

CONSIDER HALT
WORLD FLIGHT

Inability to Find Landing Place Makes Continuance Very Problematical.

CONFERENCE IS HELD

**Leaders in Around-Glob
Circuit Consider Calling
Halt to Trip—Ac-
tion Is Surprise.**

REYJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 8.—A conference called by Rear Admiral Thomas P. Magruder of the Flagship Richmond today decided to make a final effort to find a feasible landing place.

The American army would fly out on the east coast of Greenland before reaching a decision as to whether the remainder of the flight for the present season would have to be called off.

The cruiser Raleigh of the patrol fleet has been ordered to leave tomorrow morning to investigate the ice conditions on the Greenland coast and find an alternative to Angmagssalik, a landing place, the supply steamer Gertrud Rask being ice-bound and ice-bound in that vicinity.

REYJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 8.—A conference was summoned by Rear-Admiral Thomas P. Magruder on the flagship Richmond today to discuss the advisability of calling a halt of the round the world flight, due to ice conditions on the Greenland coast.

Early today the admiral sent for Captain William C. Watts of the cruiser Raleigh, Lieutenant Lowell H. Smith, leader of the flight, and Major Clarence Crumrine of the army air service, after the receipt of further

The report that a safe landing place for the fliers on the east coast of Greenland had been found to be without foundation and advancing season makes further delay dangerous. The fliers declare they are willing to remain at Reykjavik until September.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Army air service officials declared today no dispatches had been received from the army advance party accompanying the world fliers or from the naval convoy.

which indicated any necessity for abandoning the army's worn-out flight.

The latest official reports received here were decidedly optimistic and press dispatches describing a conference called by Rear-Admiral Magruder to discuss the advisability of calling off the flight came as a complete surprise.

Speaking in the absence of Major General Patrick, chief of the air service, Major J. A. H. Ransome, chief of the 1st Cavalry, declared that "our ship will come on just the same," even if the navy decides to withdraw.

draw the warships guarding the line of flight."

At the navy department it was said Admiral Biscardi was a very active and his own responsibility and under instructions given him when the Richmond was called for northern waters. Navy officers emphasized the increasing danger to naval vessels as the season advances in the vicinity of Greenland, and asserted that the Greenlanders could be justified in calling these factors to the attention of the fliers in that at the same time in warning that he could not remain beyond a certain date.

Charts in the hydrographic office show an average date of September 1 for closing the Iceland-Greenland straits to safe navigation, over a period of years.

to the unusually severe weather conditions which have prevailed this summer, it was considered probable that the date of withdrawal of the vessels should be advanced a week ten days.

Meantime steps have been taken by the army advance party to establish a temporary base camp on both the north and south coasts of the island by the first week of August upon their next hop.

A dispatch received today from Francis E. Cunningham, representative of the service on the eastern coast, said he had ordered the withdrawal of the troops from the eastern coast as near as possible as early as possible.

Farwell said soon as possible he was negotiating with the state of Queensland to attempt to purchase

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