

POLAR ICE-PACK DASH BY AIR WILL START EARLY IN SPRING

Capt. Hubert Wilkins, Australian Explorer, Plans To Jump Off From Alaska.

UNKNOWN REGION

Will Attempt To Reach Pole of Inaccessibility—Possibility of Land.

Special to The Advertiser and The North American Newspaper Alliance.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—The Detroit aviation society today announced plans for a polar expedition by aeroplane next spring. The expedition is being sponsored jointly by the Detroit aviation society, the American Geographical society and the North American Newspaper Alliance. It is under the direction of a board of control, consisting of the following members: Chairman William B. Mayo of Detroit, chief engineer and general manager of the Ford Motor Company; General Manager E. S. Evans of Detroit, engineer and capitalist; Dr. Isalah Bowman of New York, director of the American Geographical society; Viljarner Steffansson of New York, explorer; Loring Pickering of New York, general manager of the North American Newspaper Alliance; Captain Geo. Hubert Wilkins, Australian explorer and aviator; Harold H. Edmunds of Detroit, attorney and sportsman explorer.

The board of control made the following announcement today: "George Hubert Wilkins, Australian explorer and aviator, will attempt to reach the pole of relative inaccessibility, center of the northern polar ice pack, by aeroplane. He plans to start from Point Barrow, Alaska, about March, 1926, and fly northward along the meridian of 155 west longitude. If he reaches the ice pole he may, on the same or subsequent flights, fly on across the polar sea to Spitzbergen, passing over the geographical north pole en route. Geographers say that if Captain Wilkins does fly from Barrow to the ice pole it is a possibility he will discover new land.

"The polar ice-pack between Barrow and the ice pole is an unknown region. No explorer has ventured toward its center, although several have touched its edge. Peary, on his sledging trip to the geographical pole, was on the opposite side of the sphere. So were Amundsen and Ellsworth on their recent polar flight. Nansen skirted the ice-pack in the Fram. Steffansson skirted it with his dog teams and sledges.

Wilkins to Command. Captain Wilkins will command the expedition. He will take a crew of aeroplane riggers and mechanics to Fairbanks, the Alaskan rail head, to assemble the aeroplanes. A group of pilots and mechanics will fly the planes to Point Barrow. The names of the technical staff will be announced later.

Wilkins was with Steffansson on the Canadian Arctic expedition. He was with Shackleton on the Quest expedition to the Antarctic. He was second in command of the British Imperial Antarctic expedition in 1921. He has recently returned from Australia, where he commanded an exploring expedition for the British Museum of natural history.

It is probably 800 miles from Point Barrow to the ice pole—a round trip.

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LATE GEORGE DIEGEL.

pioneer resident of Dublin, whose death occurred after a brief illness. He was widely known throughout the district. The funeral was held in Brodhaugh Lutheran church, with interment in Brodhaugh cemetery.

Flight of 1,500 miles if Capt. Wilkins should fly to the pole and return on a straight line. It is approximately 2,100 miles over the ice pole and the geographical north pole from Barrow to Spitzbergen.

Capt. Wilkins will rely on the Steffansson method of Arctic travel in case the expedition finds it necessary to make a forced landing on the polar ice. He will attempt to fly off the ice.

Seals Under Ice.

Steffansson has proved that there are seals under the Arctic ice. He and Wilkins have practiced the three methods by which seals may be taken and have proved that hardly any may live on seal meat alone. Consequently, Capt. Wilkins will fly "light." He will carry enough food per man to sustain life for only two weeks. The major part of the weight carried by the planes will be gasoline.

Road Amundsen is quoted as stating that there are no aeroplanes made which can fly to the geographical pole. He is planning to fly across the geographical north pole in a dirigible. In a few years, he says, it may be done by plane. Capt. Wilkins declares that the flight to the pole may be made by aeroplane now. Amundsen himself has said that his Dornier-Wal planes, with their Rolls-Royce motors, were capable of flying about 16 hours at a speed of 80 miles an hour, a distance of 1,200 miles. It was reported from Spitzbergen the day the flight started that the planes carried enough gas to make 1,500 miles.

There is a difference of many air miles between the Steffansson-Wilkins and the Peary-Amundsen methods of Arctic travel. Amundsen and Ellsworth started in the summer, and encountered heavy fog. They were driven off the coast. Capt. Wilkins plans to hop off in March, before the fog season and after the storms which ordinarily strike Point Barrow during the Equinox.

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Franco Dropping, Crisis Continues

Cabinet Divided On Fiscal Problems—Left Wants Levy.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The franc, which lately has shown acute sensitivity to the developments of the political situation, suffered another setback today in the disquieting news of dissension in the cabinet on the financial policy. M. Doumer, finance minister, like all his predecessors of the last year and a half, is encountering serious opposition to his project. The dollar closed today 60 centimes higher than yesterday.

The leaders of the groups of the left have appeared determined to accept no other solution of the financial crisis than their own, which includes a capital levy, and excludes an increased tax on business turnover, which M. Doumer favors.

