

SHUN VESSELS FOR AIR CRAFT

DETROIT, (AP)—On May 22, 1925, two brigantines, the "Rescue" of 21 tons and the "Advance", displacing 144 tons, sailed from the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Bound for the north they comprised the first United States Arctic expedition.

When Capt. George H. Wilkins takes off from Point Barrow, Alaska, in March, to explore the vast uncharted areas of the Arctic, his expedition will present a striking contrast to that first American effort at Polar research. Instead of two sturdy ships of the sea, constructed to withstand the buffeting of gales and the crushing power of huge ice cakes, Captain Wilkins will command two ships of the air—giantic Fokker planes, built for speed.

There will be yet another contrast Captain Wilkins' flight will be in the interest of science and the search for land. The original American expedition sought neither land nor scientific data; it was a humanitarian effort, dispatched unofficially to learn the fate of Sir John Franklin, the 69-year-old British veteran of several Arctic explorations and his expedition of 122 men.

Expected To Find Land
Captain Wilkins expects to find land in the great unexplored region of the Arctic that lies to the north of the Siberian and Alaskan coasts. From these shores toward the Geographical Pole lies the only really unknown area of the Great Polar Basin. This area is estimated approximately 1,000,000 sq. miles.

In attempting the conquest of the Arctic by air, the Wilkins expedition will be devoid of much of the romance—and, Captain Wilkins' own opinion—much hardship that attended the early attempts to reach the pole by ship and dog sled.

Where the earlier explorers spent long winters on their ships locked in the ice or months pushing over the frozen surfaces on sledges, battling not only the elements, but disease and privation and sometimes mutiny, Captain Wilkins expects his journey to be a matter of but a few days.

Taking off March 21 in a plane capable of 3,200 miles of sustained flight, Captain Wilkins' destination will be Spitzbergen, 2,200 miles distant across the top of the world. Should land be sighted from the plane the journey will be in two jumps with a landing on the discovered territory for geographical and meteorological research.

Flighting no land, the journey from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen will be a non-stop undertaking and the expedition will pass into history almost at its inception.

Indirectly, different was that first American expedition, and the one that inspired its undertaking. Under Lieut. Edward J. De Haven, and including in their personnel such figures as Kane and Hayes, whose names are written large on the records of Arctic exploration, the "Advance" and the "Rescue" spent more than a year in the Arctic and upon their return to New York in October, 1855, brought back only a hint of the fate that befell Franklin. It was the forerunner, however, of further search, including that of Kane and Hayes who participated with May 26, 1845, with provisions for three years. His expedi-

Funeral Procession of the Late Queen Mother



Great pomp marked the funeral of the late queen Mother Margherita, of Italy. The flag draped casket, mounted on a caisson, started on its way surrounded by royal guards. The body was interred at the Pantheon beside King Humbert, Margherita's husband.

Missing Line in Letter Is Sought in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., (AP)—Search is being made in Illinois Lincoln collections for a letter written by Lincoln when he was postmaster at New Salem, Illinois.

Postmaster General Now asked the Illinois Historical Society for the location of Lincoln collections with a view to recovering the letter taken from the post office archives at Washington.

In 1826, Lincoln wrote the postmaster general and returned 25 cents which he said was the balance due to the government. Mr. Now's letter to the historical society here told of elderly attaches of his office who remembered the existence of the letter in the files many years ago, but that it had disappeared within the last twenty years.

The library here contains only two letters written by Lincoln while he was a resident of New Salem. The first which was written to "Messrs. Hale and Rives" publishers of an early journal while he was postmaster, reads as follows:

"New Salem, Illinois,
"November 3, 1832.
"Messrs:
"Your subscriber at this place is dead and no person takes the papers from this office.
"Respectfully,
"A. Lincoln."
The second, written about the same time to "Len Davis, Esq." said:

"You will confer a favor on me by examining the record kept by the old state recorder and ascertaining whether a deed for the Northwest quarter in section 23 in town 10, North Range, 1 west of the county line made by William Trent and John A. McPherson, has ever been recorded in that office and if so, where the record shows that the land has been transferred by McPherson and if it has, who is the present owner, under him. Also please to give me all the information in your office in regard to sales of said land for taxes and who is the present owner of the tax title.

"Very respectfully,
"Your obedient servant,
"A. Lincoln."

The village blacksmith of New Moorefield, Ohio, is the town's champion cake maker, having annexed his seventh prize in this connection, competing with women widely known for their skill in cake baking.

The jointed cactus, introduced from England into South Africa in 1878 as a garden plant, has become a destructive weed which has ruined many farms.

