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HAWKER, MOURNED AS DEAD, TELLS OF THRILLING RESCUE IN MID-OCEAN

Australian Criss-Crossed Ship Path for 2 1/2 Hours Before Sighting "Tramp"—Maintained 12,000 Feet and Flew Into a Heavy Storm—Failure of Circulation System Forced Sopwith Airmen to Abandon Crossing.

The London Daily Mail publishes a detailed account of the difficulties encountered by Harry G. Hawker and Lt. Commander Grieve in their unsuccessful attempt to fly from Newfoundland to Ireland ten days ago. The two airmen explained that during the first four hours of the voyage the air was freezing cold, but the airmen were quite comfortable. Hawker, however, was unable to steer a good course because of the clouds, being at times forced to go around them.

12,000 Feet Above Sea.

When about 800 miles out to sea the weather continued very bad and clouds rose to great heights. Several times Hawker tried to clear them, but lost height at every attempt, and each time the machine was started climbing the water in the radiator boiled furiously, which involved waste. At last, however, the airplane reached a height of 12,000 feet and it was decided to stay at that level for the rest of the trip.

"We had not as yet doubted being successful in getting across," Hawker said in describing his experience. "We were at that time above most of the clouds. The moon had risen and we were keeping a good course, although we had to go a little slower and close the throttle to keep the water from heating up."

Battled Amid Clouds.

"We continued at this height until we had been in the air twelve and a half hours. Then came heavy clouds again. They were very high, reaching a level of 15,000 feet and being very black. It was almost impossible to steer through them, and each time I tried to climb the water boiled badly."

Hawker then described his efforts to find the cause of the trouble with the water-cooling system, and said that he concluded something got into the water filter between the radiator and the pumps and that the only thing to do was to stop the motor and put the nose of the machine down steeply, with the hope that this might clear away the refuse in the filter. This was successful. In view of the difficulty of going through the clouds, the aviators decided to go beneath them.

"Coming down to a height of about 6,000 feet," Hawker said, "we found it blacker than ever and eventually got to 1,000 feet above the water before we could see to fly. We started on our course again with the sun just rising, but couldn't keep the temperature below the boiling point."

"Played For Safety."

"Then it was we reached the fateful decision to play for safety. We changed our course and began flying diagonally across the main shipping route for about two and a half hours when to our great relief we sighted a Danish steamship which proved to be the tramp Mary."

"The wind was blowing half a gale from the northeast and we were getting knocked about badly when we sighted the ship close to our port bow."

"We were fairly in a fog with the clouds low and were almost on top of her before we saw her."

"We sent up our very light distress signals. These were answered promptly and then we flew on about two miles and landed in the water ahead of the steamship."

"We made a very good landing, although the sea was high. The machine floated at an even keel well out of the water."

Machine Begins to Sink.

"We watched the steamship approaching and put out our own boat and stood by in case the machine should break up and sink, which she began to do rapidly in the heavy sea. The sea was running up to twelve feet and breaking right over the machine and us."

"Our life-saving suits kept us dry and for an hour and a half we watched the crew trying to launch a lifeboat. The Mary was only 200 yards away."

"After much difficulty the lifeboat succeeded in reaching us. We boarded the lifeboat and were pulled to the ship by a line."

"Owing to the heavy sea it was impossible to save anything. When we got to the ship we were without our boots and caps, while Grieve also also had lost his coat. We were very sorry, to lose a lot of valuable instruments and the mail."

The aviators were picked up at 8:30 a. m. Greenwich time, Monday, May 19.

LUXURY TAX REPEAL MEASURE IS ORDERED REPORTED FAVORABLY

Efforts Will Be Made To Obtain Early Action on the Measure. (Washington Special.)

By unanimous vote the House Ways and Means Committee ordered a favorable report on the resolution repealing the so-called luxury taxes in the revenue bill. Action on the repeal of other excesses was deferred.

Chairman Fordney said effort would be made to obtain early action on the resolution, which would eliminate the ten percent levy on the part of purchase price of costly wearing apparel and many other articles.

Discussion of the repeal of the tax on soda water indicated the members were not inclined to consider favorably all suggestions made.

PROSPECTS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL ARE VERY BRIGHT

University of North Carolina Summer School Will Open Next Month.

Chapel Hill, May 29.—With the opening only a month distant, the prospects for the coming 32nd session of the University of North Carolina summer school, June 24-August 8, are exceedingly bright. Applications for rooms are coming in at a rapid rate and the available dormitory space is being rapidly filled. Indications are that the registration of 1,052 for 1916, the highest in the history of the summer school, will be at least equalled, if not surpassed during the forthcoming session. The years 1917 and 1918 saw a falling off on account of participation in the war, which was to be expected.

MAY BE JULY BEFORE CENSUS MEN ARE NAMED

Major Stedman Recommends J. E. Tucker, of Caswell.

