

PLANE EXPECTED TO SURVEY ARCTIC REGION

Valuable Results Expected by Nation's Scientists.

ADMIRAL PEARY IN PARTY

Expedition Will Leave United States in June, With Captain Robert A. Bartlett in Charge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—An expedition, to be led by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, noted explorer, will be sent to the Polar regions next June, to survey the North Pole by airplane, according to an announcement here tonight by the Aero Club of America.

Valuable Results Are Seen. Results of inestimable value to the United States and to science surely will be obtained from this expedition, said the announcement, which added that the club would raise \$250,000 to finance the trip.

The North Pole has been discovered, but the major part of the work still remains to be done, the announcement says. "Both Admiral Peary and Captain Bartlett want to do a great deal of scientific research in the Polar basin, of which more than 1,000,000 square miles remain unexplored."

Planes to Expedite Work. "Immediately upon arrival at Etah a base would be established and while waiting for the ice to break up further north to permit the ship to go as far as Cape Columbia, the small airplanes would fly to Columbia and establish a base there for the large plane which is to be used for the flight across the top of the world, from Cape Columbia on the American side to the Pole, to Cape Chelyuskin on the Siberian side, and for exploration over long distances."

Admiral Peary in Party. "Assessing that only one-seventh of the earth's surface has been accurately mapped, and two-thirds only mapped from rough sketches, officials of the club stated that by use of airplanes it would be possible to map in 20 years what would require 200 years by usual methods."

The committee, which, after two years of study, recommended that the club finance the expedition, comprises: Admiral Peary, Alan E. Hawley, Henry A. Wisniewski, Henry Woodhouse, Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, John Hays Hammond, Jr., Rear-Admiral William N. Little, Professor Charles L. Poor, Colonel E. Lester Jones, Charles Jencks, and Major Cushman A. Rice and Augustus Post.

Captain Bartlett Commanded. Captain Bartlett, who will lead the next expedition, commanded the expedition on the Peary expeditions. While captain of the Karluk, which was crushed in the ice in January, 1914, he led the 17 members of the expedition to Wrangel Island, then crossed over to Siberia with one Eskimo and returned with relief party.

RESIGNATION IS EXPECTED

JAMES HARLAN MAY RETIRE FROM INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Although there has been no public comment to that effect, it is quite generally believed in railroad and official circles that the recent appointment of Joseph B. Eastman as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission indicates the retirement of Commissioner James S. Harlan when his term expires in January and the appointment of a Democrat in his stead.

RUSSIAN SITUATION IS UP

(Continued From First Page.) with which they are in close agreement. In Ukraine the situation is very complicated. Tyranny is repudiated. There is reason to hope that the policy followed by the allies will promote unity between these various governments in Southern Russia, all of which repudiate tyranny and Bolshevism and whose one object is the restoration of order in the country.

LEADER OF EXPEDITION NOW PLANNING TRIP TO POLAR REGIONS TO SURVEY NORTH POLE BY AIRPLANE.



CAPTAIN ROBERT A. BARTLETT.

BELGIUM FACES HUGE TASK

AMERICANS URGED TO EXTEND HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

Minister Declares Stricken Nation Will Meet Future in Same Spirit It Faced Huns.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—E. de Cartier de Marchienne, Belgian Minister to the United States, speaking here before the Commercial Club, declared that with Belgium despoiled by the Germans and their factories ruined, Belgium faced the future and reconstruction with the same spirit that it faced the German hordes and that Belgium did not intend to become a public charge upon the charity of the world.

"We do not wish to be a public charge upon the charity of the world. We want to work and to stand upon our own feet and we look to you Americans to give us a helping hand, not in acts of charity, but brotherly help in industry and trade."

YANKEE CASUALTIES BIG

(Continued From First Page.) bers of his own family explains perhaps why he is willing to indulge in the luxury of an occasional row with them.

French Are Thrifty Lot. You will hear at home and you will hear in France that the French are a thrifty lot and they have not at all abandoned their frugal ways in wartime. There are some stories that they have given up the habit of overcharging. Prices are very high in Paris, and throughout the republic. If the American boys, he must pay the ruling rate, and sometimes a little more. Much depends on how easy or liberal he is.

It is also true that the French, particularly the country people, are most hospitable to the American boys and their families. There are countless tales of their remarkable friendliness. They have taken the American boys into their homes and fed them in health and nursed them in sickness. They give them wine, too, and the doughboy takes it and drinks it.

Paris Medley of Colors. It is a mere aside, but it may as well be said here as anywhere, that I did not see a pig in Ireland, though I got drunk on French wine or spirits, not often at least. They accommodate themselves to you. It is contrary to their nature to drink a little, and quit, and that is all there is to it.

Way to Pay Debts Novel. Issuance of Non-Interest-Bearing Bonds by Germany Suggested. (Copyright, 1918, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(Special Cable.)—A suggestion is made by a correspondent of the Evening Standard that, as part of the indemnity to be paid by Germany, she should give non-interest bearing bonds redeemable over a period of, say, 20 years.

