



**THE WORLD'S LARGEST FLYING BOAT**  
Iris the Second, described as the largest flying boat in the world, has just been built for the British Air Ministry. She is here seen being taken back to the hangar after a successful test. Designed by Major Rennie, the flying boat has three Rolls-Royce Condor engines developing 2,100 horse power, and she will carry three tons of gasoline, sufficient for a non-stop flight to India.

**STUDYING THE JUNGLE WITH A CAMERA**

Returning to the United States after several months spent photographing wild animals in East Africa, Mr. Martin Johnson and his wife, Osa, have many interesting experiences to relate. One of them, mentioned by Mr. Johnson in an article in the New York Times magazine, was that they lived so long and so intimately among the beasts that they came in time to regard them as individuals rather than as species. This, as he says, created an entirely new fascination in the vast animal world that surrounded the base camp. From the behavior of one band of lions, they concluded that the animals had never before seen human beings, and were utterly without any warning instinct as to how they should be treated. It was fortunate for the lions that the Johnsons were photographers and not hunters, or the lions might have paid for their inexperience with their lives. These lions were neither hungry nor aggressive, and lying in the grass in full view, showed only mild curiosity when the cameras were set up and began clicking. Then a couple of them got up and sauntered away, not even deigning to look at the white people.

**Lion and Giraffe**

There is an old belief among hunters, that a single lion is not able to bring down, and kill a giraffe, but Mr. Johnson found this to be a fallacy. One day in lion country he saw a freshly killed giraffe slowly floating down the river. Shortly afterward a large black-maned lion appeared, and stared after the floating corpse. Investigation showed that as is usual with lions when they kill, this one had had a hearty meal, and had lain down near his victim, knowing that if he was absent for even an hour, jackals and hyenas would have picked the bones clean. His intention, undoubtedly, was to have another meal when he woke up. But somehow the giraffe floated down the river until caught by the Johnson party. An examination of the carcass was sufficient to reconstruct this little tragedy of the jungle. It appeared that the awkward giraffe must have stooped a little as it took a drink from a water hole. It was standing in this position when the lion leaped on it. The beast had literally climbed or walked up the back of the giraffe to the long neck, and this too, had been partly sealed. Finally the lion had sunk his teeth into the spine of the giraffe, just below the short horns, and pulling the small, weak head back to the shoulders had held it there.

**A Charging Lion**

Though there was no sign of a struggle the lion must have kept this position for some time, because the neck was bent in a bow. The dead giraffe was used as a bait to attract other lions the following night and some good flashlights were thus secured. But the snapped lions showed little interest in the flashes or the revealed presence of strangers so close to them, and retired without undue agitation. Not always were their encounters with lions so uneventful, and Mr. Johnson tells of an occasion when he was taking photographs of a lion which had been disturbed in his hunting. His wife stood at his side with a rifle and suddenly the lion made up his mind to charge. It was a full fledged galloping advance that brought the beast toward them, almost faster than the eye could follow. Then Mrs. Johnson fired. The lion staggered, but did not slow up. She stood her ground and fired a second shot when he was so close that when he rolled over dead Mr. Johnson could have touched him with his foot.

**Lion a Sportsman.**

The writer quotes the late Carl Akeley as saying "The lion is a sportsman." This means that the lion has a hundred per cent. average in all that he does. If he is hungry he goes out and kills, and then eats to the limit of his capacity. If he is not hungry he leaves other animals alone. If he fights for his life, he will put up the most terrific battle he has ever seen in the animal kingdom. He is intelligent and self confident. Of course, as the incident of the charging lion shows, modern weapons have made it as easy to kill lions as partridges.

**When a woman can face a charging lion and know that she can tear him to pieces with a bullet, lions do not seem so formidable as they were in Livingstone's days.**

Mr. Johnson's experiences tend to confirm the saying of the natives that the jackals are the servants of the lion. The belief is that these beasts lead the lions to their prey and are rewarded with a share of the subsequent banquet. He has often seen jackals within a few feet of lions, while he has seen lions chase hyenas when they came within fifty yards, showing that they are friendly with the one and hostile to the other.

**The Solitary Leopards**

They came to know more about the leopard but after all that was little, for this is probably the least understood of all ferocious wild animals. The reason is because the leopard is solitary and self-sufficient. Leopards are seen singly or in pairs but never in herds or groups. The leopard is a very competent hunter and nearly always is to be found in lion country. He keeps clear of the lion, the buffalo, the elephant and the rhinoceros, but preys upon all other beasts. The leopard never hesitates to attack a man, and because of this trait is even more dangerous than a lion. Mr. Johnson noted that in the monkey families the babies have a bad time of it. They are cuddled by their parents, by relatives and by strangers, and are either on the point of reeling under one blow or shrinking away from the next. Baboons are to be found in families presided over by a patriarch. Intermittent vermin, says Mr. Johnson, makes monkey life a misery, and despite the intelligence of the tribe they apparently have discovered no way of freeing themselves from the parasites which accompany them from the cradle to the grave.

