

BYRD'S STORY OF TRIP OVER POLE SCOFFED

Norwegian Antarctic Explorer Questions Accuracy In Many Details

Reported Mountains Do Not Exist Declares Major Trygve Gran

LONDON, Dec. 3.—(Tuesday) (AP)—The Mail today says that the accuracy of the report of Commander Richard E. Byrd, regarding his south polar flight has been challenged by Major Trygve Gran, Norwegian aviator and explorer who was a member of the Scott Antarctic expedition.

A dispatch from Copenhagen cites a state Major Gran made to the newspaper, *Ekspressbladet* in which he said, "I am not justified in saying Commander Byrd did not pass over the pole but the whole expedition appears to be a speculation in sensations."

He stated that the report of the American aviator did not inspire confidence and in particular doubted the statement that Byrd saw the cairns of Scott and Amundsen.

Story of Sighting Cairns Questioned

Gran said: "In my opinion it would be nothing short of a miracle if the cairns were so well preserved that they were visible from the air against the white snow-plain."

The terrible mountains which Commander Byrd describes are according to Gran, "a fantasy." He said his own experience and that of Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, as revealed in discussion with himself about the character of the landscape show that there are no mountains.

"When we returned from Scott's expedition we agreed the trip must be made with a motorcycle, the land being on the whole a plain except for crevasses and ravines."

Major Gran is about 40 years old. As a lieutenant in the Norwegian army in 1914 he flew from England to Norway and accomplished the first air crossing of the North Sea. Captain Scott took him to the Antarctic as a ski expert. In 1919 he was navigator of an air expedition which was to attempt an Atlantic crossing from St. John, N.F., to Europe, but which was abandoned after the narrow escape of Harry Hawker in the same attempt.

In 1922 he was reported to be planning a flight across the North Pole from Spitzbergen. At that time Raoul Amundsen was in Alaska planning a similar flight in the opposite direction but neither of the actually made the attempt.

\$71,000 ORDERED FOR RIVER WORK

Appropriation of \$71,000 for the improvement and maintenance of the Willamette river above Portland, and the Yamhill river, is recommended in the budget of estimates submitted to congress Monday by the chief of army engineers.

The general budget of which this is a part totals up to \$55,000,000, of which \$1,217,500 is recommended to be spent in maintenance work on the Oregon coast, and \$118,400 for improvement in the same area.

Local men who are conversant with the past history of maintenance work on the Willamette, said Monday that the \$71,000 appropriation would permit of about the same maintenance as this year, but no permanent improvements.

Captain Irwin is Back From Camp

Captain Clifton M. Irwin of the local Coast Artillery headquarters battery, returned to Salem Monday after spending 14 weeks at an officers' training camp at Fort Monroe, Va. He made the round trip by automobile, driving about 300 miles in all since leaving Salem.

W. U. Students Celebrate Winning Northwest Title

The Willamette university chapter program Monday took the form of a celebration of last Thursday's victory over Whitman college and the winning of the Northwest conference football championship for the first time. Either of these achievements would have been cause for a student outburst of enthusiasm, but with two events united campus joy was unbounded.

"There are times when words are inadequate," began President Donley, and after a few remarks announced that the school would enjoy a holiday for the afternoon. "The announcement of a death is always a serious matter," he said, "but I must announce to you the death of old man Jonah. He died

United States Secretary Launches Move To Rally Opinion Against Warfare

Fire Attracts Big Crowd at Capitol Office Structure

An overheated tar kettle caused a fire which drew out three fire trucks and a crowd of people at the new state office building Sunday just after noon. A small crew of men were at work laying the roof over the concrete deck. The oil burner at the kettle made the tar too hot and set it afire, and the blazing tar boiled over on the roof. Immense billows of black smoke rolled skyward.

The ladder truck was parked in the driveway between the new building and the office building and the extension thrown against the top of the wall. Firemen went up with hand extinguishers and put out the fire. The building was not in danger at any time as it is of concrete and the fire was well under control.

Throughout the world discussions were held today between American diplomatic representatives and foreign ministers, in conformity with the secretary's instructions that the view of the American government that war must be averted should be laid before all foreign powers. In these discussions cooperation was asked in a world move for peace in the far east.

