

AWAIT NOBILE, ITALIA CREW IN SWEDEN TODAY

III-Fated Explorers Return
in Contrast With Brave
Start.

By OLE CAVLING
United Press Special Correspondent
COPENHAGEN, July 24.—Sixty-three days has made a vast difference in the life of General Umberto Nobile.

On May 23 he stepped into the gondola of his dirigible, Italia, spoke reassuringly to the fifteen members of his crew, then with a wave to hundreds of people of Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, started on a polar cruise as the world watched.

Today Sweden awaited Nobile. But the Italia commander comes here not in the glory that would have been his had the polar flight been successful. Sixty-one days ago the Italia crashed on an ice floe. Two members of the crew are dead. Seven are with Nobile at Kings Bay. Six others are still missing.

Nobile Criticised

Nobile is injured and according to latest reports is unable to stand erect. He was injured just before Lieutenant Einar-Paal Lundborg rescued him from the ice island.

It will be a hurried trip that Nobile and his men will take through Sweden, according to reports to the newspaper, *Ekstra Bladet*. They will be brought to the port of Narvik by the supply ship, *Citta Di Milano*, and probably will arrive this afternoon.

They will board a regular train—one car of which will be reserved by the Italian government—and proceed via Kiruna, Malmö and Trelleborg directly south to Italy.

The train will miss Stockholm and every effort will be made to expedite the party on the return to Italy. Several members are suffering illness and injury and desire to get immediate medical attention.

There has been criticism of Nobile in these northern parts, principally because he was the first of the Italia crew to be rescued from the hazards of life on the ice floe, and the train routing and missing of Stockholm will save Nobile from any embarrassment that might come up.

Search to Continue

Perler Benito Mussolini ordered some days ago that the Italia crew proceed home as soon as possible and refrain from making any statements or giving interviews.

The *Citta Di Milano* will return to Kings Bay from Narvik to aid in the search for six members of the Italia crew who floated away with the envelope of the dirigible and also for the six men of the Roald Amundsen group. The supply ship will give aid to the several flying crews from Sweden and Norway, and will cooperate with the Russian ice breakers Krasin and Malign, both of which now are in port for refueling before starting out on a last search.

PLAN ENTERTAINMENT FOR V. F. W. MEETING

Numerous Features Are Planned for Veteran Visitors.

Public receptions, outings, theater parties, barbecue, a military ball and an air circus are among entertainment planned for the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the national encampment here Aug. 27 to Sept. 1.

A tentative program was outlined to chairmen of the various committees by National Commander Frank T. Strayer Monday at the Chamber of Commerce.

A reception is planned Monday night, Aug. 27; outing for men at Columbia Park Tuesday night, theater party for women; barbecue and entertainment at Broad Ripple Thursday night; military ball at National Guard Armory Wednesday night and air circus at Hoosier airport Friday night.

PLAN \$250,000 SIGNALS

Evansville to Install Gamewell System for Fire and Police.

By United Press
EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 24.—The Gamewell system of receiving police and fire alarm signals at a central point will be installed here at a cost of \$250,000, according to plans just completed.

While plans call for the installation of the system early next spring, urgent need for the project now may result in starting work within a few weeks.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to the police as stolen:

A. B. Voyles, Rural Route C, Box 684 Mars Hill, Ford roadster, 9-228, from 217 S. Belmont Ave.

F. M. King, 231 W. Twenty-Ninth St., Ford coupe, 684-533, from in front of 231 W. Twenty-Ninth St.

Irene O'Neill, 1402 Silver Ave., Ford coupe, 688-095, from in front of 57 E. Morris St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police:

Francis L. Welch, Rural Route P, Box 289, Ford sedan, found at New Jersey and Pratt Sts.

R. F. Denny, 3844 Graceland Ave., Ford coupe, at 400 Wisconsin St. Overland touring, 698-167, in rear of 735 N. Meridian St.

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Bain's Kimberlin, 2430 W. Walnut St., at Illinois and North Sts.

Ford coupe, 440-990, stolen in Noblesville, on N. Senate Ave.

Marriage Is Postponed



CHURCH RANKS IN U. S. BOOSTED EIGHT MILLIONS

Survey Shows 55,000,000
Total; Property Worth
Four Billions.

By ROSCOE B. FLEMING
WASHINGTON, July 24.—There were approximately 55,000,000 church members in the United States in 1926, including the 18,604,000 members of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic tabulation was announced by the census bureau today.

Churches of all denominations own buildings and equipment worth approximately four billion dollars, and their expenses for 1926 ran well above \$800,000,000.

At the last religious census, in 1916, the bureau enumerated 41,926,000 church members, who owned property worth \$1,676,000,000 and had annual expenses of \$328,000,000. The figures are not strictly comparable, however, since denominations with a membership of about 5,500,000 were not reported in the 1916 enumeration.

Catholics in Lead

The Catholic Church is by far the largest and wealthiest. It owns property valued at \$837,000,000 and spent \$204,000,000 in 1926. Its membership in 1916 was 15,721,815, showing a gain of nearly 3,000,000 in the ten years, and its property has more than doubled in value, being worth \$374,000,000 in 1916.

Its nearest rivals in numbers are the Jewish congregations, with 4,087,000 members, and the M. E. Church (North) with 4,080,000.

