

Byrd Weather Men Face Bitter Cold

Their Most Difficult Job With Expedition:

Hollywood.—Down at the bottom of the world, where the winds howl all winter long at a temperature of 70 degrees below zero, members of the second Byrd Antarctic expedition spent 18 long months.

And of all the difficult and dangerous jobs assigned to members of the crew, the balloon man's long vigil amid those icy blasts, headed the list.

Even the two cameramen who risked their lives to photograph exciting incidents agree that their job did not compare with that of the meteorologist.

The story of George Grimmer, sent with the expedition by the weather bureau in Washington, was told by John L. Herrmann and Carl O. Peterson, who brought 130,000 feet of film back from Little America.

400 Balloons Released.

Day after day Grimmer mounted the snow covered roof of the science building and kept a telescope trained on balloons soaring into the atmosphere. More than 400 balloons were released by the meteorologist to determine wind velocity and direction at various altitudes.

The neat little pile of record books cost Grimmer many a frost bitten cheek and finger. For hours at a time, exposed to the extreme cold, he kept his eye on the telescope. Because the lens must be adjusted constantly, he could wear only silk gloves. These kept his fingers from freezing to the frigid metal, but they weren't much protection from the cold.

Grimmer relayed his readings through a telescope to fellow scientists in the warm building below. Readings were made once a minute until the balloon was lost from sight. In daylight, their course could be followed up to 30,000 feet. During the long winter of endless night, little paper bags containing lighted candles were attached.

Suffered From Frostbite.

Grimmer wore a nose-guard and other special equipment, but still he suffered continually from frostbite, the cameramen related. As a matter of fact, all of the 55 men under Admiral Richard Byrd, and the admiral himself, were frostbitten at one time or another.

Frequently the cameramen and others on trail trips would be caught in a blizzard, and parts of their bodies frozen before they could erect a shelter. Al Wade of North Hollywood suffered the most severe case. He was eighteen pounds lighter when released from the hospital.

Motion picture photography was difficult at any temperature below zero and almost impossible at 40 degrees on down, the cameramen reported. Down to 40 degrees the film becomes brittle, and beyond that it continually breaks.

The camera itself freezes at low

temperatures and the hand crank cannot be turned.

The photographers developed a technique of their own to defeat the weather. Placing their cameras in crates, they would prepare a scene for photographing, race for the cameras and grind them until they froze.

Once Herrmann clambered up a 75 foot steel radio tower for a bird's-eye view of the camp. The scene over, he tried to descend, but discovered his legs were frozen to a pair of steel supports. Another man climbed up and shook him loose.

Another time on a tractor trip, he fell backward into a 12-foot crevasse, but escaped with bruises. The cameramen and four others were bound for the admiral's advance base to bring back supplies and equipment left by Byrd when he returned to Little America by plane.

125-Year-Old Church Is Dissolved by Court Writ

Lisbon, Ohio.—The 125-year-old Trinity Reformed church in Hanover township, near here, was dissolved under an order issued by Columbiana County Common Pleas Judge W. F. Lones.

A 40-acre tract was divided. The synod was granted the church and its site. The parsonage was awarded to the Central Theological seminary and the cemetery adjoining the church was assigned to the Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery association.

The parish was established in 1810 by Rev. John Stausch, a German Lutheran minister. He served as pastor until 1847.

Find \$10,000 Hidden in Iowa Corncrib

Spring Hill, Iowa.—For a while J. A. Cook didn't know just what to think. Could it be that the AAA was turning corn into gold after all?

Called to administer the estate of a brother, Cook said a corncrib full of corn. While workmen were loading it from the crib into their wagon they suddenly stopped, rubbed their eyes.

There, in the middle of the crib, was a pile of money. Ten thousand dollars they counted, in gold coin and bills.

Cook's brother had been known to be well-to-do, but not to the extent of being able to hide \$10,000.

Liberty Statue to Have Birthday Party in 1936

Washington.—American citizens have been invited by the national park service to participate next year in a program which will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

The monument was unveiled on October 28, 1886. The nation shared in the ceremonies.

The park service has requested that everyone interested in the semi-centennial celebration assist in locating and assembling poems and pictures of the statue which were published at the time France presented the memorial.

It was pointed out that many of those pictures and illustrated accounts were "striking and artistic, lending themselves admirably to effective reproduction."

Authors who wrote poems during the dedicatory period included John Greenleaf Whittier, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, E. C. Stedman, Charles Barnard, Esther Singleton, John J. Garnett, Sidney Herbert Pierson,

Turks Find Way to Beat Polygamy Ban

Women Taken Outside Ankara on Work Contracts.

Ankara, Turkey.—Polygamy and secret religious marriages are still problems which are worrying the Turkish republican government.

Four years ago marriages were made civil ceremonies and monogamy for all future unions made the law. There is a "superintendent of marriages" in each municipality,

and couples who are physically "passed" for marriage come before him for their union.

But habit keeps many of the Turkish population following the old ways. Now a clever trick whereby this is done has been discovered.

Men from Anatolia go to Istanbul and there find young women, especially pensioned war widows and orphans, and engage them on employment contracts for work in the provinces.

These contracts are duly legalized by the public notary. When the women want to marry they approach the provincial cleric, exhibit their contract, saying that it is a civil marriage contract, and so the cleric, who does not understand the document, proceeds to unite them in marriage according to religious rites.

If they married civilly they would lose their pension. So they have invented this way of taking in the cleric, who thus innocently break the law in wedding them religiously when they have never been through a civil ceremony.

