

AWAIT NOBILE, ITALIA CREW IN SWEDEN TODAY

Ill-Fated Explorers Return in Contrast With Brave Start.

By OLE CAVLING
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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 still are missing.

Nobile Criticized
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 has been 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
Perier 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, Sweden, Norway, and will cooperate with the Russian ice breakers Krassin and Malgin, 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, banquets, 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 Times Special
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, Pa. roadster, 9-928, from 217 S. Belmont Ave.
F. M. King, 231 W. Twenty-Ninth St., Ford coupe, 634-533, from in front of 231 W. Twenty-Ninth St.
Irene O'Neill, 1402 Silver Ave., Ford coupe, 638-085, from in front of 57 E. Morris St.

Marriage Is Postponed



London society expressed surprise when, with no state reason, the marriage of the Hon. Mrs. Lionel Tennyson of London and James Montgomery Beck, son of a former United States attorney general, was suddenly postponed. Mrs. Tennyson is the daughter of Lord Glenconner. She was divorced a short time ago and is shown here with her little daughter.

RADIO PARLEY TO OPEN HERE

Gibson Sales Convention to Be Held Wednesday.

The fourth annual Gibson Radio Sales convention will be held in the Gibson Bldg., Capitol Ave. and Michigan St., Wednesday.

While the radio industry still is young, the Gibson company has been the exclusive distributor for the Pads receiving sets for four years. This company handles distribution of the Pads line in practically the entire State and in the eastern section of Illinois, while the northeastern section of Ohio is handled from the company's branch, at Lima, Ohio.

More than 300 dealers are expected to attend from Indiana and Illinois. The Ohio dealers meeting will be held Thursday at the Argonne Hotel at Lima. The meeting will be in charge of Gibson officials along with representatives from the Pads factory and radio accessories manufacturers.

One of the outstanding Pads sets that will be shown for the first time at this meeting is the new Model 70, which is an eight-tube console set with built-in dynamic speaker, using the 310 tubes with push-pull amplification, an outstanding achievement in radio engineering.

HICKS CONCERN SOLD

Accuser of Rozelle Disposes of Magazine.

By Times Special
SOUTH WHITLEY, Ind., July 24.—The Specialty Salesman Magazine, published here by the Robert E. Hicks Corporation, has been 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 Faces Hearing Today's Find Explosive in Home.

By Times Special
ROCKFORD, Ill., July 24.—Paul Reed, charged with 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."

DENIES LOCUSTS DUE

Next Appearance in 1939, Declares Porter County Farmer.

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Ind., July 24.—Seventeen year locusts will not appear in Indiana this year, according to George J. Sauerman, one of the owners of The Locusts, a stock farm near here. He says a statement by Lloyd E. Cutler, Lake County farm agent, that the insects are due this year is in error.

"Old records," Sauerman says, "shows they appeared in 1871, 1886, 1904 and 1922, so they will not be due again until 1939."

Boy Killed by Car
By Times Special
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.

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. Coapstick, 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 Times Special
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 flames. Firemen reported the fire under control Monday night.

The threat of the south wind will worry firemen until the fire in the single tank burning this morning is extinguished. A wind shift of six points of the compass will gravely endanger the \$2,000,000 oil plant, firemen said. The huge plant of the Standard Oil Company nearby also would be menaced.

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.

BRANDS PAPER'S ATTACK ON MAYOR AS LIBELOUS

Kokomo Board Members Demand Retraction by Dispatch.

By Times Special
KOKOMO, Ind., July 24.—Retraction of a petition charging drinking in the local fire department which was published in the Dispatch, local newspaper, is demanded in a petition sent to the paper by George Gibbs, member of the board of works.

Gibbs charges that the petition circulated and signed by citizens of Kokomo and printed in the Dispatch was false and defamatory and consequently libelous.

The petition in question was presented to the city council and sought action on the council in the investigation of charges of drinking in the fire department. It charged Mayor S. E. Spurgeon with being "weak and vacillating" in dealing with the situation.

HOOSIER BUYS FAMOUS 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 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.

CHECK BORER AREAS

New Quarantine Border Line to Be Established.

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, 24,876; Alabama, 36,079; Oklahoma, 46,723; Texas, 555,889; Colorado, 125,757; New Mexico, 174,287; and California, 720,603.

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 than 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 1,177,000, none of which were reported in 1916.

Subtracting the approximately 5,500,000 persons included in these newly enumerated denominations from the 1926 total of 55,000,000, gives a figure of 49,500,000, which is strictly comparable to the 1916 figure of 41,926,000.

CALIFORNIA FIG KING ENDS LIFE BY HANGING

Body Found Swinging From Ranch Water Tower.

By Times Special
LIVERMORE, Cal., July 24.—George C. Roeding, nationally prominent agriculturist, known as the organizer of the fig industry in California, committed suicide here yesterday.

Roeding was considered one of the State's leading authorities on products of the soil. He was found hanging from a water tower on a ranch near here.

Roeding had been confined to a sanitarium here for treatment. He was president of the California Nursery Company and former member of the joint advisory committee of the United States Department of Agriculture.

HOOSIER PASTOR WRITES FOR HUMOROUS PAPERS

Poetry and Serious Work Also From Newburg Minister's Pen.

By Times Special
NEWBURG, Ind., July 24.—Bits of humorous writing for such publications as Life and College Humor, serious articles and verse for widely circulated magazines and daily newspapers of national standing, form a side line with the Rev. Raymond Kresensky, pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

Out of college only a year and holding his first pastorate, the minister had one of his poems included in "The Best Poems in 1927" and also in "The Best Magazine Verse for 1927."

The Rev. Mr. Kresensky says of modern youth: "The younger crowd is admirable, the finest thing about our generation."

Fl. Wayne Man Killed
By Times Special
FT. WAYNE, Ind., July 24.—Claude E. Miller, Pennsylvania Railroad brakeman of this city, was crushed to death under a freight, near Delphos, Ohio, late Monday.

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