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POLE FLIGHT IS ENDORSED BY COOLIDGE

Sends Personal Message to Capt. Wilkins, Head of Expedition.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—President Coolidge has endorsed the purpose of the Wilkins Arctic Expedition, it became known here today, and has bespoken his personal interests in the project, which is sponsored by the American Geographical Society, the Detroit Aviation Society and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The president's comment was made in a letter to William B. Mayo, General Manager of the Ford Motor Company, who is president of the Detroit Aviation Society and Chairman of the Board of Control of the Detroit Arctic Expedition. The letter was written from the White House on December 15.

President's Statement.

It reads as follows:

"My Dear Mr. Mayo: I have your letter of December 11, signed by yourself and Mr. Fritch, telling me that Detroit Aviation Society is planning to organize and privately finance an expedition to explore the land west of the North Pole. It has aroused the keenest personal interest in me. America has always been in the forefront of Arctic exploration, and it is fitting that we should strive to be the first to open these unknown lands to the knowledge of the world. The importance to commercial aviation in the possible development of air routes across the arctic region makes the proposed enterprise of particular value.

"Sincerely yours, CALVIN COOLIDGE."

Seattle Co-operates.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Seattle is the first American city to offer its official co-operation and assistance to the Detroit Polar Expedition. In a telegram today the Seattle Chamber of Commerce offers the use of Sandpoint aviation field as a base for equipping the expedition, and promises the "full facilities of Seattle and the hearty co-operation of its people."

The board of control of the expedition replied "shall gladly avail ourselves of Seattle's hospitality. Heartily thanks."

Use of the Seattle base will be of great assistance in expediting the preparatory work of the expedition, Captain Wilkins said.

Engineers And Firemen Of Both Trains Killed

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—Two of the Atlantic coast line's crack tourist trains, carrying holiday travellers crashed head-on yesterday near Moncks corner, 30 miles from here, killing the engineer and firemen of both trains, and injuring twenty-four persons, three of them seriously.

John W. Weeks, former secretary of war, and Mrs. Weeks, returning north from Florida after a trip to South America were among the injured, but their hurts were reported as not serious.

The Havana Special No. 76, north bound, was running about seven hours late when it met the West Indian Limited No. 85, southbound, two miles south of Moncks Corner shortly before 7 a.m.

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Expect House Will Decide North Huron Case

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Colonel O. M. Biggar, chief electoral officer for Canada expects that the House of Commons will give the formal and final decision as to whether G. W. King, Progressive, or George Spotton, Conservative, is the elected member for the constituency of North Huron, according to a statement published in the Toronto Star Saturday.

Three Fatalities At Yuletide Dance

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Three unidentified men were shot and killed early today as the climax of a Christmas dance at the Adonis Social Club, a South Brooklyn resort.

Big Advance in Wheat Prices

(Special to The Guardian.) CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Sensational advances in wheat took place today. The maximum increase of 9 3/4 cents was for December delivery, all contracts which must be settled within the next few days. The bulk of business however was in May delivery which gained 6 1/2 cents, some transactions reaching as high as 1.80 5/8 a bushel. Profit taking sales led to sharp reactions at the finish and the final trading was of a highly nervous character with last prices 4 to 7 1/2 cents up, December \$1.83 3/4 and May \$1.79 5/8 to \$1.80 new crop.

WAS MARRIED AT LEAST 48 TIMES

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—John D. Weidemer, who came into public notice recently through his arrest in St. Louis with the wife of a Chicago furrier, has been termed a professional husband who has been married at least 48 times in testimony in an annual suit brought by one of his wives.

Mrs. Esther Vester Brooks, concert violinist, who said she had married Weidemer in 1924, when he was using the name Arthur Brooks, told Judge Lewis yesterday that she was the 48th or 49th wife she wasn't sure which, and the Judge indicated the annulment would be granted.

"I've been collecting information about this man," said the pretty musician, "and I find he is known both sides of the sea as a defrauder and professional husband."

"I have gotten in touch with nine women whom he has married in the last two years, always under a different name. And he managed to get more or less money from each of them."

Three months after their marriage in Des Moines, Iowa, she said her husband deserted her after defrauding her foster parents of \$13,000 under pretences that he would establish them all in the movies. Some \$8,500 of her money went to the signed Mrs. Brooks.

