

BRITISH COLUMBIAN TO LEAD PARTY OF BRITISHERS IN AIR RACE TO ARCTIC

A despatch from London says:—It is learned by the Canadian Press that Britain intends to enter the air race to the North Pole with an expedition next May under the leadership of the young British Columbia explorer, Gretter Algarsson, and Commander Worsley, who commanded the late Sir Ernest Shackleton's ships, the Endurance and the Quest, in their attempted explorations of the South Pole.

As planned at present, the expedition will make for Spitzbergen, proceed northwards as far as the ice will

permit, and establish the base somewhere in the neighborhood of 61 deg. north. The final 600 miles' air dash to the Pole, which will be the most hazardous stage of the venture, will be undertaken by Algarsson and one companion in a special seaplane fitted with skis and floats.

Algarsson intends to land at the Pole and take observations and to return with the expedition along the coast of Greenland, reaching England via New York. It is expected that the expedition will bring back some valuable data which will be at the disposal of the British authorities.

RAILWAYS TO TAP NEW GOLD FIELDS AT ROUYN

Announcement That C.N.R. Plans Line Into Area Causes Excitement.

A despatch from Rouyn City, Que., says:—The news has just reached here to the effect that surveyors are to be set to work immediately in locating a route for the prospective branch line of the Canadian National Railways extending from the northern transcontinental line of the C.N.R. right into the heart of the Rouyn gold fields.

As a result of this information the camp is alive with excitement. The little log-cabin town of Rouyn, sitting here alone in the wilderness, has become convinced at last that the builders of railways have recognized the value of the field. It has accepted as definite the news brought in by "Mocasin Wireless."

It has been estimated that the C.N.R. can reach here over a route of about 40 miles at a cost of about \$2,000,000. In addition to making the mining country contributory to the railway, the prospective line would pass through excellent agricultural lands and timber country.

Owners of mines and mining claims are expressing the belief that railway construction into the Rouyn district will presage a boom of big proportions and will duplicate the scenes which have marked the pioneer days of all other big mining camps of this continent.

It is pointed out that Dr. H. C. Cooke of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, is authority for statements which are believed to describe the copper-gold deposits of Rouyn as somewhat similar in occurrence to the vastly rich nickel-copper deposits of the Sudbury district.

While this information regarding prospective construction of a branch of the C.N.R. was trickling into Rouyn a letter arrived here from Toronto with the unofficial information that a conference is to be held almost immediately between G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario, and George W. Lee, Chairman of the T.&N.O. Railway, with a view to arriving at some decision respecting the question of extending the Ontario Government railway into Rouyn. Premier Ferguson is known to have a favorable impression of Rouyn, while Mr. Lee is known to be keenly alive to the possibilities of such a project. An extension of only thirty-seven miles would place the railroad of the Ontario Government lines right in the heart of Rouyn Township.

What the C.P.R. will do remains a secret. The Angliers branch of the C.P.R. has its railroad only fifty miles south of Rouyn. The belief is expressed that this company may also make a sudden break toward building into this mining country, through which any extension northward would naturally pass.

Last Capital Battleship to be Scrapped by Great Britain

A despatch from Portsmouth, Eng., says:—The battleship Monarch, the last capital ship which Great Britain scraps under the Washington Treaty, was towed out of Portsmouth harbor this week. She will be taken to Plymouth and before the end of the month will go to sea to become a target for the Atlantic fleet. The Monarch, from which all usable fittings have been removed, must be completely destroyed by February.

Extend Air Mail Routes in Europe

London, Amsterdam, Hamburg and Malmoe, Sweden, will be linked early this year by a daily air mail and passenger service. English and German machines will be used, says a Hamburg despatch.

PROMINENT DELEGATES FOR OPIUM CONFERENCE

France, Holland and Britain Meet U.S. Demands for An Agreement Against Opium.

A despatch from Geneva says:—Three Governments will have new and more prominent delegates at the League of Nations opium conference when it reassembles January 19. The change is the result of the determined stand by the United States delegation previous to adjournment in December for a firm agreement against opium.

France will send a high Foreign Office official and Holland has appointed former Foreign Minister Londen, at present Ambassador to Paris. Britain has named the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Privy Seal in the Baldwin Cabinet. This was the result of Cabinet discussions of the situation which arose here through India's stand against the United States proposals before adjournment.

The changes in the delegations is taken here to mean that every effort will be made to meet the United States demands. Agreement is expected on all issues except the suppression of smoking and the production of raw opium. To this part of the United States program the opium bloc will offer a compromise which it is believed the Americans will accept.

Representative Stephen G. Porter, head of the United States delegation, has already used the prestige and power of his country to the limit in forcing the other powers to recognize the political aspects of the problem.

SIX DAYS IN STORM WITH RUDDERLESS SHIP

Liner Cachene Docked at St. John's, Nfld., After Chapter of Accidents.

