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In Arctic Wastelands Daring Explorer May Be Victim of Fatal Smashup

Attempt to Fly to North Pole Has Probably Resulted in of Noted Adventurer and His Companions. Relief Expedi- Go Out in Search of Lost Party. Has Faced Many Perils in Polar Regions in Varied Arctic Explorations.

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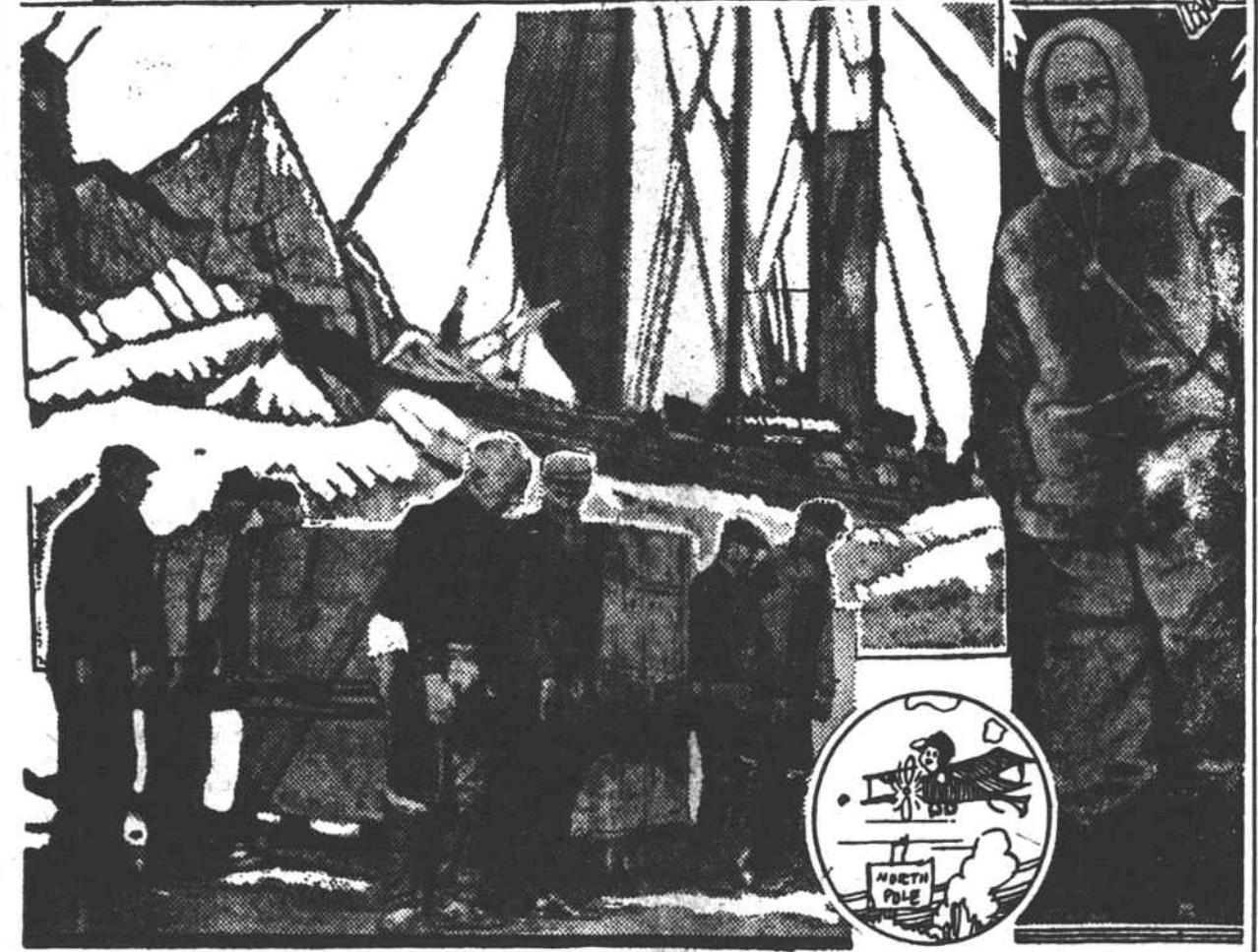
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Exclusive Pictures of Amundsen in Arctic Snows Making Ready for Air Trip to North Pole.



