at King's Bay, preparations doubtless will be begun immediately to put the Norge in perfect condition for the most strenuous test it has undergone since it left its build-ers' hands in Italy, April 8, and flew to Pulham, England, and then to Oslo, Norway, to Tromsø, in Russia, and to Vadsø and Spitzbergen.

This test will be a flight of two thousand miles, with Raold Amundsen

DIRIGIBLE WRECKED AT BALLOON RACES



Crowds that gathered at Littl Rock, Ark., for the national balloon races got an unexpected thrill when the big army dirigible TC-2 ripped a seam and came down in a heap. The big ship is shown as it looked after the gas bag opened at the top and let \$6,000 worth of helium escape. The gaping hole is plainly visible. The crew escaped unhurt.

and Lincoln Ellsworth, co-directors of the expedition, on board. The aircraft will shape her course across the pole and thence to Point Barrow, the northernmost point in Alaska, over uncharted areas. From Kings Bay the distance is 750 miles to the pole, and thence over that unknown portion of the top of the world to Point Barrow is 1,250 miles.

If the Norge should successfully negotiate the passage to Point Barrow, she later will sail southward and pay visits to Nome, Alaska and Seattle, Washington.

SENTENCED TO HANG
Patrick Hanley to Pay Supreme
Penalty For Murder of
B. C. Nurse

NELSON, B. C., May 7.—Patrick Hanley, found guilty of the murder of B. C. last year, of the nurse Mildred Nelson, was sentenced yesterday to be hanged August 2 next.

Use the Want Ad. Way

ADD ST. FRANCIS TO NATIONAL ROLL

Mussolini's Plans to Observe
Seventh Centenary Approv-
ed By Pope

ROME, May 7.—Premier Mussolini's plans to use the observance this year of the seventh centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi as an opportunity to add St. Francis to the list of Italy's national heroes indirectly is approved by Pope Pius in an encyclical letter.

The Pope outlines the work of St. Francis and eulogizes his virtues. "There is no prohibition against saluting St. Francis as the great Italian light of the fatherland, the great universal friend of all men," the letter says.

"Happy about the fervent observance of the anniversary, the Holy Father hopes it will lead above all to a serious return of Christian society on the roads of piety and sanctity."

There Is Shortage
For Labrador Bale

There was a discouragingly small response to the appeal for warm garments for the Grenfell Medical Mission in Labrador yesterday. The annual collection of garments was held yesterday at the garage of Mrs. J. F. Robertson, Peel street, and Mrs. H. de V. Partidge and Mrs. George Blizard were in charge but very few garments were brought in. The bale to be sent to Labrador will be packed in time and Mrs. Robertson has kindly consented to have received at her residence any garments that may still be sent in for the bale. "There is a very grave need for the supply of warm garments which has been sent annually from Saint John and practically every kind of warm garments with the exception of long overcoats will be gladly received."

It is the earnest hope of the local members of the Grenfell Labrador Mission that the supply of garments to be forwarded this year will not fall short of that sent previously as reliance is being placed upon usual supply being received.

5 MINERS KILLED, 4
HURT IN GAS BLAST
POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 6.—Five miners were killed and four injured by an explosion of gas in the South Penn. Colliery late today. Two of the injured were seriously hurt. The explosion was said to have been caused by the discharge of dynamite in a gas-laden atmosphere.

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of Stradbroke

CANADIAN PRESS DESPATCH.
SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 6.—The first Rotary convention to be held in Australia was recently opened at Melbourne by A. A. C. Holz. With him on the platform were Mr. Hill, past International President; Mr. McConnell, representing Great Britain and Ireland, the retiring governor of Victoria, the Earl of Stradbroke, and the Prime Minister, Mr. Bruce.

"Splendid work has been done here by Rotarians," said the Earl of Stradbroke, in welcoming the delegates. "They practice what they preach." Mr. Bruce referred to the national aspect of Rotary. He suggested that the next conference should be held at the Federal Capital, which, he said, expressed the national ideal. Rotary was indicative of the greatest need of the world, national knowledge, understanding and respect.

"We are as yet but a small nation, but we give place to no one in our desire to promote better understanding and goodwill toward all peoples," said Mr. Bruce. He also appealed to the business men present to do all in their power to bring about a greater spirit of co-operation between employer and employee. "Service above self" was the appropriate motto of Rotary, he said.

FOR BAND UNIFORMS

Excellent Concert is Given at St.
Mary's in Aid of
Fund

A highly successful concert was held last night in St. Mary's Sunday school room in aid of the fund for the new uniforms for St. Mary's Band. An excellent program was very nicely rendered and the hall was filled to capacity with a most appreciative audience. The band is having its new uniforms tailored and expects to appear in them next month. During the intermission last night a sale of candy was conducted by the young ladies of St. Mary's church under the convener'ship of Miss Gladys McCurdy and added considerably to the proceeds of the evening's entertainment.

Rev. R. Taylor McKim, in his few introductory remarks, thanked the people for their interest in the band and support of its enterprises. The program included a number of selections by the band and the following numbers: Chalk talk by F. McCullough; reading, Miss Dorothy Lane; trap act, R. Evans; comic songs, Edward King; vocal solos, Mrs. H. G. Flewelling; vocal solo, William Davis; sword dance, Fred Hayter. The accompanists were Miss H. Parlee and Frank O'Hara.

AMUNDSEN AIRSHIP SAILS.

OSLO, May 6.—The Amundsen-Ellsworth dirigible Norge, which arrived at Vadsø, North Norway at 4:30 o'clock this morning, started on the last lap of its trip to Spitzbergen at 2:56 this afternoon.

HOT HEADS BLAMED IN GENERAL TIE-UP

NEW YORK, May 6.—The British general strike was caused by "the influence of a few hot heads," in the opinion of Sir Alan Hutchings, a director of several collieries in the Wakefield area of Yorkshire, who arrived on the Olympic yesterday. The strike broke out after he had sailed and he said he would return with the ship Friday. He believed the strike would not last long as the men "are too sensible."

He said that British miners are getting paid as well as Americans on a production basis and where the coal is rich are making as much, "if you take into account the lower living cost there."

Queens County Bridge.

Preparations are being made by the Provincial Department of Public Works for the construction of the Queen's Brook concrete arch culvert and roadway embankment on the Broad Road between Fredericton and Saint John, in the parish of Petersville, Queens county.

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