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says:—After fighting tempests and mountainous seas 15 days, six days with a rudderless ship, Captain Westcott, of the Furness Liner Schem, had his final brush with disaster at the harbor mouth and won, and the vessel is safely at her dock, while the exhausted crew enjoyed its first rest in over two weeks. The crippled Schem, which had navigated the last 400 miles from Liverpool without a rudder and with the steamer Manchester Hero training at the end of a rope to keep her straight, was just entering the "Narrows" at the mouth of St. John's Harbor, when the last accident occurred. The steering line leading to her escort parted in the narrows and the liner swung around broadside, threatening to strand. Only the most expert manipulation on the crew's part kept the steamer off the rocks until tugs got alongside and headed her up the harbor.

All on board were reported well, but the officers and crew suffered from complete exhaustion, none of them having been able to remove their clothes throughout the voyage.

Charles Evans Hughes Succeeded by Kellogg

Washington, Jan. 11.—Secretary of State Hughes has resigned, effective March 4, and Frank B. Kellogg, Ambassador to Great Britain, is to be his successor.

Charles Beecher Warren is to be the new Attorney-General. Announcement of these important changes in the Cabinet came from the White House yesterday with a suddenness that startled official Washington.

Mr. Hughes assigns as his reason for relinquishing his post his desire to retire to private life.

Female Barristers Practicing in England Total 41

When seven women candidates were called to the bar a few days ago they brought the total number of female barristers practicing in England to forty-one, says a London despatch.

Among the ninety-nine candidates called on this occasion were one American and a citizen of Russia. No rule exists preventing foreign subjects from being called to the English bar.



Norman H. Davis, president of the Woodrow Wilson foundation, is shown presenting to Viscount Cecil the plaque that is representative of the \$25,000 peace plan award made by the Wilson foundation.

Vancouver Exceeds Previous Volume of Shipping

A despatch from Vancouver says:—All records for this port in volume of deep-sea shipping, lumber exports and wheat movement were broken in 1924, according to figures given out by the Merchants' Exchange.

Deep-sea ships to the number of 1,002 entered the harbor last year, as compared with 837 the previous year. Vancouver exported 6,983,595,000 feet of lumber, as compared with 290,766,412 feet in 1923, a new high record in the history of the port.

Grain exports totalled 55,873,788 bushels, against 24,663,017 the previous year. Altogether, 1,579,811 cases of canned fish were shipped in the last 12 months, as compared with 963,866 cases in 1923.

United States to Share German Reparations

Paris, Jan. 11.—Winston Churchill, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and head of that country's delegation to the Allied Finance Conference, announced last night that he had reached an agreement with the American delegation granting Washington's demand to share in allied collections from Germany under the Dawes plan. It is stated that the agreement is provisional, so far as the Conference is concerned, for at the request of the United States delegates the formal arrangement will be subject to confirmation by Washington.

Later Col. Logan of the American delegation, who has conducted the negotiations with Mr. Churchill, confirmed the British version.

Princess Mary May Visit Canada This Year

A despatch from London says:—The Prince of Wales, who is preparing for his voyage to South Africa, has informed Canadian friends here that he will not be able to visit Canada this year. He will, however, do so in 1926, and meanwhile his wish is that his sister, Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, should have the opportunity of paying an informal visit this year to his western ranch.

DOMINION SCIENTISTS TO VIEW SUN'S ECLIPSE

Hamilton Chosen as Vantage Ground by Party of Astronomers.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A party of five from the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa will go to the "cross roads point," six miles south of Hamilton, Ontario, to make scientific observations of the eclipse of the sun to take place on Saturday, Jan. 24. The observations to be made by the Ottawa party are not dependent upon a state of visibility; that work will be left to other scientific parties which will be at work on the same spot. Terrestrial magnetism—the magnetic force exerted by the earth as a whole—and wireless receiving conditions during the period of the eclipse, are the two features to be examined by the Dominion Observatory scientists.

The eclipse will, if weather conditions permit, be about ninety-five per cent. visible from Ottawa and Montreal, while Toronto is almost in the direct path of the shadow. For purposes of observation, the Hamilton Mountain will be the best spot, it is stated, and laymen astronomers are advised to go there if they wish to make the most of the opportunity. The little cross roads of Long's Corners has been chosen by the astronomers, because it is secluded, and there will be no interference by merely curious persons.

Unemployment in Great Britain is on the Increase

A despatch from London says:—Unemployment increased 10 per cent. in Great Britain during Christmas week, and there are nearly as many people on the dole lists now as there were a year ago.

The Ministry of Labor announced that 1,272,600 persons were recorded on the registers of the employment exchanges on Dec. 29. This total represents a gain of 103,373 over the preceding week, and is only 13,023 less than the corresponding week in 1923.



A seaman who became dangerously ill while on a freighter at sea recently was moved to a passing liner in midocean for medical attention.

The Week's Markets

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$2.01½; No. 2 North, \$1.95½; No. 3 North, \$1.90½; No. 4 wheat, \$1.79½.
Man. oats—No. 2 CW, 75½c; No. 3 CW, 72½c; extra No. 1 feed, 73½c; No. 1 feed, 71½c; No. 2 feed, 68½c. All the above c.i.f. bay ports.
Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, \$1.41.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$36; shorts, per ton, \$38; middlings, \$43; Good feed flour, per bag, \$2.75.