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Sen. Underwood of Alabama Rings the Bell When He Talks Taxes to Montgomery Club

Introduced By Gov. Brandon of Alabama Fiery Southern Senator Points Out Unjust Taxation Measures Now Enforced by Federal Government. Ringing Applause Greets Appearance While Radio Fags Listen In All Over the Country.

Oscar Underwood is popular in Alabama and his address before the Alabama Tax Clubs on last Friday evening was enthusiastically received and vociferously applauded.

We were in Tryon, but an Atwater-Kent picked up Mr. Underwood's ringing words broadcasted through KDKA of Pittsburg and flung them in our face.

Introduced by Governor Brandon of Alabama, Mr. Underwood cut into the heart of the matter at hand and in plain unvarnished English gave his personal opinions concerning taxation in these United States.

Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, addressing a meeting of the Alabama Tax Clubs, at Montgomery, Alabama, last Friday declared that the present tax measure carrying a maximum surtax of forty per cent is confiscatory and should be rewritten along the lines of the law of 1916 when the highest bracket of the surtax was thirteen per cent.

"Since the very dawn of civilization, taxes and government have been almost synonymous terms and government did not exist where tribute was not exacted from the governed," Senator Underwood stated.

"Long ago the most cruel, grasping and avaricious of rulers had learned that through the power to tax, he held the power to destroy the future productive capacity of his people and that the laying of the undue burdens of taxation inevitably lead to revolution or death.

Would destroy Private Ownership
"There is a school of philosophy extant in America today that would destroy if they could the private ownership of all property and mass it all in the hands of the state. Through the favored advocates of these political heresies are comparatively few in numbers, their satellites and partial imitators, who deny the faith, but who would destroy those they envy, are approaching numbers that may in the near future

jeopardize the life of the State.
"The very dawning of civilized life was the recognition of the home, unity, father, wife and children, their sustenance and their protection. The accumulation of sufficient property (food and clothing) to carry on and provide for the future was necessary that the family unit might persist. The destruction of this property by whatever method has always meant the destruction of the home life and the fabric that rests upon it. For untold centuries the ownership or protection of this property, the resultant accumulation of the family effort, has remained with the family and not with the State primarily. The philosophers of the new school would take it away from the family and give it to the State. In a State where there is no Constitutional inhibition, it may be done by direct legislation. Not so with us. It must be borne in mind that although there is a Constitutional prohibition in the government of the United States against taking private property without just compensation, there is no limited space on the power of taxation, as to amount in the Federal government, and the private ownership of property can be destroyed through the power to tax.

War Period Created High Tax Rate
"During the great war, in the higher brackets of the revenue bill, taxes were collected as high as 65 percent of the revenue derived from the citizens estate, and even now, seven years after the conflict is over, our taxes against some men and women are as much as 46 percent of their entire taxable income. The question naturally arises, is this taxation or is it confiscation? In war time the government may take the life of the citizen and I doubt not his property,

Cannot Tax Until It Destroys
"So much for one angle of the situation that confronts us. Another angle is the answer to the question does it pay to tax until it destroys or even until it hurts? Let us pause for a minute to adjust our fundamental principles. It is a fundamental canon of taxation that all taxes are paid in the end from the accumulated wealth of the people taxed. Some have said from rent, profit and wages, but in the end all wealth is the accumulation of the asset that grows out of the work of the heads and hands of men and women. So that at the end of the decade or the century the extraordinary burden laid on the body politic must come from the men who toil and the woman who reaps or there must be a diminution of the accumulated wealth of the country that existed when the burden was laid. The question before us is whether the nation is stronger, safer and more productive with a great share of accumulated wealth or without it.

Massed Dollars Brought Wealth
"The genius of our great development has come through the massing of our dollars on some great enterprise and buying the brains and the labor to put it through. This takes idle money looking for investment and you will not find it at the appointed hour if you tax it to death.