HAMILTON STREET RAILWAY TO KEEP RUNNING TILL MAY

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 22.—A further extension of the Hamilton Street Railway company's temporary agreement with the city from February 10 until May 1, was agreed to by the company today. The extension will furnish the incoming city council opportunity of negotiating a new agreement.

Under the temporary agreement entered into after the rejection by the electors on December 7 of a bylaw extending the franchise held by the company, the city foregoes its cent and mileage charges from the company.

THUGS STEAL CAR, AND KIDNAP DRIVER

Salesman Driven To New York—Forced To Participate in Hold-Ups.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—How three gunmen, one of whom he identified as Martin "Marty" Durkin, fugitive Chicago slayer, kidnapped and carried him by automobile to New York, forcing him to take part in two robberies enroute, was told to Detroit police Tuesday, by Eric J. Mullin, automobile salesman.

He said the kidnapping took place Friday afternoon, and that Sunday morning he was thrown from the moving automobile at Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, New York.

The three men had Mullin demonstrate a car last Thursday, and at their request he picked them up in a bigger auto, Friday, at the Hotel Statler, where they were living at the time. As the car neared Monroe, he said the three turned upon him and robbed him, and ordered him to head for New York. Mullin drove for a while, and was then relieved by Durkin, who drove at breakneck speed for the rest of the trip. He said his abductors helped themselves at intervals to dope, and watched the road all the way for likely places for holdups. After describing the robbery of two oil stations, Mullin told how the trio planned to shoot down a motorcycle officer, who was following behind.

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WILSON SECURES \$400 AS RESULT OF SMASH

Damage Action Against L & P. S. Settled Out of Court.

In the \$2,000 damage action of Edward Wilson against the London & Port Stanley railway, a settlement for \$400 was reached out of court yesterday.

In 1924 Mr. Wilson's car was struck by an L. & P. S. car and was completely demolished. Mr. Wilson claimed he had evidence to support his statement that no warning bell or whistle was sounded by the locomotive. This testimony was contradicted by other witnesses of the accident. Mr. Wilson claimed that because of the injuries received in the accident he was no longer able to carry on his four and feed business.

During the progress of the action in county court before Judge Talbot Macbeth, His Honor took the case from the hands of the jury, who had listened to the testimony for some hours, because of a statement made in court that the railway was insured against accidents. This, thought the judge, was unfair.

Howard Cluff acted for Mr. Wilson, and Ivey, Elliott & Gillanders for the railway.

PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL BODY HONORS DR. JOHN DEARNESS

Dr. John Dearness, principal of the London Normal school, was elected vice-president of the Phytopathological society of Canada, at its annual convention in St. Catharines yesterday. The president for the ensuing year is Dr. R. E. Stone, of the Ontario agricultural college at Guelph, while R. D. Sands, also of Guelph, was chosen as secretary-treasurer. Prof. W. T. MacClement of Queens university, Kingston, and Dr. D. L. Bailey of Winnipeg were elected to the executive.

WILL RETURN TO DUTY.

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Dec. 22.—Police Sergeant Geddes will be able to report for duty tomorrow on the first day of the new year, according to the reports of his physician. All danger from cataract has passed, and his condition is nearly normal. Mr. Geddes was injured seriously a month ago while arresting a crazed negro.

BANDITS TERRORIZE IRISH FREE STATE

Series of Outrages in City and Country—Daylight Bank Robbery.

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, Dec. 22.—A series of outrages by armed bandits is alarming the citizens of the Irish Free State. There have been large numbers of robberies recently, people being held up in the residential sections of Dublin and forced to hand over their valuables at the pistol's point.

In three cases trade vans were held up and the drivers relieved of their money and parcels.

In another case a motor car was forcibly taken from a man in the suburbs and driven off. Near Howth a man distributing Christmas relief to the poor was robbed of £70.

The bandits have also been exceedingly daring in the country districts. Five armed men entered the bank at Buncloidy in broad daylight, with the people about, and escaped with £1,400. At Westford village eight armed men stroled through the streets, commandeered cars, intimidated the police, ignored a protest from a priest and escaped.

The country had been free from this sort of thing for a considerable time, owing to police vigilance and prompt convictions, and it was believed that banditry had been stamped out. Many citizens claim that the rule by which the civic guards go on duty unarmed is at the root of the trouble.

RICHARDS-WILCOX CO. HOLDS 1926 BANQUET

More Than 50 Employees Attend Enjoyable Affair in Tecumseh House.

Over 50 employees of the Richards-Wilcox Canadian Company, Limited, sat down to their fourth annual banquet in the main dining-room of the Tecumseh house on Tuesday evening. A splendid Christmas dinner of turkey was enjoyed, after which a program of numbers by employees, and an address by the general manager, William R. Yendall, followed.