Ont. oats—No. 3 white, 53 to 55c.
Ont. wheat—No. 2 winter, \$1.54 to \$1.58; No. 3 winter, \$1.52 to \$1.56; No. 1 commercial, \$1.51 to \$1.54, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting, 89 to 93c.
Buckwheat—No. 2, 87 to 91c.
Rye—No. 2, \$1.28 to \$1.33.

Man. flour, first pat., \$10.20, Toronto; do, second pat., \$9.70, Toronto.
Ont. flour—90 per cent. pat., \$7.10, in bags, Montreal or Toronto; do export, 45s., cotton bags, c.i.f.

Hay—No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14.50; No. 3, \$12.50.
Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9.
Screenings—Standard, recleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$27.

Cheese—New, large, 21c; twins, 21½ to 22c; triplets, 23c; Stiltons, 24c. Old, large, 24 to 25c; twins, 25 to 26c; triplets, 26 to 27c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 40c; No. 1 creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 35 to 36c; dairy prints, 28 to 30c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 75 to 77c; loose, 73 to 75c; storage extras, in cartons, 57 to 59c; loose, 55 to 56c; storage firsts, 52 to 53c; storage seconds, 46 to 47c.

Live poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 20c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 18c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 13c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 23c; roosters, 12c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 18c; geese, 20c; turkeys, 35c.

Dressed poultry—Hens, over 5 lbs., 26c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 23c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 16c; spring chickens, 2 lbs. and over, 30c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 25c; geese, 21c; turkeys, 38c.

Beans—Can. hand-picked, lb., 6½c; primes, 6c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 13½c per lb.; 10-lb. tins, 13½c; 5-lb. tins, 14c; 2½-lb. tins, 15½ to 16c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 25 to 26c; cooked hams, 37 to 38c; smoked rolls, 18 to 20c; cottage rolls, 20 to 23c; breakfast bacon, 23 to 27c; special brand breakfast bacon, 29 to 31c; backs, boneless, 29 to 30c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$17.50; 70 to 90 lbs., \$16.80; 90 lbs. and up, \$15.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$33; heavyweight rolls, \$27.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 18½ to 19½c; prints, 21 to 22c; shortening, tierces, 14½ to 15c; tubs, 15 to 15½c; pails, 16 to 16½c; prints, 17½ to 18c.

Heavy beef steers, \$7 to \$8.40; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.50; do, fair to good, \$5.25 to \$6.75; do, com., \$4 to \$4.50; butcher heifers, good to choice, \$6.25 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$6; do, com., \$3.75 to \$4.25; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.75; do, fair to good, \$3.50 to \$4; canners and cutters, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4.60 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.75 to \$4; bologna, \$2 to \$2.75; feeding steers, good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4 to \$4.75; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; calves, choice, \$12 to \$13; do, med., \$9 to \$11.50; do, grassers, \$3 to \$4; milch cows, choice, \$60 to \$65; fair cows, \$40 to \$50; springers, choice, \$70 to \$90; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavies and bucks, \$4.50 to \$6.25; culls, \$3 to \$4; good ewe lambs, \$14.50 to \$15; bucks, \$12.50 to \$13; do, med., \$9.50 to \$10; do, culls, \$8 to \$9; hogs, thick smooths, fed and watered, \$10.60; do, f.o.b., \$10; do, off cars, \$11; do, country points, \$9.75; select premium, \$2.07.

MONTREAL.

Oats—CW, No. 2, 79c; No. 3, 75c; extra No. 1 feed, 73c. Flour—Man. spring wheat pats., firsts, \$10.20; seconds, \$9.70; strong bakers', \$9.50; winter pats., choice, \$7.50 to \$7.60. Rolled oats, bags, 90 lbs., \$4.10. Bran, \$36.25. Shorts, \$38.25. Middlings, \$44.25. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50 to \$15.

Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 35½c; No. 1 creamery, 34½c; seconds, 33½c. Eggs, storage extras, 48 to 50c; storage firsts, 43 to 46c; storage seconds, 40 to 42c; fresh extras, 75c; fresh firsts, 55c.

Com. to fair dairy type cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25; canners, \$1.85 to \$2 com. bulls, \$3; calves, mixed lots, med. and com. suckers, \$8.50 to \$10; grassers, \$4; lambs, med. quality, \$11 to \$11.25; hogs, mixed lots, \$10.75; selects, \$11.25.

Provincial House to Open on February Tenth

A despatch from Toronto says:—The Provincial Cabinet, by order-in-Council, on Friday, fixed Tuesday, February 10th, as the date for the convening of the Ontario Legislature. The anticipation of the Cabinet Ministers is for a short session which shall prorogue by Easter, and the Government legislative program is accordingly being limited to essential enactments, projects of less urgency being deferred for the consideration of the Statute Revision Committee, which is at present engaged upon its labors.