

FAINT SIGNALS SPUR HUNT FOR ITALIA BY AIR, WATER

BLIMP THOUGHT MAROONED AT CAPE SMITH

Citta Di Milano Reports Exchange of Signals With Nobile.

PLANE TO TAKE FOOD

Norwegian to Search South of Spitzbergen; Amundsen Doubts Reports.

By United Press KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 9.—A relief expedition prepared today to rush into the territory north of Northeastland, after the steamer Citta Di Milano had received a radio message believed unmistakably to have come from the last Polar dirigible Italia.

The rescue vessel intercepted the message shortly before midnight Friday night. The message was an "SOS" and started with the word "Italia."

Immediately thereafter it gave the position of 80.30 degrees north and 28 degrees east which would be at about Foynoya Islands, ten nautical miles from land.

Believed Near Spitzbergen

This position is just off the northern coast of Northeastland, the island lying to the east of Spitzbergen. The Italia, piloted by Gen. Umberto Nobile, probably would have followed a course leading across Northeastland on her return flight from the North Pole.

No sooner had the message been received than Captain Riiser-Larsen, in charge of relief work for the Norwegian government, announced he would start immediately on a flight over the territory designated in the intercepted message.

Captain Riiser-Larsen will carry a food supply with him and will go directly to position 80.30-28, where he has hopes of seeing the stranded craft and the sixteen men that composed the crew on the North Pole trip.

Will Carry Food Supply

He will drop food overboard to the men, should they be sighted, as their food probably by now is near exhaustion. They carried a reserve supply capable of sustaining them for a month.

The Norwegian explorer said that in event he was unable to land on the ice-bound stretch around the point designated, it was probable that dog-sled teams would be sent out in event he definitely located the dirigible.

Fail to Hear Italia

BY LARS HANSEN

Alternate Navigator of the Italia ABOARD THE S. S. HOBBY, June 9.—Thus far we have intercepted no radio messages that might have originated with the dirigible Italia and our vessel is drifting southward along the Hinnopen Straits, separating Spitzbergen and Northeastland.

Ice has stopped our advance just as it stopped the advance of the S. S. Braganza, the relief boat chartered by the Italian government. Both boats are caught in the jam. We are near Verlegen hook.

Amundsen Doubts Signals

By United Press

OSLO, Norway, June 9.—Roald Amundsen, polar explorer, today said he doubted the genuineness of signals that many believed were from the lost dirigible Italia.

"Overzealousness or radio amateurs, probably is resulting in the many signals," the explorer who flew over the north pole a year ago, told the United Press.

Pleads for Airport

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., June 9.—Capt. Weir Cook, Indianapolis airport commandant, addressed the Hartford City Kiwanis Club on aviation, urging establishment of a landing field here.

Church Dedication Sunday

By Times Special

OAKLAND CITY, Ind., June 9.—Dedication ceremonies for the new United Brethren Church here will be held Sunday with Bishop H. W. Fout, Indianapolis, officiating.

Dedicate Church Sunday

PERU, Ind., June 9.—The new First Spiritualist Church building here will be dedicated Sunday. The Rev. H. W. B. Myrick, Indianapolis, will be the speaker. The local pastor is Mrs. Mary Simons.

Star Plane

BY SCIENCE SERVICE

WASHINGON, June 9.—The Southern Cross, United States-to-Australia airplane, bears the name of one of the most famous of constellations, but one which most people may be there by hearsay.

"When the tide turned and when Hoosiers with the facts before them set about the inevitable house-cleaning, it was a real pleasure to the Scripps-Howard organization to broadcast the evidence of the national recognition of the fact, not only through the twenty-six Scripps-Howard newspapers, but through the advertising columns of some of the greatest newspapers in the nation.

"This attitude and this state of mind on our part will not change. It is our hope that it will be our privilege to have a part in frequent demonstrations of the greatness of the city and the State."

"The Times has faith in Indiana. By your action here today you gentlemen have given proof of your faith in The Times. We are both happy and grateful."

City Honor Is Paid Times; Tribute Given by Howard

Those cities having the keenest, cleanest newspaper competition are the best advertised cities in the country, Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, said at the Chamber of Commerce open forum luncheon Friday, when business and civic leaders paid tribute to The Indianapolis Times for winning the Pulitzer prize for 1928.

Howard and Boyd Gurley, Times editor, were honor guests. Dick Miller, Chamber president, presided and introduced Meredith Nicholson, author and city councilman, as permanent chairman.

In introducing Howard, Nicholson humorously referred to Indianapolis newspaper conditions and incidents of years ago and spoke of Howard's start as a reporter here.

Howard paid high tribute to Gurley as one of the "outstanding editors of the Scripps-Howard organization." Gurley was introduced and spoke briefly.

Howard said in part:

"In expressing great pleasure is the honor today extended Boyd Gurley and the staff of The Indianapolis Times, I want also to voice some appreciation of the progressive spirit of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, as evidenced at this luncheon.

"Your action seems to me in keeping with the spirit of the times and to evidence an appreciation of the fact that when functioning properly your objectives and those of a truly progressive newspaper should be identical.