The program was made up of a variety of numbers as follows: Amusing anecdotes, R. S. Magee; piano solo, George Holmes; comic stories, Arden Ramsey; southern solo, James Win-slade; vocal solo, Harold Monk; experiences on the road, Ken M. Taylor; tenor solo, Tom Brock; George Yendall and E. C. Harley also spoke briefly. Alex. McLaughlin and George Holmes acted as accompanists. George M. Dingsman was chairman of the program.

In his address, W. R. Yendall expressed the opinion that there were good times ahead for a number of years. He said he was an optimist, and that times and financial panics in future, owing to the more modern banking system, and the fact that big businesses are studying efficiency, will do much to create a steadiness in business.

ROOF IS BURNED OFF IN INGERSOLL BLAZE

Residence Owned by J. Maitland and Occupied by Peter Walker.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 22.—Considerable damage was caused this afternoon by fire to a frame cottage on Victoria street, owned by James Maitland, and occupied by Peter Walker. The fire started in a partition near a stove. The roof of the house was burned off. Most of the contents were carried off. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Serious injuries were sustained by Driver McMillan, of the fire department, while making a run. In pulling up the horses, as he drove another vehicle, they slipped and fell on Thames street, near the C.N.R. crossing. McMillan was pitched forward to the street, a front wheel of the hose-wagon passing over his left leg, which was badly injured. He was also injured in the face by a blow from a foot of one of the struggling horses.

Following a long illness, Miss Lavanga Irene Edwards died this morning at the Woodstock General hospital. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, and was born in Dereham township. She was a member of the Ingersoll Baptist church. Surviving are three sisters, Misses Clara and Ella, Ingersoll, and Mrs. Scott, of Inverkip, and one brother, B. C. Edwards, of Dereham. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon from the family residence to the Ingersoll rural cemetery.

The death occurred last night of Miss Agnes Leonard, a well-known resident, following a somewhat extended illness. She was born in Dereham township, but came to Ingersoll to reside with members of her family nineteen years ago. She was a member of the Church of the Sacred Heart. Three brothers and three sisters survive.

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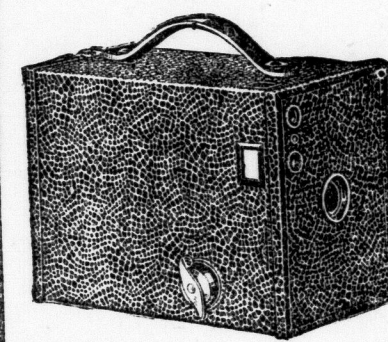
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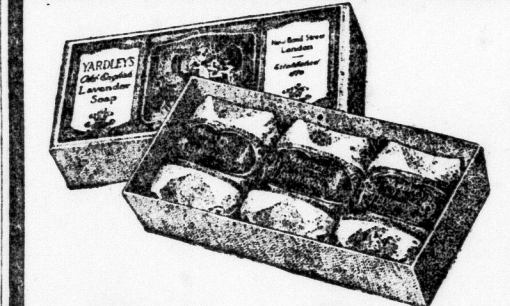
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BRITISH ABOARD VESSEL TAKEN BY CHINESE PIRATES

Associated Press Despatch. Hong Kong, Dec. 22.—The steamer Tunchow, bound from Shanghai for Tien Tsin, has been captured by pirates. The Tunchow is listed as a steel steamer of 2,104 tons, owned by a British firm, the China Navigation Company. She had aboard several foreign passengers, including Mr. McAfee of the American Oriental Bank, Mr. Sharp of the British American Tobacco Company and H. G. W. Woodhead, editor of a Peking newspaper. The pirates took off a quantity of specie and other valuables and permitted the ship to proceed to Hong Kong.

HON. GEORGE P. SMITH REMANDED FOR TRIAL

Canadian Press Despatch. Edmonton, Dec. 22.—George P. Smith, former minister of education for Alberta, was today remanded for trial at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing.

BOY SHOT IN THE KNEE

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Dec. 22.—Alfred Hustwick, aged 12, son of Frank Hustwick, is confined to his home at 17 St. George street with a bullet in his knee, received in a shooting accident in a barn near Louisville late yesterday afternoon. The lad joined Robert Gallipoli, 13, and Ernest Smith, 15, in shooting pigeons in a barn. Hustwick was posted at one end of the building to keep the pigeons from flying away. Gallipoli, although admitting that he edged as to how the accident happened, when charged in county police court today with causing bodily harm to Hustwick. Smith was charged with vagrancy. Both were remanded pending further inquiries.

Clinton May Get Music In Schools

Special to The Advertiser. Clinton, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the public school board a committee of the Home and School club, consisting of Mrs. N. Trewartha and Mrs. H. Sharp, urged the teaching of music in the school. The Home and School club offered, as an experiment, to supply a music teacher one afternoon each week for six months. The offer was accepted by the board, and if the experiment proves successful the teaching of music will become part of the regular curriculum.

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DEATH OF LADY DAVIES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Lady Davies, widow of the late Sir Louis Davies, died at her home here today.