The plaintiff, who identified Weidemer from "Rogues Gallery" photographs, told the judge some of his aliases were Lord Cornwell, Beaverbrook, Wallace Selgfield, Sigmund R. S. Egal, John Grey and Sidney Rump, and asserted that he must have obtained more than \$1,000,000 from deluded women. His right name was given as Sigmund Engle. Among women he married, she named Mrs. Virginia Martin, of Washington; Mrs. Rose M. Burkin, New York, and Miss Olga Puerth, Milwaukee.

Destroyers Leave For Chinese Waters

(Special to The Guardian.) MANILLA, Dec. 27.—Six destroyers of the forty-third division departed from here for China today carrying a company of marines. Another company of marines will leave for China tomorrow on the transport Chamont.

STRONG RESOLUTION BY N. S. MINERS

Men Declare Gov't Must Provide Work or Money or They Will Take Other Measures.

(Canadian Press.) GLACE BAY, Dec. 27.—That the local government petition the federal administration for the purpose of obtaining a C. N. R. coal contract for Besse miners, was the resolution proposed by Attorney General John G. Douglas at a mass meeting of miners here this afternoon, as a means of alleviating unemployment in collieries Nos. 2 and 4 in the Glace Bay area. The meeting was attended by executive officers John W. McLeod, James Nearing, and Alex Mackay, and by J. A. McDonald, district board member who presided.

Attorney General John G. Douglas declared that he would call a meeting of the government tomorrow to discuss the matter, when he would propose a solution of the trouble. The following resolution was passed at the meeting: "Whereas the miners employed in Number two and Number four mines, of the Dominion Company are again as they have during the last four winters, suffering from unemployment, receiving less than half, and:

"Whereas the present government in Halifax was elected on a promise that it would bring better times for miners, yet this winter is just a little bit worse than any previous year, and:

"Therefore be it resolved that his mass meeting of miners of Glace Bay demand that the government of Nova Scotia provide either work for us or provide full maintenance at trade union rates, otherwise we shall be forced to take what we need wherever we can find it, and:

"Be it further resolved that we are tired of promises." (Signed) Harry Dobson, George Libby, Alex McNeill, Wm. Woods, Miners Committee, Glace Bay.

King Boras Grants Full Pardon To 60 Condemned

(Canadian Press.) SOFIA, Dec. 27.—King Boras has granted a full pardon to sixty persons condemned to death for complicity in the conspiracy leading to the bombing of the cathedral last April.

On the occasion of the national day last November the King commuted the death sentence in the case of many of these convicted by a military court for participation in the cathedral outrage. At that time he also issued pardons to sixteen of the condemned men.

Anglican Bishop Approves Revival

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27.—The Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem has set his seal of his approval upon a movement designed to revive the ancient Hebrew branch of the Apostolic Church.

In a public statement the Bishop holds that now that there has come to being, with the approval of the League of Nations, a Jewish spiritual and cultural centre in Palestine where the Jewish National feeling may learn to express itself in some tangible form, the revival of the ancient "Jewish-Christians" branch of the church becomes possible.

The Jews who are to form the principal body of this Jewish-Christian congregation, proclaim their right to observe the national and social customs of Israel. The Hebrew branch of the Apostolic Church fell into disuse following its ban by the Council of Nicea in A. D. 325.

100,000 Children Cared For

(Canadian Press.) LONDON, Dec. 27.—The 100,000th child entered the Barmardos Homes Christmas Eve.

D. W. GRIFFITH



The great motion picture producer, who addressed the Toronto Canadian Club to point out where pictures can be used to foster international good will, intolerance, he said, is the world's greatest evil.

CONFERENCE OF U. S. OPERATORS AND MINERS

Expect Definite Decision at Tomorrow.

(Canadian Press.) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27.—Miners' officials will give their answer to the proposition that anthracite miners resume work under the old wage scale when they meet the operators in joint conference in New York at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, declared here today. He declined to make any further comment.

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—"The men will not be stampeded back to work," said Thomas Kennedy, International Secretary, Treasurer of the United Mine Workers today in reference to the anthracite operators' proposition that the workers resume operations immediately.

Ancient Wooden Well Excavated In London

(Canadian Press.) LONDON, Dec. 2.—Who sank the first well in London? An excavation in connection with the rebuilding of the Bank of England has just revealed one of the oldest wells known. It was lined apparently with staves from wooden wine casks and half of a cask formed the bottom at a depth of 28 feet.