The Ankara government is about to issue regulations forbidding public notaries to legalize these employment contracts which are being abused in this way.

As for polygamy, Turkish men still succeed in practicing it. From Thrace they cross over into Bulgaria and there marry wives under the Koranic law and bring them back. In the same way the men of South Anatolia cross into the region of Alexandria, where they are outside Turkish jurisdiction, and there they provide themselves with more wives.

This practice is also to be stopped by a law which will attach severe punishments to these subterfuges.

CHAMOIS VOGUE

By CHRISTIE NICHOLAS



The idea of wearing chamois hat and jackets and various accessories of chamois is making a big appeal out in Hollywood colony where film beauties set the pace in high fashion. Here we see Jean Harlow wearing a perfectly stunning suede jacket. Note how artfully it is paneled, thus inducing an interesting fitted line. The pockets are triangular shaped which, together with big

ball buttons, lend a heap o' chic. The jacket is collarless so that it can be worn with a scarf. Jean is carrying a soft shirred calfskin bag with barrel shape lock. Below in the picture is an ensemble of chamois hat, gloves and jacket which Gertrude Michael elects to wear with her navy blue dress which has polka dots and a huge ruffly jabot.

Old Boats to Sink in Land Sandusky, Ohio.—Boats which have outlived their usefulness on the Great Lakes and are in various decadent stages in slips along the Lake Erie waterfront here may be used for "filling in" in a reclamation project here.

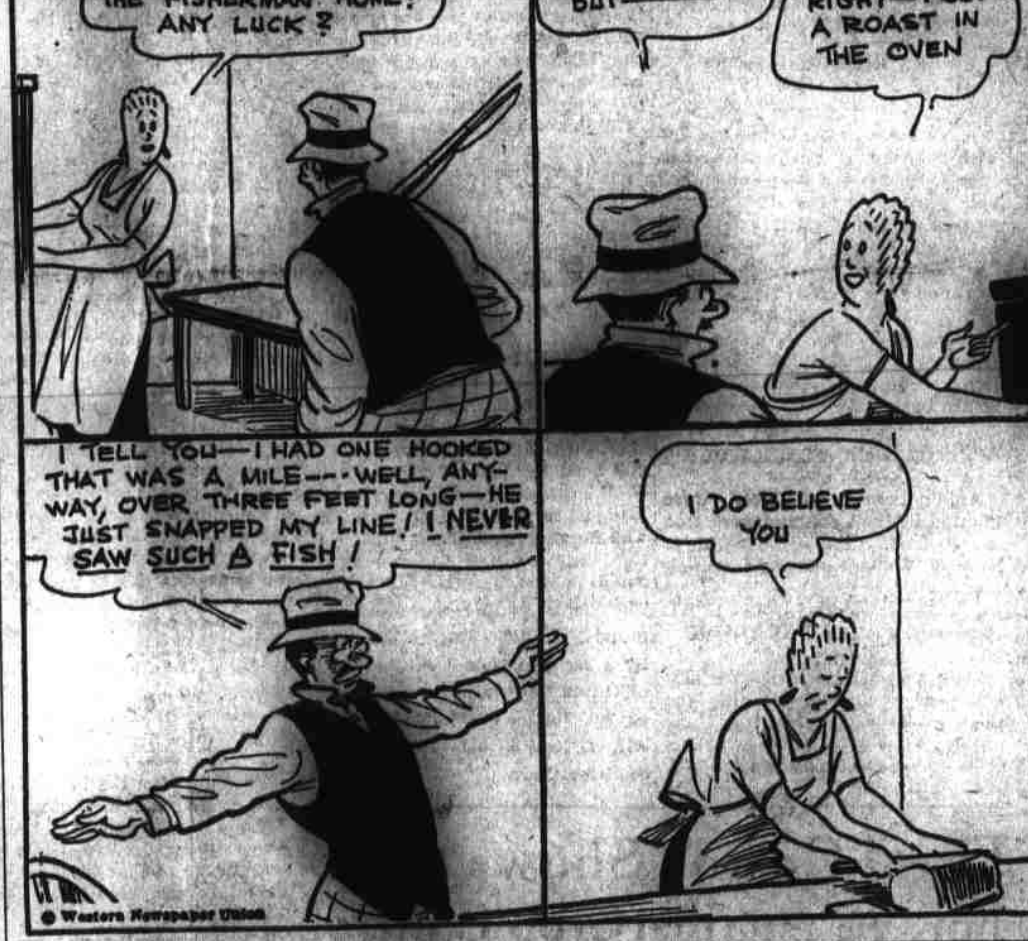
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SMILES

LET IT STAND

The Editor—You say he had all the landmarks of a bum. Don't you mean earmarks?

The Reporter—Well, there was enough roll in them to make it the same thing.

Ah, Ha!

"If I marry you, you'll have to give up your job."

"But, my dear man, you don't seem to realize you're in the Twentieth century."

"No, but I know the man you're working for."

It Soured Him

Stukerton—Why do you argue so against compulsory education?

His Friend—My wife tried to make me learn how to cook my own meals.

"Dual" in Fact

Teacher—Suzanne, is "pants" singular or plural?

Suzanne—I think they are singular above the waist and plural below.

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New and Old Depict Advance in Transportation



Halfway week was marked in Chicago by the presence, side by side, of four of the crack city fast trains and a veteran of the rails. In the photograph, left to right, are the Burlington's old 23, the Milwaukee road's Hiawatha, the North Western's 220, the Burlington's Zephyr and the Alton's Abraham Lincoln.