

Dr. Nansen Off To North Pole By Airship Soon

The Distinguished Danish Explorer, Peter Freuchen, Who Is to Accompany Him, Writes of the Methods and Objects of the Coming Expedition

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there are seventeen enormous compartments which are entirely separate from one another, so that if one or more of them should break, sail-makers with up so that they can again be filled with gas from the compressed supply carried by the airship. Underneath there are five gondolas all connected with the balloon body. A broad passageway between the compartments leads to state-rooms, which are furnished with about the same degree of comfort as the berths on a railroad train.

The greatest foe of airships in the Arctic regions has hitherto been the ice that forms by the condensation of vapor on the balloon body. So far no means have been found to prevent this formation, but it must be remembered that, while the surface exposed to the vapor increases with the speed and power as the airship grows larger, the volume and consequent carrying capacity increases with the third power. Thus the larger airship will have a better chance of making its way than the smaller one.

An experienced crew of thirty-five men with the most skillful leaders to be found in Germany has been selected. In addition the airship will carry fifteen scientists. All that human foresight can do to ensure safety has been done, and I believe that any acquisition of undue risk can be refuted in advance. It may be remembered that the failure of General Nobille's trip was anticipated and predicted by German aerotechnicians, and I think there is no reason to believe that this error will be repeated.

"But what is the purpose of the expedition, and what can be gained by it? These are questions that naturally arise, and with justice, are asked."

To Make More Accurate Weather Forecasts

In this era of the radio, everyone may have observed that the weather man and his forecasts are no longer a standing joke. The intelligent farmer, the fisherman or aviator, and the general public all take into consideration the weather predictions in making their plans. And yet we do not now possess the meteorological instruments which we shall no doubt have in the future.

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British Still Carry on in Germany



A picture from Bingen, Germany, showing a detachment of British soldiers marching along the river in a snow storm on Christmas Day. RUN WITH TUNNEL AIRPICK

Farm Notes

CANADIAN CHEESE SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Canadian cheese has made a steady advance in quality since compulsory grading began in 1922. In a review of grading during the past year Mr. J. Burgess, Chief of the Division of Agriculture at Ottawa, brought out the fact that about 93 per cent. of the entire make of the Dominion, with 95 per cent. of the cheese graded, scored in the classes for "special" and "first grade."

All of the provinces have shown a marked improvement in quality, with Ontario leading in this respect, with 96.7 per cent. in the two highest grades. In the first year of grading the percentage of the two highest grades was only 78 per cent., which compares with the results last year, showing the value of compulsory grading in improving the quality of the output.

Mr. Burgess announces that the output of 287 of the 60 factories operating in the Province of Ontario yielded 100 per cent., while the production of 188 factories graded between 95 and 100 per cent. This was an increase over 1927 of 51 in the factories making perfect cheese and 102 factories making perfect cheese scored 93 per cent. or more. Improvement was also shown in the quality of cheese made in the other provinces where cheesemaking is an important branch of the dairy industry.

At Prince Edward Island there was an increase of 2 per cent. in the highest grades. New Brunswick 2.1 per cent., October 11.8 per cent., and Manitoba 4.1 per cent., compared with the previous season, covering all the cheesemaking provinces, there was an increase of 5.2 per cent. of the output that scored about 93 per cent.

SEED CLEANING PLANTS

The operation of efficient seed cleaning plants plays an important part in determining the yield and quality of the field crops of the district sown. For several years farmers near Ottawa have had their seeds cleaned at a cleaning plant operated at the Central Experimental Farm. The value of the work so impressed the local grain growers as to lead them to set up several plants in the Ottawa Valley. At these places seed grain for both home sowing and for sale are cleaned.

THE LITTLE NIGHT CLUBS

The Little Night Clubs, which were closed down, then there were twenty Little Night Clubs keeping open late.

Nineteen raided, then there were thirty-eight.

Thirty-eight Night Clubs running hold and free.

Thirty-seven stopped by law, now there are four hundred and seventy-three.

(Including the original ten.)

—Brooklyn Eagle.

BETTER OFF!

The popular film star, Mr. Adolphe Menjou, remarked recently that he discovered, quite early in his career the way to "get rich quick."

"How do you make that out?" ventured a listener.

"Well," replied Adolphe meditatively, "almost the very first film I played in was a Wild West one. They mounted me on a bucking broncho. I came to the conclusion at once that I was much better off!"