The name T. C. Pacati was burned into the staves. He is supposed to have been a Roman who was in the well-sinking business about the year 100 A.D. Another of Pacati's wooden wells was unearthed in London some time ago.

town Baptist Church. During this period the Members of the Choir and yourself have been intimately associated. Our relationship has been of a particularly pleasing and harmonious character. As a gentleman the Choir Members have learned to respect and love you. In your professional capacity the Church and Choir feel your incumbency has been that of a great master. Your Choir direction has been characterized by the highest skill. Your musical interpretation your unsurpassed organ playing your maintenance of discipline firm yet kindly have been the admiration alike of Choir and the Congregation.

Marked improvement has featured the music of the Church during your period of Office—not only in the Choir work but also in the reverent and spiritual rendition of the hymns.

In view therefore of the existing harmony, the musical progress achieved, the artistic genius of your direction and leadership, it is with the deepest and most sincere regret that we assemble tonight to bid farewell to one, whose personality and work will ever linger with the members of the Choir as a refreshing and pleasant memory.

Lacking the master, the attainment of worthy musical effort and the incentive to hard work so in-

GREAT CONCERN OVER CHINESE SITUATION

Powerful Soviet Influence Becomes More Apparent as Conflict Goes On

(Special to The Guardian.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The situation in China is regarded with serious concern in Washington despite the fact that advice to the State Department tonight from Minister John MacMurray advised Secretary Kellogg of the re-opening of the international rail line between Peking and the port of Tientsin. There has also been slight improvement the Department was advised in the local situation in Tien Tsin which now is in possession of Feng the christian general.

It is an open secret that Soviet influence has strongly permeated China and has been seeking to defeat the efforts of the United States and European powers to keep China intact in the sovereignty to the support of which the powers pledged themselves in the nine power treaty which was negotiated at the Washington Arms conference of 1922.

PEKING, Dec. 27.—The battles which led to the defeat of the Chih army of General Li Ching-Lin and the occupation of Tientsin by Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, were the most sanguinary ever fought in modern China, in the opinion of observers.

Twenty three hundred wounded in the Nanyuan hospital alone doubtless represent a small proportion of the casualties of Kuomintang (Feng's army) the total of which probably will never be known.

General Li is reported to have estimated his dead at 4,000 and to have boasted that he was smaller than the enemy's. Because of the nature of the conflicts and the inadequate field and hospital services thousands died in the trenches and open country from wounds and exposure.

The reports of the reverses suffered by General Kuo Sung-Ling who was executed after his defeat by Marshal Chang Tso-Lin around Mukden opens up a new chapter, since with hostile forces north and south of Tientsin the tenure of the Kuomintang is questionable. It is not expected however that any attempt will be made to recapture Tientsin because of the exhaustion of resources on all sides. It is believed that railway services will be reopened to Tientsin at an early date.

Warns Italians Against German Activities

(Canadian Press.) ROME, Dec. 27.—Anti-German sentiment is flaring up in Italy. Denouncing Germany as "our instinctive racial enemy," the Fascist paper Impero has come out with a warning to Italians against the trade and other activities of Germany.

Admiral Jellicoe



Who proposes that the various parts of the Empire share in the expense of supporting the British navy. Canada's share, under his plan, would be thirty-six million dollars a year.

Over 20,000 Contributors To Teachers' Fund

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Over twenty thousand people are now contributing members of the Teachers' and Inspectors' Superannuation Fund of Ontario established under the Act of 1917 and of these 17,284 are women and 3,415 are men.

Will Have To Go To Courts To Obtain Divorce

(Canadian Press.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 27.—A clause in the new Turkish civil code puts at least one of the bitterest passages of women's subjection, the right of a man to divorce at will and with no trial. Henceforth divorces will be granted only by decree of the courts.

Cardinal Mercier To Undergo Operation

(Canadian Press.) BRUSSELS, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Mercier, 74 year old Primate of Belgium will undergo an operation at Brussels, December 29, for a lesion of the stomach.

Cardinal Mercier who recently suffered an attack of influenza is residing at his special palace at Malines to gather strength for the operation.

N. S. Editor Dies At Home In Stellarton

(Canadian Press.) HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—Hon. Robert Drummond, M. L. A., aged eighty-six died suddenly at his home at Stellarton shortly after noon today. He had not been in good health for the past fortnight but had been improving and his passing came unexpectedly.

He was regarded as an authority on coal mining in the province and for many years was proprietor and editor of the Maritime Mining Record published at Stellarton and regarded as an authoritative journal on mining matters.