The pronghorn antelope, the swiftest four-footed animal of our western plains, is native only to America.

MARS SPEEDING TOWARD EARTH

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Mars will travel twenty-two million miles toward the earth during February—almost a million miles a day—and by April 1, will be neighborly enough to outshine his rival Antares. Even then it will be one hundred and sixty million miles away.

A bulletin by the American Nature association also brings out the origin of "Dog Days" near about in summer.

Canis Major, meaning Greater Dog, is the name of the constellation following immediately after Orion and visible in the southeast in the early evening hours of February. To the northeast of Canis Major and not far distant is Canis Minor, The Lesser Dog. These two constellations represent the two hounds that follow close on the heels of Orion as he strides across the heavens facing Taurus, The Bull.

Sirius and Procyon, the brightest stars of these two constellations, often are called the Dog Star and the Little Dog Star. Canis Minor is a very inconspicuous constellation. Canis Major, however, contains in addition to Sirius, the brightest of all the stars in the heavens, four stars of the second magnitude and two of the third. Sirius marks the nose of the dog, the star Beta is in his uplifted fore-

paw. Sirius was known to the Egyptians as the Nile Star and was an object of worship. As it then rose with the sun at the summer solstice, just before the annual overflow of the Nile, its influence was believed to be very favorable to agriculture. Among the Greeks and Romans it was looked upon with disfavor because it rose with the sun during the torrid heat of summer and to its influence was attributed all the evils of that season.

The unhealthy summer period in Italy, from early in July until well into August, received its name of the "Dog Days" from the supposed evil influence of the Dog Star, and even down to the present time this name for the torrid days of mid-summer has persisted.

Beans and Corn Staple
Food of Mound Builders

CLEVELAND, O., (AP)—The modern scientific dietitian would have had a great opportunity to practice his vocation among the mound builders of prehistoric times. Beans and corn were the staple food of the mound builders, and the only things about which they the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Mr. Madison said there are described at length in a builders were a race of American new history compiled by Harold L. Indians.

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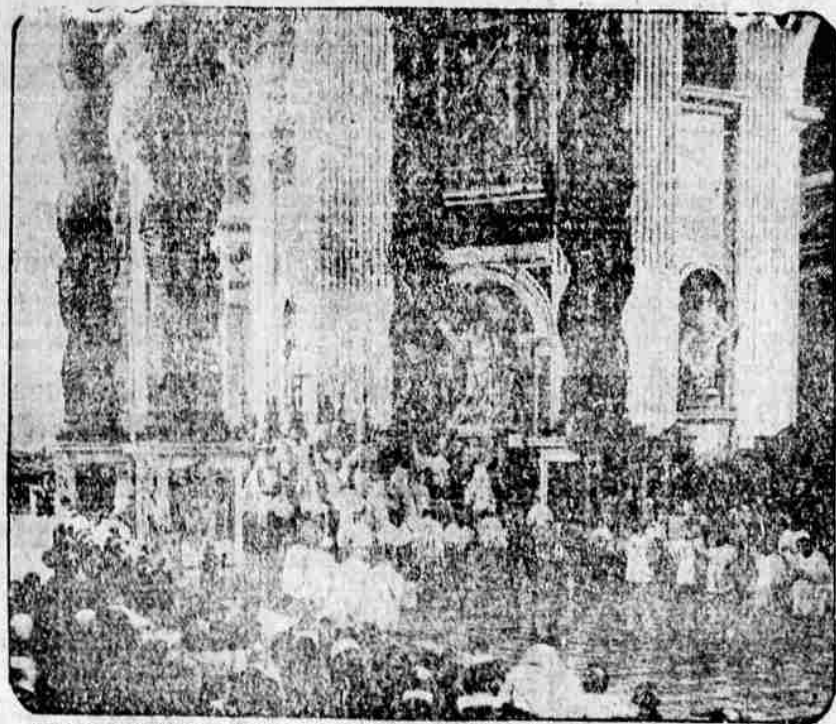
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Ann, Eat Your Breakfast

Here's cream taken from a bottle, and breakfast food got out of a box. I haven't tasted them yet, but I'm not afraid to ask you to eat. And in the bathroom is new tooth-paste to use on your teeth. Here's medicine to take before you start off to school. . . . Don't forget to wash your hands—that's a fresh bar of soap—and maybe dust your face with powder. No, it won't hurt the skin. This list of things I've seen advertised—stop and give it to your father. He'll bring them home tonight. Some of them old, some of them new . . . but what a civilized thing! To buy on faith and use on faith and never be betrayed!

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