Washington, May 29.—It may be July before all of the North Carolina census supervisors are announced. Director of the Census Rogers makes the appointments, but he will listen to the recommendations of congressmen if the men presented are suitable.

There will be ten supervisors, and about 2,000 assistants of various kinds and degrees.

Representative Stedman has recommended J. E. Tucker, of Caswell county for the Fifth District. The position of supervisor pays about \$1,800.00.

GRAVES OF 70,000 U. S. SOLDIERS TO BE DECORATED

President Wilson Will Speak At the Services In France.

Paris, May 29.—The graves of seventy thousand American soldiers who died in France will be decorated next Friday under the auspices of the forces of the United States still in France.

General Pershing has issued a bulletin that all American soldiers shall participate in the Memorial Day exercises. President Wilson will speak at the services in the American cemetery at Suresnes, near Paris, where Ambassador Wallace will preside over the exercises.

FORMATION OF A BILLION DOLLAR TRADE CORPORATION

Long Discussed Project At Last Is Taking Definite Shape.

Washington, May 29.—The movement started recently in New York for the creation of a billion dollar corporation to enable the United States to get its proper share of the world trade by extending credits to foreign nations began to take definite shape here.

The new proposal is that the federal government shall authorize the chartering of a corporation with a capital of \$1,000,000,000. Twenty-five or fifty percent of the shares would be subscribed to by the United States government. The balance of the stock would be taken up by the banks and trust companies and by manufacturers, exporters and the public at large.

Mr. Robert Nelson Dead.

Mr. Robert Nelson, highly esteemed farmer, died at his home near Mt. Creek Wednesday after a short illness. He is survived by one sister and one brother, Mrs. F. T. Daniel and Mr. Mat Nelson. Burial this afternoon at Mt. Creek at 3:30 o'clock.

Methodist Baraca Class.

Mayor Thad G. Stem will address the Oxford Methodist Baraca class next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and bring some one with them.

WILD CAT DIVISION ON WAY HOME.

Will Land At Newport News Some Time Next Week.

Brest, May 27.—The American battleships South Carolina, Minnesota, and Missouri are sailing this afternoon with the first troops of the Eighty-First Division, the "Wild Cat" Division, to be repatriated. The troops are from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. On board also are the 156th Artillery Brigade, and the 306th Ammunition Train complete. The battleships are bound for Newport News.

NEXT DRIVE WILL BE FOR MORE MEMBERS OF THE BOY SCOUTS

Beginning June 8th and Continuing Through June 14th.

The Boy Scout movement has given organized boyhood a place alongside the Red Cross and other great organizations as national institution. In order to extend its benefits more rapidly to the million of American boys, who, because of lack of volunteer leadership, are still without the training of the Boy Scout program, Hon. W. G. McAdoo and eminent gentlemen associated with him, working in cooperation with the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, pursuant to a proclamation by the President of the United States, have formulated a program for a nationwide Boy Scout week beginning Sunday, June 8th, and continuing through to Flag Day, June 14th.

Results Anticipated.

The program of activities is intended to produce the following results:

(a) Definite recognition nationally of the value of the Boy Scout Movement, especially the achievements of the Boy Scouts during the war.

(b) Attention of each community to vital facts with reference to its boyhood.

(c) Churches, schools and all organizations which have a point of contact with boy life, to organize troops of Boy Scouts.

(d) Opportunity for men, especially returning soldiers and sailors, qualified by character and inclination to act as leaders of boys, to enlist in the Movement locally as volunteers.

(e) Definite steps toward the organization of first class local councils with the necessary financial resources to make the Boy Scout program available to the boyhood of the community.

(f) 1,000,000 Associate Members of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In this latter objective, each city, town or village will be asked to reach a definite quota determined by the same process as used in allotting quotas in the Victory Loan. Accordingly the mapping of the country into twelve Federal Reserve Banking districts will be followed. Each person becoming a member will receive a suitable certificate signed by the officers of the Boy Scouts of America and the Chairman of the Citizen's National Committee.

(g) 1,000,000 enrolled scouts at least, by February, 20, 1920, when the Tenth Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated.

Become a Member Yourself.

The first objective of this campaign is to secure 1,000,000 Associate Members of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America as an assurance of enlarged usefulness.

This Associate Membership is offered to mothers and fathers of American boys and other adult American citizens upon payment of \$1.00 or more as membership dues; in effect and in spirit a contribution to the Movement, the amount to be determined by each individual. The Associate Membership, however, is an actual legal identification with the National body, without voting privileges which, by the constitution and by-laws of the Boy Scouts of America, belong only to regularly elected members of the National Council.

Local Interest.