"This luncheon seems to me to signalize the passing of the day when a Chamber of Commerce was regarded as a cathedral of reactionism and the editor of a newspaper was supposed to be loafing on his job unless he functioned as the leader of a perpetual lynching bee.

"The strength of the bigger, the older and the wealthier papers makes possible support and financing of the weaker ones or those which may be in temporary difficulties.

"This in turn makes for editorial independence impossible in a single newspaper.

"It sometimes is overlooked that modern newspaper production has become a big business. It no longer is possible to succeed in this day and in this highly competitive profession without tremendous financial resources. The price of success otherwise is subservience.

"Chain journalism brings to a community the advantages of mass production—the greatest single factor in the production of present-day American prosperity, a prosperity unequalled at any previous time by any nation in history.

"Chain journalism, fortified and justified by the local autonomy with which the Scripps-Howard organization has endowed it, makes not for monopoly, but for healthy journalistic competition.

"The solid South consists of these States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Texas.

These States have always voted the Democratic ticket.

Refuse Smith Support

The situation in the solid South is reflected in the six border States, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky.

The six furnish 145 Republican delegates and 138 Democratic.

Hoover can safely claim seventy-seven, while Smith is absolutely certain of only sixteen.

The solid South and the border States combined are giving Hoover 171 out of 293 convention votes while Smith is doubtful of any over thirty-six out of 366.

"It is because we believe that this competition is a boon to a community, it is because we believe that the most progressive cities in the United States are those blessed with healthy newspaper competition, that the Scripps-Howard organization came into the Indianapolis field.

"We did not come here with any mistaken idea that competition was weak or that success would be easy. We underestimated the strength of our competitor.

"We came here because we realized that Indianapolis offers a field for success to two evening and one morning newspaper. We came here uninvited and cherishing no illusions that the world owes us a living. We have made no request for support based upon sentimental consideration.

"It was his ability to retain his progressive and realize always that the evils which a few men do, loom larger than the virtues of a community. It was his ability, while devoting in corruption and sordidness, to remember that the soul of the community was clean and sound.

"It was his ability to retain an unflinching faith in the citizenship of the city and state, his ability to believe that any shortcomings were his own rather than those of the people—that he had not told his story with sufficient clarity, rather than that they had not been able to understand it—and to avoid cynicism.

"Last of all, it was his ability to recognize at all times that the role of a newspaper is never that of an avenger and that an editor's function is to present facts and to leave to the duly constituted authorities the administration of punishment.

"He is no destructionist, but he recognizes and is in harmony with the policies of this organization, which recognizes that blasting sometimes must precede building.

"I would like to explain a bit as

Abiding Faith in Facts

BY TIMES SPECIAL

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., June 9.—Fay A. Gehres, local radio enthusiast, set a world record in two months for relaying of messages, the American Radio Relay League announces. During February, Gehres handled 765 messages, and during March, 690.

Star Plane

BY SCIENCE SERVICE

WASHINGON, June 9.—The Southern Cross, United States-to-Australia airplane, bears the name of one of the most famous of constellations, the constellation of Pegasus.

"The original Southern Cross, or Crucis, as the astronomer calls it, is near the south pole of the heavens. To a person in Australia, or the southern tip of South America, however, it would rise as high in the sky as the constellation of Pegasus does for us. At certain times of the year it can just be seen above the southern horizon from Florida, southernmost part of the United States.

"The constellation consists principally of four bright stars, arranged in sort of a diamond shape, or at the ends of the cross. There is no star at the intersection of the cross. The so-called "Northern Cross," or the constellation of Cygnus, the Swan, now in the northeastern evening sky, is really a more perfect representation of a cross, though its stars are not as bright as its southern counterpart.

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SOLID SOUTH BACKS HOOVER, SHUNS SMITH

Expected to Play Dr. Jekyll Mr. Hyde in Casting Vote in November.

By C. J. LILLEY

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The solid South is the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of this Presidential year.

With the conventions at hand, the ten southern States are ready to help nominate Herbert Hoover at Kansas City and to do everything they can to throw obstacles in the way of Governor Al Smith at Houston.

In this his position is identical with that of all Scripps-Howard editors. It is the practice of the concern to vest a considerable block of stock in both the editor and the business manager of a paper and the policy to finance these men in the stock purchase. As working journalists are not notoriously plutocratic, these stockholders usually represent 100 per cent of the wealth of the men running the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

"The net result is a state of mind on the part of the local management and an interest in the progress and development of the community in no wise dissimilar to that of an editor owning his property outright.

Solid South for Hoover

The solid South consists of these States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Texas.

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No Apologies for 'Chain'

"In matters of national and international interest, each Scripps-Howard editor has a voice shaping the policies which the majority of the editors determine shall be pursued by the group as a whole.

"It is because of this sound basis on which the Scripps-Howard organization is built that we have no apologies to offer for chain operation, as far as affects our particular group. We have learned in fifty years of operation that unlike Hoover, we can claim with certainty only twenty while the remaining 208 are either uninstructed or pledged to the southern native son candidates.

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