**TAKING THE CENSUS OF GRIZZLY BEARS**

Bella Coola, B. C. Man Undertakes Strange Task Which Will Interest Big Game Hunters.

One of the strangest attempts at taking a census is now being made by Andrew Widsden of Bella Coola, B. C., according to information received by the Canadian National Railway officials. At the request of Harlan I. Smith of the National Museum of Canada, Mr. Widsden is taking a census of the grizzly bear population of some eleven valleys, along the fjords which are included in the "Norway of America" traversed on the steamship journey between Prince Rupert and Vancouver. The coast line between these two ports is a noted big game hunting spot and attracts many grizzly hunters each year from all sections of the continent as well as from other parts of the world. In order that it may be known to what extent grizzlies roam in these territories, trappers and hunters in this region, which is in and about Mackenzie Park, named for the famous adventurer-explorer, have been asked to make a careful record of the number of grizzlies they encounter on their journeys through the forested slopes of the mountains. This work has been going on for some time, and the reports from the "men of the woods" are now in the hands of Mr. Widsden who is compiling them and will shortly announce the result.

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**Egremont Council**

Council met August 15th. Members all present. Minutes adopted. Robb—Hunter: That the Reeve be instructed to sign Pay Sheet No. 6 for work performed on roads.—Carried.

Ferguson—Robb: That a grant of \$100 be given to the Egremont Agricultural Society.—Carried.  
Hunter—Wilson: That a grant of \$25.00 be given to the Egremont School Fair.—Carried.

A bylaw was passed to strike the rates for the year ending December 31st, 1927. The rates for the year are as follows: County rate 9.8 mills; township rate, 4 mills; general school rate, 5.4 mills; total rate 19.2 mills together with a special rate on Police Village of Holstein of 13.8 mills, also the rates on the several school sections as per School Trustees requisitions.

Hunter—Robb: That the following accounts be paid: Geo. McBride, sheep killed, \$9.00; W. C. Dodds, do, \$23.00; W. Watson, do \$15.00; S. Peckover, do \$15.00; T. R. Bowman, inspecting sheep, \$1.50; John McPhee, do, \$3.00; Chronicle Printing office, account to date \$113.50; Pay Sheet No. 6 for Road Improvement \$456.88; Road Superintendent's services, \$15.75; Members of Council attendance at meeting to date \$15.00; R. Christie, use of room, \$2.00.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet Wednesday, September 14th, at 9 o'clock a.m. for general business.  
DAVID ALLAN, Clerk.

**THE RHYMING OPTIMIST**

**A Child Came In**  
Oh yesterday my world was filled with shadow, dread and doubt; the voice of every joy was stifled and hope was blotted out. I could not glimpse along my way a single goal to win; so dark, so cheerless, yesterday, until—a child came in! A child came bearing gifts to me, such precious, priceless things no hands could hold, no eyes could see; but they were gay as wings, a child came in and brought along to charm my dreary hours, the gift of laughter and of song, and smiles as sweet as flowers. And dearer boons than these she brought; unseen, yet fairer still; the gift of gladness for my thought and courage for my will. So on all days when hopes have died, and goals are hard to win, I pray my door may open wide to let a child come in.

**The World Moves On**  
The world moves on and who would say things would be better could they stay in their old groove of yesterday? Sometimes men turn with longing gaze to peer through bygone seasons' haze, to glimpse the charm of other days. And for a little time they sigh at thought of youth and love gone by, when hopes

were fair and hearts beat high. The world moves on, so wise men leave the lure of days for which they grieve, the charms past hours can ever weave. For, as the world moves, so move they, new tasks arise with each new day, new dreams to dream, new plans to weigh. Loose, then, all things well loved and gone, and turn to greet the waxing dawn with joy, because the world moves on!

**Serenade**  
This is a song of my love that I sing to you; think of it, dear, as a rose that I bring to you, something that can but prove fleeting, though wrought of love, light as the foam that the cresting waves fling to you. This is a song that the starlight has told to me, how the bright gleam of your hair is pure gold to me, how your soft glances wine thrills me like drink divine, how all the rapture of life you unfold to me. Only a song of my love would I bring to you, love that like scent to the rose still must cling to you, how can I measure it? Dear, will you treasure it? Only a song that by starlight I sing to you.

**Going Away**  
You are going away from me, dear? Not so! For my spirit will follow wherever you go, though it be through strange countries and lands afar, it will follow you still, as the needle the star! There's no distance can sever when souls are kind; I will know what your thoughts are when dawn comes in, I will know of your dreams at the rising tide and the visions you see

where the day has died. You are going away from me? Ah, not so; while the white stars shine and the four winds blow we shall journey as those who go hand in hand, for no power can part us by sea or by land. You will see with my eyes and the trail you take, you will sense my thoughts by the silver lake, in the sun and the shadow my hopes you will know; you are going away from me, dear? Not so!

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