

Commander Byrd and Party Sails Into Antarctic Wastes

Commander And Advance Party of 50 Sail From Dunedin, New Zealand.

New York, Dec. 2.—Nearly 2,000 miles of ocean lie between Commander Richard E. Byrd and his immediate objective, the Ross Sea ice barrier of the Antarctic continent.

As the stout little barque City of New York and the freighter Eleanor Bolling cast off from their Dunedin wharf and pointed southward, they faced a voyage that is among the most difficult of the globe.

For a few hundred miles they should have comparatively easy sailing toward the glaciated south polar continent which now is enjoying its poor apologies for summer. But sooner or later the expedition ships will bump into the ice pack, that shifting blanket which shrouds the sea for vast distances off the shores of Antarctica.

The ice, more or less broken up at this time of the year, is itself a formidable obstacle in the path of the expedition, but the ships of other explorers, among them Amundsen and Scott, have ploughed through it and Byrd's men know that theirs can find the way too.

Big Bergs

In the Antarctic ocean are the world's largest bergs—ponderous blocks of ice that break off from the ice cliffs which mark the continental terminals of Antarctica's glaciers. In general, these south polar bergs do not assume the fantastic, spired shapes of their Arctic relatives; rather they take the forms of huge tables, long, broad and flat-topped. They are truly tremendous in size. The largest on record had an estimated length of five miles. Their numbers, too, are impressive, one observer having reported that 900 were in his view at once.

Although these bergs rarely drift into the parts of the southern ocean most frequently traveled by steamers, they do move slowly and majestically through the Antarctic ice pack, and become another problem for the navigator of those waters. The pack itself, driven off the shores of the continent by the gales, eventually meets the winds that sweep down from the middle latitudes, and becomes tightly wedged.

However, during the Antarctic sum-

mer—it wouldn't be recognized as summer by Americans, so persistently frigid is this part of the world—the action of the ocean currents, moving the pack slowly westward, tends to develop weak places in the ice and these are the points of vantage the perennial whalers and the occasional explorers seek. Although the location of such vulnerable spots is apt to change from season to season, their general whereabouts is known; and Byrd's skippers will be seeking one of them.

On the voyage south the scientists of the expedition plan to gather data on such subjects as the salinity, depth and temperature of the water, the nature of the ocean bottom, the structure of the pack ice and the direction of currents and ice movements. They will have plenty of time for their studies, for the ship will require several weeks for the plodding trip between New Zealand and the Ross sea.

The Landing

Arriving at the ice barriers—a great glacial tongue that chokes this coastal indentation for a distance of perhaps 400 miles—Commander Byrd and his men will face the problem of landing their airplanes and supplies as well as themselves on the ice. The barrier terminates in a sheer cliff in places very high, but the commander has in mind a landing at a spot not so difficult. When he left New York he planned to make his Antarctic base near the Bay of Whales where Amundsen established his headquarters for the famous dash to the Pole. There the barrier's end is only a few feet high, but it will nevertheless be an exacting task to debar the precious stores and equipment.

Once on the barrier, the party will set up the tiny portable town which will be its base of operations for at least a year and a half, and will hurry to take advantage of what is left of the short South Polar summer for some flying. December and January probably are the best months for flying in the section to be visited by Byrd, since the winds then are comparatively amiable.

It's a long, long time since the American flag has flown from a ship of adventure, Antarctic-bound for purposes of exploration. Not in nearly 90 years has a band of Americans, seeking scientific and geographical

knowledge, made for the land of the South Pole.

In December, 1899, Captain Charles Wilkes, U. S. N., sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., into the Antarctic on a voyage of discovery. On January 19, 1840 he sighted for the first time the land now known as the Antarctic continent. Since then, South Polar exploration has been carried on by Australian, British, Swedish, French and other scientists of European nationality.

Carnes in Jail Made Judge of Kangaroo Court

Atlanta, Ga.—Clinton S. Carnes, awaiting trial on twenty indictments in connection with a reported shortage of \$953,000 in his accounts as treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has a political job now.

The former churchman has been "elected" judge of the "Kangaroo court" in Fulton County jail here, where he is held. His job is one of judging fellow prisoners tried on real and imaginary charges, and fining them small amounts with which the prisoners buy small luxuries to ease their prison life.

Carnes expressed a desire to become a candidate for treasurer of the court but his cell mates quickly overruled the motion and elevated him to a still higher post. He is rated among the prisoners as an excellent jurist.

Solicitor General John A. Boykin has announced the State is ready to go ahead with Carnes' trial but it is being deferred until other important cases are cleared from the calendar. It was thought it probably will be some time in January before the former Baptist treasurer comes before the bar.

Sunday Hauling of Tobacco Rouses Agitation

Danbury, Nov. 28.—The hauling of tobacco and other produce to market on Sunday has led to a slight flurry of agitation in the county. One citizen has come forward in the columns of the local newspaper asking if there is no law to force observance of the Sabbath.

When a count was taken on a recent Sunday of the number of produce-laden vehicles passing through Danbury for market, 43 were tabulated. There was some talk that this was below the average number.