The allies could hold them or sell them and perhaps, in the case of Britain, it might be possible to persuade the United States to accept these bonds in whole or part payment of the debt we owe her. "It is an ingenious suggestion," remarks the Standard, "and we wish we could get rid of our debt to the United States so easily. We fear, however, it is so simple that no one at the peace conference would dare bring it forward."

that there shall be no vacations in Paris. A great resort for rest has been prepared by the Americans at Aix-les-Bains, a watering place, and the convalescent soldier sent often to the south of France, but not to Paris, except to the hospitals there. It seems to be the notion of the American command that Paris is a little too gay for the young American. It doesn't look very gay.

Maxim's Altogether Orderly. There is a celebrated place called Maxim's, and a party which went there one night for dinner—quite early—found that the atmosphere was not at all different from that of the average metropolitan restaurant. There was no music, no dancing, and no drunkenness. About all there was to do was to eat and to wait for something to happen, which did not. The reason, perhaps, was that the doors were to be closed at 9 o'clock. The law requires it.

You have trouble, even at Maxim's, getting what a good, healthy American appetite requires. The French have a special sauce for food conserving. You have to have a bread card and a meat card and goodness knows how many other cards. Besides, there is no sugar, unless you bring it; and very little butter, and there isn't, or wasn't, a glass of good, fresh milk to be had in all France, unless you chance to know somebody who owns an accommodating and productive cow. Besides, you are not supposed to ask for milk at Maxim's. You can only admit your error and humbly surrender to the expectation that you ask for wine, whether you drink it or not.

Pheasants Are Plentiful. You can get game on a meat card. In Oregon there is an idea that there exists in that remote state a monopoly of pheasants—a supposed distinction carefully treasured that it is possible to shoot—not to buy—such game for a price. I saw in one place in a provincial town of England, pheasants for sale, at least 200 pheasants. It is the same in France. Doubtless they have their range here, too, I was lucky. The pheasant at Maxim's was exceedingly good.

YAKIMA MAN IS PROMOTED

Curtis Gilbert Wins Captaincy for Rescuing Men in Argonne Region.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gilbert, of this city, have received a letter from their son, Lieutenant Curtis Gilbert, in which he speaks of his promotion to a Captaincy "on top of a citation in order for my rescue of that bunch in the Argonne." Lieutenant Gilbert was with a group of American boys who lost their way in the Argonne forest during the fighting in the final days of the allied offensive. He was detailed to find his way back to the American lines and obtain help. This he accomplished after much hardship and thrilling experience, and his companions were rescued. "I expect to return to the United States with old Company F, of the 31st Division, providing all goes well," he writes, "I am going toward the east for months, we have now turned our faces toward the west."

HONOR PLANNED FOR DEAD

Yuletide Decoration to Cover Graves of American Heroes.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—More than 3000 graves of American soldiers will be decorated on Christmas day by the American committee for devoting France. In the region between Laon and Chateau Thierry, where the graves were decorated on the 19th, the committee also provides a Christmas festival for 6000 children.

Christmas stockings, filled with candy toys and games sent from America, will be distributed. Each child, in addition, will be given some article of clothing, mittens or a hat. Two hundred children who have returned to the ruined village of Crecy will receive complete outfits of clothing so that they will be able to return to school. The committee is also arranging Christmas festivities at Laon, Soissons, Paris and other French cities.

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PARTIES COMBINE TO FIGHT OFF ANARCHY

Elections to German National Assembly, Forecast Future.

RADICALS ARE CRUSHED

Leading Factions, for First Time in Many Years, Join in Appeal for Sane Government.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(Havas.)—The first elections to the new German National Assembly are symptomatic of what the final results will be, says a dispatch from Berne to Le Journal. In the duchy of Brunswick, where the minority party has a preponderance, the defeat of the Bolsheviki was crushing. In Mecklenberg and Anhalt, where the majority party was in control, the bourgeoisie also came out victorious.

MUNICH, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—So chaotic have conditions become during the last week or two that three of the leading parties have combined, for the first time in years, to issue what amounts to an ultimatum to the Bavarian government. The Bavarian people's party, the German people's party and the Munich branch of the Liberal party have signed the appeal. The Socialist party did not sign the ultimatum, which reads:

"Recent occurrences, especially those of the last few days, leave no doubt that we are facing danger from anarchy. The press is threatened, freedom of assembly exists no longer and the ballot is at stake. Will the National Assembly, if it is chosen, be able to count on meeting? Has the government no will to rule or no power?"

Your own party, a majority of its members being soldiers spared from death during the war, wants a rule of terror by unrestrained rowdies as little as we. But the power and strength of order is crippled if the government's will to rule ceases. Does the government want order or does it want anarchy? We direct these questions openly to the provisional government, especially to the present Minister-President, Eisner. We expect a definite and unequivocal answer; not only in words, but in action, with comprehensive and aggressive acts. That will break no delay. "Should this answer not be given we will know and all Bavaria will know that neither from the present government nor from the present Minister-President can we expect anything else to be expected than steady degeneration into Bolshevistic abyss."