There are perhaps about three hundred Boy Scouts in Granville county. Our quota will no doubt be placed at twelve hundred or more. Col. W. B. Ballou has been requested by the National Council to organize the drive in Granville county. He was chairman of the Victory Loan drive and the Centenary drive and is an excellent selection for the Boy Scout drive if he will accept the honor.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS SUMMARIZED FROM THE CABLES

Germany "Refuses To Accept The Punishment Fixed By The Peace Treaty;" Seeks New Basis.

The German counter proposals to the allied peace terms were published in Berlin Wednesday.

The reply asserts the willingness of Germany to reduce her armaments to a greater extent than demanded by the allies.

Germany, the reply says, refuses to accept the punishment terms fixed by the peace treaty and it is declared that the allies cannot both accuse and sentence Germans guilty of responsibility for punishable acts.

Vorwaerts says: "Every one in Germany has read the text with heavy hearts. If sober reason prevailed at Paris it would jump at this proposal."

Friday is to witness the receipt by the Austrians of the terms of the peace treaty that has been formulated for the former empire of the Hapsburgs. The plea of the chief of the Austrian delegation for haste by the allies in making known their terms probably is responsible for Friday having been chosen as the day for the Austrians to appear before the peace congress, it previously having been believed that the ceremony would not take place until next week.

The allied council on food supply now has eight ships loaded with pork products and flour at Heisingfors, Hango, Danzig, and other Baltic ports, and these cargoes could be delivered in Petrograd within seven days. Their delivery, however, will have to await joint orders from the allied powers, and these are not as yet forthcoming, pending the outcome of events in Russia.

DR. LUTHER LITTLE COMING.

One of the Most Brilliant Men In the Baptist Ministry.

Dr. J. H. Dew, the noted Southern evangelist, who is conducting the great revival at the First Baptist church, says: "I congratulate President Hobgood and the good people of Oxford on the coming of Dr. Luther Little to preach the commencement sermon for Oxford College. Dr. Little is one of the most brilliant men in the Baptist ministry. Those who fail to hear Dr. Little next Wednesday night will miss a rare treat."

THE NATIONAL GUARD TO BE RETAINED

War Department Plans to Return to Pre-War Organization Comprising 16 Divisions.

Washington, May 29.—Tentative war department plans for the peace time national guard include a return to the pre-war organization comprising sixteen divisions, it was stated authoritatively.

Unless unexpected changes occur, this plan outlined will be submitted to congress for its approval, with a request for an appropriation sufficient to carry out the plans.

COMENCEMENT AT CREEDMOOR

Hon. W. J. Brogden Will Deliver the Address.

The finals at Creedmoor High School will begin next Sunday, June 1, at which time the sermon will be preached Monday morning at 10:30 the graduating exercises will be held and at 2:00 p. m. the address will be delivered by Hon. W. J. Brogden of Durham. Monday night a play will be given by the High School pupils, which will conclude the program.

Adjudged Insane.

Mr. P. B. Farmer of Oxford Route 5, who slashed his throat a few days ago, will be admitted to the insane asylum for treatment. The wounds that he inflicted upon himself while mentally unbalanced are healing up, but his condition is most pitiful.

PUTTING IT INTO PLAIN ENGLISH

Council of Four Will Consider and Digest The Views of The Enemy and Quickly Report Decision.

Paris, May 29.—The German delegation presented only three copies of the counter proposals to the secretariat of the peace conference. Twenty interpreters were busy today translating the document from German into English and French.

DR. J. H. DEW HAS DONE A GREAT WORK IN OXFORD

The Protracted Meeting Will Come to a Close Sunday.

There has been a great spiritual awakening in the community since Dr. J. H. Dew came to the Oxford Baptist church two weeks ago. Under his forceful presentation of Gospel truths the whole community has been awakened as never before; hundreds of people have requested special prayer and hundreds will join the church here as an outcome of his preaching.

Dr. Dew has accomplished so much for the Lord during his two weeks' stay in Oxford the good people regret that he will bring the revival to a close next Sunday. There will be the same interest manifested and the same overflowing crowd to hear him today, tomorrow and on Sunday.

Dr. Dew will be pleased to see a large number of out-of-town people in the church at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He will have something to say about the alabaster box at the Sunday morning service.

Those who have not heard the great evangelist preach should avail themselves of the rare privilege before he leaves here.

WILSON CANDIDACY HANGS ON FATE OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

If League Fails Here, Great Pressure Will Be Brought To Bear On President To Run.

Chicago, May 29.—President Wilson's candidacy for a third term will be determined largely by the fate of the league of nations, in the opinion of Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee, in addressing a meeting of a Democratic committee of the west here. The meeting is the formal launching of the Democratic campaign for the presidency in 1920.

"If the league of nations should by any chance fail and I regard this as improbable, the pressure brought upon the President to run again would be very great, and under such circumstances, I believe the chances for his election would be bright. If the league succeeds, I do not think the pressure would be so great."