"During the Great War the American people accepted excessive rates of taxation with patience and without complaint, and are entitled to great credit for the sacrifices they made in order that our armies might win the war. They had the right to believe that after the war was over they would be relieved in large part from the excessive burdens they had borne without complaint.

"Many of the war tax burdens have been repealed by the Congress including the so-called excess profits tax and the small taxes on transfers, sales and the life that produce more annoyance than they did revenue. The general trend of tax legislation has been downward but nevertheless the burden resting on the larger accumulation of capital has remained in the confiscatory class. The problem we have to solve is whether it is wise from the standpoint of the whole people to allow the conditions to continue. What I have just said applies to the inheritance tax as well as to the income tax.

feel justified in insisting upon doing things his own way. That would be most dangerous. With trustworthy companions I shall go anywhere."

Amundsen was prepared to encounter blinding snow and a temperature of 20 degrees below zero. All of his equipment was designed by him for a long period in the polar region.

His two pilots, Lieutenant Riser Larsen and Oscar Omdal, had ten years' experience as fliers. He sent them to the airplane factory to learn every detail about the planes they would fly. He himself had qualified as an aviator in 1918. It was part of his efficient method. He had been planning the airplane flight since 1914, and at the end of eleven years was leaving very little to chance.

"If we leave the planes," he said "we shall build a snow house every night. And we shall have our tent. Yes, I know that Peary's sledges were worn and broken by the rough ice, but if we must use ours we shall be doing the hauling ourselves, slowly. We should be able to average a good eight miles a day in any direction. And sunlight—don't forget that we shall have daylight through the twenty-four hours.

"I do not expect to go over Peary's route toward Cape Columbia. There is much territory that has never been covered, and if we must abandon the planes it will be easy to make for Alaska, say Point Barrow or one of the other spots where we can reach the mainland. It will take longer, that's all.

"Might be Gone a Year."
"Yes, we might be gone a year or two. Who knows? Time is nothing. Science is everything. If we can find out exactly why whole flocks of birds fly northward from the last bit of known land, that will be something. Then there is the polar drift. Nobody knows its exact course. We can only guess. What causes it? I don't not know. But it must be land."

The fact that he took only enough choice food to last his party three days would seem to bear out his farewell statement that he would return within that time. But the old hands in exploring circles do not think so. Amundsen is noted for holding his own counsel. He may have told members of his own party just what he had planned to do, and perhaps, each was carefully prepared for a long sojourn.

Took Emergency Rations.
Emergency rations for thirty days were carried, including pemmican, hardtack, coffee and chocolate. After that, as he explained during his last visit here, the guns would help supply fresh food. A host of friends and acquaintances would have gone out under his leadership, such is their faith in his genius for success.

Chance for Rescue
But he has not depended upon himself alone. He discussed the possibility of rescue. He said that the north would soon be a playground and with airplanes and airships all things are possible. He said at first that there would be no need of rescue and shrugged his shoulders at the thought of requiring outside aid. Then he admitted softly as if to himself that it would be comforting to know that others would come to take them out of danger if they should need taking out. He knew that if he did not return within a reasonable length of time rescue parties would scour the north for him. But he

Amundsen's methods have always been thorough. He has never yet failed in an enterprise. He has never lost a companion through disease. None of them has had scurvy. He always returned from his voyages with all available knowledge, meteorological, botanical, geological and hydrographic. Perhaps his long record of successes gave him the courage to take five others out on such a trip. And they were carefully chosen.

"A good man is like a good dog," he said. "Both must be very good, dependable. They say I take inexperienced hands. Well there is this advantage. A new hand does not

"Air Railroad"



Paul Henderson, second asst. Post-Master General, who is resigning to manage the new air transport line, capitalized for \$10,000,000 and which will immediately establish an overnight service between Chicago and New York—carrying both freight and passengers.

would not give up the long, hard struggle.
One doesn't live and dream and plan for eleven years with one object in view, and then surrender without waging a long campaign. At least, the Amundsens do not. There you have a man prepared by and training to do the very thing he expected to do, which is nothing less than giving the unknown polar sea a thorough inspection, by plane or afoot, it matters little to Amundsen.