NEW FIRE-BOMBS NOT USED

Germans Feared to Begin Terrible Devastation Planned.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(Special Cable.)—It is now possible to speak of the small grenade fire bomb which the Germans meant to use to devastate large parts of London, but which they have not used. The British would use the same bombs with greater effect upon German cities. The World correspondent has ascertained from authoritative sources the facts regarding this small fire bomb. The raiding Gothas were capable of carrying a number of these bombs. When first discovered that such a fire-producing bomb had been invented there was much uneasiness in London, but eventually it was ascertained that the Germans were afraid to start such an epoch of desolation. Only the ordinary fire bombs were used in the raid on London. They are not supposed to be used for fire, and caused only three fires big enough to require the fire brigades.

EXPORT BOARD TO REMAIN

Commission Will Handle Cuba's Sugar Crop for 1918 and 1919.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—A presidential decree signed yesterday provides for continuation of the sugar exportation commission created in January, 1918, and the same duties and powers as heretofore. The commission will handle all matters relating to the shipment of sugar produced in Cuba from the 1918-19 crop, under the contract signed on October 24 last, by the United States equalization board and the Cuban sugar commission.

NEW YORK JURIST HONORED

Justice Gough, Retiring, Dined by Gotham Bench and Bar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—State Supreme Court Justice John B. Gough, who, in 1894, came into National prominence as chief counsel for the Lexow Senatorial committee in its investigation of Tammany, and who presided at many famous criminal trials, including that of Police Lieutenant Becker and the four gunmen, was the guest of honor yesterday at a dinner given by members of the Bench and Bar of New York on the eve of his retirement to private life.

Bus Upsets, Soldier Hurt.

C. J. Morrissy, was injured severely about the head early yesterday by the overturning of a St. Helen's bus driven by C. Kampe at 29th and Upshur streets. There were 14 passengers in the bus, but the rest escaped without injury. The bus skidded into the curb and upset. Mr. Morrissy, who is a soldier at Vancouver Barracks, was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital unconscious. He was better last night.

MUSIC AND DANCING

ORIENTAL CAFE. Hear "Gerry's" Original Jazz Band. Open late dining room and dance. 11 A.M. to 8 P.M. 25c, 30c, 35c. 40c to 75c. Including soup, vegetables, drinks, dessert. SPECIAL SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER.

Great Sale of Men's Suits. Our mill-to-man methods of selling — wearer buying direct from the maker — are entirely responsible for the very important fact that men's clothing of real before-the-war quality is on sale here at practically before-the-war prices. This sounds almost too good to be true, doesn't it? But you can prove the truth of our claims very easily. Simply come here and inspect the six great groups selling at \$14 - \$17 - \$23 \$27 - \$32 - \$37. You will soon see that their equal will cost 25-33 1/3% more elsewhere. Brownsville Woolen Mill Store. Mill-to-Man Clothiers, Third and Morrison. WOOLEN MILL BUILDING.

854 HUN PLANES DOWNED. MAJOR-GENERAL MAKES REPORT TO DEPARTMENT. Americans Lose but 271 Planes and 45 Balloons—442 Casualties Reported. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—American airmen in France brought down a total of 854 German airplanes and 82 German balloons, against an American loss of 271 planes and 45 balloons, according to a report cabled by Major-General Harold G. Murray to the War Department. Destruction of 384 of the enemy planes and 57 of the balloons had been officially confirmed. The total casualties of the American air service in action are given as 442, including 109 killed, 162 wounded, 266 missing and 27 prisoners and three interned. When the armistice ended the fighting, the report said, there were 38 American air squadrons at the front. They included 20 pursuit, six day and one night bombing squadrons and five Army, 12 corps and one night observation squadrons. The total personnel was 2161 officers and 22,351 men at the front with an additional 4613 officers and 23,352 men in the service of supply. Eight American flying officers were detailed with the British army and 40 officers and 525 men with the French forces. The total strength of the American air service in France was 58,090, of which 6951 were officers. In addition to these trained men, the air service had eight separate schools in France where 1232 pilots and 2013 observers were under instruction and 5669 pilots and 2045 observers.

The Christmas Spirit is most pleasingly extended in a selection from our display of Christmas CANDY in Novelty Packages and Boxes. Officers Subject to Release. SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Announcement was made here last night that an order had been received at Mather Field, near here, from Washington, stating that all officers at the aviation field who desired to leave the here to be German soil, has stirred the Prussian government to counter-action. The inhabitants of the districts involved have been informed by the Prussian Ministry of the Interior that any participation in the elections may be regarded as high treason and that any acceptance of official mandates from the Poles may be punished under the law regarding impersonation of officials. All officials have been ordered to arrest any person committing any of the specified acts and the workmen and soldiers' council will co-operate in the work. BUTTER NUT. Dull school children are not usually properly fed. Enter Nut bread has the proper heat and energy building ingredients.

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War Savings Stamp Pledge? You have only a few days left in which to carry out your promise to the Government. Stamps on Sale at All Banks. HIBERNIA SAVINGS BANK. A Conservative Custodian. Fourth and Washington Sts.