MOULDED BUTTER

Condensed butter which passes soon after making into the hands of the trader may afterwards develop certain defects. One of the most serious defects that crop up in this way is the presence of mould spots on the surface of the butter.

The spirit of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance still flourishes and constitutes one of the strongest guarantees of peace in the Far East. Premier Stanley Baldwin.

White Christmas for the Watch on the Rhine

Chief of the Division of Dairy Research in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, pointed out that while trouble from mould is decreasing from year to year it still appears at times in both commercial and exhibition butter. Creamerymen were urged to find out the sources of this trouble so as to apply preventive measures. Dr. Hood pointed out that mould has been found to enter largely from the following sources:—Improperly pasteurized cream; re-contaminated equipment, as holding vats, condenser pipes, pumps, milk valves, unsterilized cans and packing equipment; improperly treated linings; and lessy stored salt; and infection from insanitary surroundings.

As an aid to discovering the cause of the trouble and to decide on the most efficient preventive measures, the Bulletin No. 18, "The Cause and Prevention of Mould in Butter," available from the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

An Army Joke

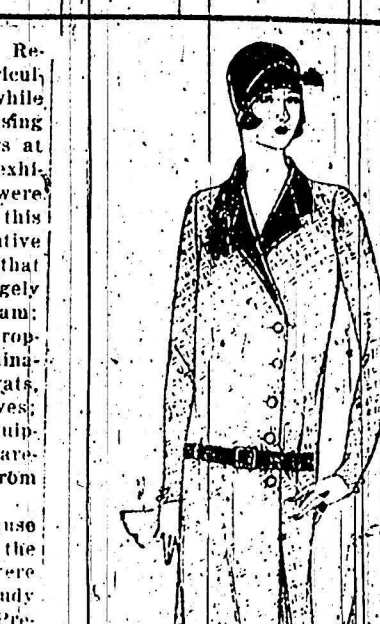
Fifty Kegs of Fine Old Navy Rum Vanish in Transit at Halifax

Halifax, N.S.—One of the strangest disappearances of liquor to be reported in Halifax for some time is that some 50 kegs of the old rum from H.M.S. Dauntless, which is alleged to have been "seized" while in transport from the main of war to the officers' barracks of the Garrison. Temperature preventive services, but the inspectors get have any knowledge of the seizure and it is presumed the affair was the work of H-jackers.

It is stated from authoritative sources that the liquor was a gift from the Garrison, who had entertained them during their long stay in port. The military was notified of this handsome gift on the part of the fact and sent an ambulance to the dockyard to transport it to the barracks. The liquor was loaded aboard the ambulance and under guard of four soldiers left for the barracks.

It is at this point the story becomes somewhat hazy. It is said that some barracks the ambulance was held up where between the dock yard and the barracks. The four soldiers at the ambulance were notified of this and they were "seized." The ambulance was left in front of Deputy Inspector Steve Kennedy's residence for the night.

How many of our returned men will laugh and recall "when the rum ran hot" went astray. The "Boys" at Halifax were so dumb "hard-boiled" veterans and "onto" all the army men's Association, Dr. E. G. Hood, tricks.



OFFERLY SIMPLE long slim line in simple coat frock of lovely silk. smart tweed pattern has lined below waistline and trimmed, closing bodice. The silk collar and belt are offered. Style No. 360 is especially popular with younger fashionables to wear beneath fur wraps. It is very smart made of sheer tulle in purple blue tones, tomato red silk crepe, black wool jersey, Lanvin green failed silk crepe, and black crepe satin. It is unbelievably easy to make, signed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 22, 24 and 26. It has a bust and length of 40 and 42 inches, and requires only 8 1/2 yards of 40-inch material with 3/4 yard of 40-inch contrasting for the 36-inch size. Price 2 in stamps or coin (coin is preferred). Wrap coin carefully.

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Teacher: "If you stand facing the north, what have you on your left hand?"

Billie: "Fingers."

Not only do "great oaks" from little acorns grow, but even more strikingly, from a tiny seed only a fraction of an inch long grows the giant Sequoia tree of California the average height of which is 275 feet, and which may weigh 6000 tons.

The Bore: "When I took a cold the doctor gave me only two years to live." The Other (hopefully): "How long you were with it?"

Well Ice New Wilkins Base Advised

Hobbs, of Michigan, Out Advantages of Spot for Exploring

50 MILES FROM POLE

Atlantic Location Better Than Byrd's Suggester

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MUTT AND JEFF—Bud Fisher.