PERMANENT CAMP OF PIEDMONT
COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
ESTABLISHED ON UPPER LAKE LANIER

Over One Thousand Boys will Spend Vacation in Tryon Says Scout Executive R. M. Schiele Who is Organizing Camp For Immediate Use

Scout Executive R. M. Schiele, Mrs. Schiele, Eagle Scout, Oscar Hobbs and Scout Commissioner Hobbs, all of Gastonia and the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, arrived in Tryon last Friday and are busily engaged setting up the permanent Scout Camp on the tract set aside for that purpose by the Lake Lanier Development Company.

Mr. Schiele is the Scout Executive of Piedmont Council, comprising 1000 boy scouts and officers, including court of honor members and members of the official boards. The first contingent of troops to begin their stay in the permanent camp will arrive from Gastonia County Monday, June 22. Thereafter during all of the fall and winter there will be continuously occupying the beautiful camp site not less than 200 scouts and their officers. Tryon will be the base for the purchase of supplies, mail and telegraph service.

The camp is situated in the most beautiful section of the development at the extreme west end of the second section of the lake. The mess hall, cook tent and other camp headquarters will be located immediately on the water's edge, while a beautiful plateau, when cleared of underbrush, will furnish a most desirable site for camp bungalows to be occupied by the scouts, and an excellent parade ground for the out-

door maneuvers and physical setting-up exercises.
Two springs of ice-cold water are adjacent to the camp on either extremity, east and west. Mountain laurel, rhododendron and many other varieties of wild flowers with their nature lessons in botany for the boys grow in profusion all around the camp. The many varieties of trees in abundance furnish material for all lessons in woodcraft, while Hog Back mountain, within three mile hiking distance will afford all the mountain climbing desired.

No more beautiful and ideal campsite could have been secured in North Carolina and the promoters of Lake Lanier are to be congratulated on their move of progressiveness in bringing these fine specimens of future American manhood and citizenship to our midst.

FLORIDA CAPITALIST IN TRYON
Paul Reagan, capitalist of Fort Meyers, Florida, joint purchaser of the Rikshaven Estate, with Mrs. McDow of Punta Gorda and Harry Poe Johnson of St. Petersburg was in Tryon Sunday on business connected with the development of the property, according to Chas. J. Lynch, who negotiated the sale, which was one of the largest transactions of its kind in Polk County.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED YOUR SHARE TOWARDS VALLEY FORGE MEMORIAL?

The appeal made to the Lanier Club through the Chamber of Commerce for contributions to Polk County's quota of North Carolina's share in the Valley Forge Memorial has begun to bear fruit.

Already a considerable sum has been sent to Mr. B. L. Ballenger, for that purpose, but more is still needed. Have you mailed your contribution?

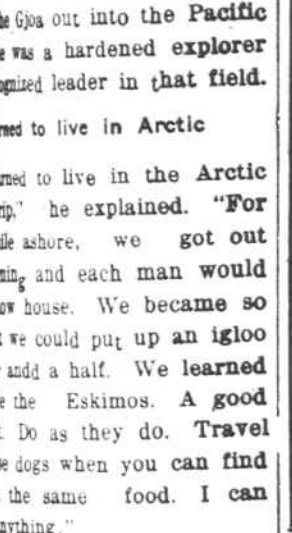
For those who may read this, but are unaware of the object for which the fund is being raised, we will say that the money which the state is contributing is to build a "bay" representing North Carolina at the splendid Valley Forge Memorial in Pennsylvania, commemorating the patriotism of Washington's army during the most terrible winter of the Revolution.

Each of the original states except our own has built its "bay" as part of the lovely Gothic structure. Although nine North Carolina regiments suffered with the others at Valley Forge, this State until now has done nothing to recognize their valor.

The women of the State are trying to correct this error, and in each county funds are being asked for that purpose. By July 1st \$30000 must be raised and Polk County will do its share, if you will send your contribution, DO IT NOW!



Underwood



Amundsen