Commenting on the situation the editor of the local newspaper somewhat humorously replied, "Hail storms, 'wild fire,' and low prices have so warped the conscience of the average tobacco grower that he feels like the little matter of going to hell when he dies is of minor importance."

HEADLESS SISTERS NOW IN PHILIPPINES

Superstition Reigns as Population Marks Doorsteps With Crosses.

Manila, P. I., Nov. 29.—Fear of the three black-robed, headless sisters, who superstition says, spread death in Manila and environs, has caused thousands of Filipinos to mark the front doors of their homes with white crosses.

The story of the headless sisters, who are called the Tatlong Marias, or Three Marys, began to circulate a few weeks ago. It spread rapidly, and fully 75 per cent of the homes were marked with crosses.

Those who marked their doors said that the sisters made nightly calls, and that the persons who answered their knock at the door was stricken with a fatal illness. But if a white cross were upon the door there was no visitation.

More serious was a superstition disclosed in a recent Philippine constabulary report from Davao, Island of Mindanao. A Chinese store owner and three others were killed by Atas, a mountain tribe, to comply with the belief that a wife must be buried with the hands of four murdered persons in order to enter Paradise.

At first it was thought that robbery was the motive for the crime, but the superstition was established as the cause when it was learned that the hands of all the victims had been severed, and that a few days earlier the wife of a tribesman had been buried without the hands supposed to be necessary for her entrance into Heaven.

Two Atas tribesmen, suspected of being the slayers, fled to the mountains.

GIANT CHRISTMAS PUDDING FOR KING

Ingredients From All Corners Of British Empire; Will Be Given to Children.

London, Dec. 1.—All the empire has cooperated in making a giant Christmas pudding to set before the king on Christmas day.

Mrs. Amery, wife of the dominion secretary, "unveiled" the Christmas pudding at the cookery exhibition at Olympia today. She said it was the king's wish that it be distributed to children's institutions. The recipe for the pudding, supplied by Andre Cedard, the king's chef, follows:

200 pounds currants from Australia.
200 pounds Sultanias from Australia, South Africa and Cyprus.
200 pounds raisins from South Africa, Australia and Cyprus.
100 pounds apples from Canada.
600 pounds bread and 400 pounds flour from home grown, Canada and Australian wheat.

200 pounds beef suet.
21 pounds candied peel from South Africa and Cyprus.
100 pounds demerara sugar from British West Indies and British Guiana.

100,000 eggs from Britain, Irish Free State, South Africa and Canada.

7 pounds ground cinnamon from India and Ceylon.

3 1-2 pounds cloves from East Africa.

3 1-2 pounds nutmegs from British West Indies.

1 pound spice from India and British West Indies.

2 gallons brandy from Australia, South Africa, Cyprus and Palestine.

4 gallons rum from Jamaica and British Guiana.

28 gallons beer from Britain.

Government Wolf Trapper

Fort Worth, Texas.—Now that the cooler season is approaching, J. M. Butler, Government wolf trapper stationed here, is in his element. During the past few weeks he has materially reduced the wolf population of Tarrant County.

The other day office-workers were rather surprised to see Butler striding down Main Street to the county courthouse leading a huge 60-pound female wolf that he trapped the night before on the Cass Edwards Ranch, just southwest of the city. He was taking the animal to the county commissioners. The wolf was placed on exhibit for a few days.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate

By virtue of order made by the Clerk of the Superior Court and by virtue of the will of C. F. Simpson, deceased, we will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the late residence of C. F. Simpson, on Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1928, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following real estate to-wit:

First tract: A tract of land containing 354.5 acres more or less lying on both sides of the old Mount Airy and Rockford road and in Eldora and Dobson townships, adjoining the lands of Wilson Marion, Jess Marion, Andrew Danley, Pass Adkins on the west; lands of Dan Homings, Joe Adkins and Will Badgett on the south; lands of Babe Adkins, Will Badgett and Bob Marion on the east and the lands of Bob Marion, Charlie Marion and Frank Lewis on the north. This tract of land being situated about 1-2 miles northeast of the town of Dobson and one-fourth to one-half miles north of the old Dobson and Pilot Mountain road and known as the Jack Simpson old home place. This land will be subdivided into smaller tracts as heretofore and offered in parcels and as a whole.

That at the same place and on the same day and as soon thereafter as the sale of the above land is completed the undersigned executors aforesaid will offer for sale another tract of

land containing 122.4 acres lying in Dobson township being on the East side of Fish river and on the South side of Dobson road and adjoining the lands of J. R. Lawson, Jess Simpson, Winnie Hemmings and others and being the lands conveyed to C. F. Simpson by deed from J. R. Lawson and wife.

Any person interested in purchasing any of the above property can call on J. V. and T. M. Marsh, at Ararat, N. C., who will be pleased to show prospective purchasers over the lands and point out the boundaries and corners.

The above sale will be made in pursuance of authority and direction of the last will and testament of C. F. Simpson, deceased.

Terms of Sale: One-third cash upon confirmation of sale by the court; one-third December 1, 1929 and one-third December 1, 1930; deferred payments to bear interest at 6 per cent. This November 12th, 1928.

J. V. Marsh, T. M. Marsh, Executors of the last will and testament of C. F. Simpson, deceased.

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