Immediate Support Given American Proposition

The response to the steps for peace under the leadership of the United States was prompt, several nations immediately indicating their readiness to initiate anti-war moves similar to that of America.

The American message to Moscow was communicated through

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MISSISSIPPI AREA HIT BY COLD WAVE

Warmer Weather Promised In Near Future by Government Bureau

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A new cold wave today spread over the back seat with her 9 months old daughter, received a broken shoulder bone and severe body injuries. The baby girl, Marilyn, suffered head injuries and partial paralysis, the extent of which has not yet been determined.

Joan, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cooper, of Silverton, was riding with her parents in the Schrunk car and received such severe cuts about the face that 22 stitches were necessary to close the wounds.

In the car driven by Mrs. Patterson, Russell Barry, seven years old, received a fractured skull and other injuries. Both drivers escaped with minor injuries, such as bruises.

It was pointed out in the accident report that fog and the absence of the stop signs were the cause of the wreck.

The latest wave developed in western Canada and was swept by stiff northeast winds over a wide area. The eastern and central portions of the upper Great Lakes region were to get a brunt of the cold but tomorrow morning, government forecasts said, would see rising temperatures to the westward, in the northern great plains area.

The captain and four members of the crew of the steamer Kiowa, which sank in Lake Superior, lost their lives.

One man was burned to death here while getting warm at a salamander. Police stations and charitable agencies were swamped with urgent pleas for coal, food and warm clothing. Crowds of homeless felled police stations to capacity seeking shelter.

Alderman W. H. Dancy declared that every woodstove burner in the city is contributing to the cinder nuisance, and asked that this phase of the matter be investigated by the committee.

ARMY AND NAVY TO STAGE MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Orders for a series of five minor joint army and navy maneuvers in Panama, the Philippines, Hawaii, and on the harbor defenses of Long Island sound and San Francisco, have been issued at the navy and war departments.

The first maneuvers will be in Panama from February 25 until March 10, with the battle fleet participating. The maneuver on Long Island, in which the scouting fleet will participate, will be held in May, and those in San Francisco in which the battle fleet will take part in July.

HOCKEY GAME TIED VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 2.—(AP)—The Seattle Eskimos, unbeaten in four previous Pacific coast hockey league games, were battered to a standstill here tonight by the Vancouver Lions, the game ending in a 1 to 1 tie after overtime.

When asked for his impressions

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Moral Persuasion to Be Used by Signatories of Kellogg Peace Treaty; Conflict Between Russians and Chinese Is Deplored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A mobilization of world public opinion to halt the hostilities in Manchuria between China and the Soviet has been initiated by the United States.

In the most comprehensive move for peace that has ever been made in the history of American, and probably world diplomacy, Secretary Stimson has appealed to 53 nations, signatories of the general pact for the renunciation of war, to urge upon China and the Soviet a cessation of hostilities.

Simultaneously, the United States has addressed to the Nanjing and Moscow governments its second plea for peace since the troubles between the two countries began last summer when the Chinese took over control of the Chinese Eastern railway.

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Four British Delegates Are Picked for Coming Disarmament Meet

PRIME Minister MacDonald today announced the plans and scope of the five power naval conference which will open on January 21 in the royal gallery of the house of lords and will then hold its subsequent sessions at St. James' palace on the invitation of King George.

The four chief British delegates will be Mr. MacDonald himself; Arthur Henderson, the foreign secretary; A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty and Wedgwood Benn, secretary of state for India.

All of the units of the empire have been invited to send delegates but the names of these have not yet been made public.

The high commissioner stationed in London probably will represent some of the dominions.

Questioned regarding the conference program, the premier replied:

"There will be only one subject on the agenda, namely, how best the five powers represented at the conference can agree upon reduction and limitation of war vessels on the basis of mutually accepted strengths.

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Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of the vice president, looked down from the Senate gallery while Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of the speaker, raised a lorgnette to scan the opening exercises in the house.

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Finally he found a job. Pat was to start to work on a farm just outside of Salem and his task consisted solely of blowing stumps out of the ground to clear a tract of land.

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