The Catholic Church has more than 13,000,000 members east of the Mississippi and north of the Mason-Dixon line. New England has 3,000,000 Catholics. New York 3,115,000, New Jersey 1,055,000, and Pennsylvania 2,124,000. The northern middle west States had 4,138,000, including 1,352,000 in Illinois, 312,000 in Indiana, and 972,000 in Ohio. South Atlantic States had less than 1,000,000 even including Maryland's 233,000. Figures for other States.

Membership Younger

Kentucky, 177,000; Tennessee, 24,276; Alabama, 36,079; Oklahoma, 46,723; Texas, 555,899; Colorado, 125,757; New Mexico, 174,287; and California, 720,803.

The actual growth in all church membership between 1916 and 1926 is probably about 8,000,000. Director Murphy of the religious census says also that children of younger age are being included in church memberships, so that part of the 8,000,000 probably includes younger persons who were included in 1916.

The bureau has released the 1926 figures for 196 denominations out of 200, the total being 51,721,332. The four denominations not yet reported include the southern Baptists, who had 2,708,000 members in 1916, and the Churches of Christ, with a 1916 membership of 317,000.

Increase Eight Millions

But included in the 1926 figures are those of the Jewish congregations, with 4,087,000; the Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin and Slovak Lutheran synods, with approximately 1,300,000, and the American Baptists, with 117,000, none of which were reported in 1916.

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The fire was caused by a spark from a steam engine.

One man was slightly burned when he stepped into a hole filled with burning oil and hot water.

PLAN TRACTION HEARING

Central Indiana Railway Case to Come Up in Federal Court.

Plans for hearing Friday in Federal Court on an amended petition of the Central Indiana Railway to abandon its line from Muncie to Anderson and from Lebanon to Brazil, were made today by R. B. Coopstick, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce traffic manager, at a conference with patrons.

Industrial representatives from Muncie, Anderson, Brazil, Advance and other towns attended.

FEAR WIND IN OIL TANK FIRE

Refineries Are Menaced by
\$75,000 Blaze.

By United Press

HARTFORD, Ill., July 24.—If a south wind does not come up to sweep the flames over the refinery which so far has escaped damage, the fire in the oil tanks of the White Star Refining Company here will be extinguished today. It has destroyed \$77,175 worth of property, officials of the company said.

Fourteen tanks filled with gasoline and fuel oil and one tank full of caustic soda were consumed by the fire under control Monday night.

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HICKS CONCERN SOLD

Accuser of Rozelle Dis-
poses of Magazine.

By Times Special

SOUTH WHITNEY, Ind., July 24.—The Specialty Salesman Magazine, published here by the Robert E. Hicks Corporation, has sold to a New York syndicate for a figure reported "bigger than \$350,000."

Hicks recently has been attracting attention by his attacks on Frank Rozelle, La Grange, newly appointed United States marshal for the northern district of Indiana. Hicks charges that Rozelle conducted a business which was not legitimate.

Hicks started the magazine here seven years ago. It is understood the eastern concern will continue to publish the Specialty Salesman here and will add two publications, Opportunity and Salesology.

NEW EVIDENCE FOUND
IN DYNAMITE KILLING

Accused Face Hearing Today's Find
Explosive in Home.

By United Press

ROCKFORD, Ill., July 24.—Paul Reed, charged with the murder of Vernon Plager, was faced today with more incriminating evidence. Two sticks of dynamite and two nitro-glycerin caps were discovered Monday night in the basement of the rooming house he occupied.

Reed will be given a preliminary hearing today before Police Magistrate B. W. Norton. The prisoner formally was charged Monday with placing the dynamite which blew up Plager's automobile Thursday.

Mrs. Ivy Plager in a statement to States-Attorney William D. Knight said that her decision to run away with Reed last fall followed a discovery that her husband was "running around with other women."

HOOSIER BUYS ESTATE FOR \$3,000,000

South Bend Man Becomes Owner of Palmer Property in Chicago.

By Times Special

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 24.—Vincent Bendix, president of the Bendix Brake Corporation here, has been thrust into the foreground of business and social circles of Chicago with his purchase of the famous Potter Palmer estate in the heart of Chicago's north side gold coast.

The estate was known for its gatherings of internationally prominent men a generation ago. Bendix is reported to have paid \$3,000,000 for the Palmer estate, which occupies an area of 100,000 square feet.

"Our records," Sauerman says, "show they appeared in 1871, 1888, 1904 and 1922, so they will not be due again until 1939."

Boy Killed by Car

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 24.—Samuel Nasser, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Nasser, was killed and his sister, Mary, 6, was injured when run down by an auto driven by George Peyton, late Monday. Peyton was held for involuntary manslaughter.

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New Quarantine Border Line to Be Established.

A new quarantine border line for corn borer infestation is expected to be established within a few weeks by Frank N. Wallace, State entomologist, who is awaiting reports from his Government scouts as to the location of new infestations.

The main effort will be directed against the 1927 border line to learn the spread of the pest this year.

Check Borer Areas

By Times Special

FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 24.—Claude E. Miller, Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman of this city, was crushed to death under a freight train, near Delphos, Ohio, late Monday.

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