MERCHANT MARINE SEEKS MEN FROM THIS SECTION

J. G. Hall, Druggist, Is Local Agent of the Shipping Board's Recruiting Service.

The United States Shipping Board is again seeking men in this section to be trained for the Merchant Marine.

Applicants are directed to apply for enrollment to the local agent of the Shipping Board's Recruiting Service, J. G. Hall, Oxford, N. C.

Boys entering this service are encouraged to keep their eyes open for promotion. There is nothing to prevent a country boy who enters this service now as a sailor becoming a ship captain in five years—and Merchant captains are now earning as high as \$4,500 a year. There is also a fine opportunity for firemen to become engineers, the demand being brisk for good men, and marine engineers on American ships earning as high as \$3,450 a year.

HAWKER WILL TRY AGAIN

Non-Stop Flight Across the Atlantic.

London, May 29.—Harry Hawker, who was picked up by the Mary in mid-ocean, states that he will again attempt to fly across the ocean.

"I will try again and think I can succeed," Hawker said when asked if he would attempt another trans-Atlantic flight. "The risk wasn't as great as people thought," he said. "It was a perfectly straight-forward attempt to fly over, not a do or die enterprise."

National Memorial.

The windows at the Oxford post-office are closed today on account of National Memorial Day.

Vacation Kindergarten.

My vacation kindergarten will open Wednesday, June 4, 1919. See or phone me for terms. MAY S. WHITE.

AMERICAN NAVAL SEAPLANE FIRST TO FLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

First Trans-Atlantic Flight Made by NC-4 In 26 Hours and 41 Minutes Actual Flying Time (By the Associated Press.)

Blazing the way of the first air trail from the western to the eastern hemisphere, the United States navy seaplane NC-4, under Lieutenant Commander Albert Chasing Read, swept into the harbor at Lisbon, Portugal Tuesday, the first airship of any kind to have crossed the Atlantic ocean under its own power and thru its natural element.

Taking the air at Ponta, Azores, at 6:18 a. m. Tuesday Washington time on the last leg of the trans-oceanic portion of the voyage from Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to Plymouth, England, the NC-4 covered the 800 miles in 9 hours and 41 minutes, maintaining an average speed of better than 80 knots an hour. The total elapsed flying time from New Foundland to Lisbon was 26 hours and 41 minutes.

At the first opportunity the big plane will continue to Plymouth, 775 nautical miles to the north. To the navy department, however, it makes little difference when he completes the journey. The great object of all the effort lavished on the undertaking, navigation of a seaplane across the Atlantic through the air, has been accomplished. Twentieth century transportation has reached a new pinnacle and the United States navy has led the way.

For the next few hundred miles of his epoch-making journey, Commander Read and his crew will be within sight of the Portuguese or Spanish coasts in the sweep northward. Skirting the coasts of Cape Finisterre, they will head out across the Bay of Biscay to sight Brest, the most westerly point of France. Thence direct to Plymouth.

PENSIONS WILL NOT BE PAID UNTIL DECEMBER 15

Widows Who Married Confederate Veterans After January 1, 1868, Not Entitled to Pensions.

Clerk of Court D. C. Hunt has received a communication announcing that the new semi-annual payment plan for pensions for Confederate veterans and widows will become effective next December 15. After the December payments, pensions money will be received by veterans and widows of veterans on June 15 and December 15.

Widows who married Confederate veterans after January 1, 1868, will not be eligible to be placed on the pension list, the letter stated. Mr. Hunt explained that reports had been made that widows married to veterans after 1868 would be eligible for pensioning under the new pension law passed by the last legislature. Many widows have made inquiry as to whether they could secure pensions although they married since 1868, he said.

The next meeting of the Granville board of pensions will be held the first Monday in July. All persons entitled to a pension should make application before that date, Judge Hunt said. The board of pensions is composed of W. H. White, chairman; E. C. Allen, B. I. Breedlove and the clerk of the court sits as a member.

THE DARLING OF THE AIR WILL ATTEMPT FLIGHT ACROSS OCEAN

New Plane Will Be Equipped With Two 400-Horsepower Motors For Famous Woman Aviator, Ruth Law.

Chicago, May 29.—Ruth Law, before leaving Chicago for New York yesterday, announced that she plans to attempt a trans-Atlantic flight within six weeks.

She will use a new Curtis land airplane equipped with two motors of 400 horsepower each and will be accompanied by her mechanic.

THE SALVATION ARMY HAS PASSED GOAL

The final figures on the county's contribution to the Salvation Army fund are expected to show more than \$2,100 in hand in cash and pledges, with a quota of \$2,000.

The campaign for \$13,000,000 home service fund has passed its goal, according to latest reports from all sections of the country.

Real Estate Transfer.

Messrs. Luther Davis and R. R. Herring this week sold to colored people in Cam Town the property known as "Hunt's Row," the consideration being \$7,376.