Armenian Appeal

Rev. A. E. Kochaly, representing the Armenian Relief Association gave a touching and forceful message at St. Paul's Church yesterday morning, and spoke also in the afternoon at the Children's Christmas Service. All too little is known in this country of the horrors inflicted by "the unspeakable Turk."

The Armenian Relief Association is seeking to salvage some of the young life of this ancient people, and in Canada is providing them a fresh start under the splendid conditions of liberty and plenty in which we live. Mr. L. D. Murray, Mgr. of the Bank of Nova Scotia is local treasurer for their funds and will gladly receive and forward of contributions for the work.



TORONTO, Dec. 26.—A severe storm with strong winds and gales, mostly fair and decidedly cold with snow flurries.

Toronto, clear ..... 27-4 below  
Montreal, clear ..... 25-6 below  
Quebec, snow ..... 22-4  
Halifax, snow ..... 30-23  
St. John, snow ..... 31-22  
Boston, clear ..... 36-13  
New York, cloudy ..... 36-18  
Charlottetown clear ..... 9-2 below  
High tide this morning at 10.06 and tonight at 9.15.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.41.  
Full moon Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 9.37 a. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

SOPER'S REVUE AT PRINCE EDWARD

Snappy Musical and Dance Show Now Playing to Large Houses—Change of Bill Nightly.

Frank Soper's "Pretty Nifty Revue," which is now playing a two to three weeks engagement at the Prince Edward Theatre, was greeted by well-filled houses on Christmas Day and on Saturday. And to judge from the way in which the efforts of this entertaining vaudeville troupe were applauded at every showing, and from the comments made upon the productions by theatre-goers, it is safe to predict that the "Pretty Nifty Revue" is going to have a very successful run in this city.

Both bills already played at the Prince Edward have been bright and snappy, and not a dull moment was to be found on the programs, which were filled with variety and well balanced. They consisted of pleasing vocal numbers, amusing and entertaining sketches and dialogues, excellent dance numbers, and other popular vaudeville turns.

The leading comedians are Frank Soper and Joe Moran who are both finished artists, the latter being especially funny in Jewish character parts. His work at the piano in accompaniment to Frank Soper's rendition of popular songs was also exceptionally good, and has aroused much favorable comment. Both leading men are ably supported by the other members of the company, most of whom appear to advantage in individual roles, while the ensembles and choruses are also pleasantly carried out. Happy McNally, black-face comedian, is another laughter provoker of the first writer and his dance numbers never fail to elicit enthusiastic applause. Bob McCharles on the guitar created a very favorable impression; while Melba Harrington, the prima donna, was also well received on each of her appearances. There is a complete change of program nightly.

(Special to The Guardian.) TOKIO, Dec. 27.—A special despatch to Ashai from Mukden says that General Kuo Sunglin, who fled after his army was defeated Thursday by that of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, and his wife were captured while hiding in a cellar and that the captors cut off Kuo's legs and his wife's arms and then shot and killed them both. Afterward Kuo and his wife were decapitated.

Chinese Gen. Takes Cruel Revenge

Marshal Chang ordered their heads placed on the grave of one of his favorite generals who had been executed by Kuo.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc.

- \*\*Wanted goose and duck feathers. Henry McFarlane & Co. Highest prices paid when not mixed. 6553-22-1wk.
- \*\*Don't forget the Auction Sale at John Bertram's Elliotts on Dec. 29th. Farm is sold. 6915-12-25-21
- \*\*Long Creek School Tuesday evening, December 29th good concert sale of lunches and candy. Come. 6928-28-11
- \*\*Come to p's social and dance in Clermont School, Monday, Dec. 28th. Admission 25 cents, Ladies with pies free. 6923.
- \*\*Play at Kinkora Hall tonight. See the great comedy drama, "The Path across the Hill. Curtain rises at 8.15 sharp. Specialties between acts.
- \*\*The Ladies of The Vernon Community League intend holding dance in the L. O. L. Hall, Millview, Wednesday evening, Dec. 30. Refreshments will be served. 6571 12 23 28
- \*\*Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the Belfast Egg Circle will be held in the Belfast Public Hall, Eldon, Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at 7.30 p. m. Mr. Lightizer or Mr. Nash expect to be present and will address the meeting. W. H. MacInnis, Sec'y. 6927.

Wishing You Many of them---"ROBIN HOOD"