

AMUNDSEN LOST IF WINGS GONE

MacMillan Hopes Open Water May Save

Would Be Futile to Send Dirigible in Search of Explorer, Explained

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WASHINGTON, May 29.—If Roald Amundsen's planes are wrecked near the north pole, he and his party are doomed to die on the polar ice pack, Captain Donald R. MacMillan, leader of the MacMillan-navy expedition to the arctic this summer, told the United Press.

"Amundsen will never return if his planes are disabled at the pole," MacMillan said. "He can never reach Cape Columbia at this season of the year. The ice is breaking up and he and his party will walk endlessly over the ice, searching a way to land they will never find."

"The pole is 450 miles from Cape Columbia. If Amundsen made 15 miles a day it would take him until the end of June to reach the cape. That would be too late. Peary told me many times, 'MacMillan, if you are not off the ice by June 1, you will never get off.'"

MacMillan, however, said it was far too early to give up hope for the return of the missing explorer, whom he regards as the greatest figure in the world in arctic exploration.

Explorer Gives Theory
MacMillan personally believes that Amundsen landed some distance from

the pole and is musing on foot across the ice to the top of the world. When he has completed all the observations he wants, he will return, according to the American explorer.

"If Amundsen landed safely in a 'lead' of open water somewhere near the pole, as I believe, there is nothing to fear. He has one month's food, each day the water is opening up between the ice floes more and more, which is just what he wants for his planes, and it is getting warmer. Things are breaking his way. Why shouldn't he take his time?"

"I believe he headed straight for the pole and when he thought he must be about there he landed, only to find that his calculations were off 50 or 100 miles. That is easily possible, the way the compass works in those latitudes. Then he set out for the pole. Perhaps he landed in a 'lead,' only to have it close on him and he had to haul his planes out on the ice. He may be waiting for it to open up before taking off for home."

Will Return, Predicted
"I firmly believe he is safe and will return."

MacMillan said it would be utterly futile to send the Shenandoah to search for the party. Before the ship could get anywhere near the ice, the party already would have perished from starvation. If by any chance it should arrive in time to render aid, the chances of finding the party on the vast ice fields would be extremely remote.

Amundsen might try to get back to Spitzbergen if he is wise, MacMillan said. If he did this, an expedition started at once from King's bay might find him in time to save him. To start anywhere else would be a waste of time, in his opinion. A relief party could head straight for the pole and should be able to sight the wrecked planes on the ice. It could also retrace Amundsen's suspected route on the return trip far to the south of Spitzbergen, for MacMillan

believes it may be possible that the party missed the island on the return trip and is drifting in the ocean somewhere, out of fuel.

Brooks-Scanlon to Play Redmond This Sunday

Further strengthened following the close competition which it furnished the Shevlin-Hixon players last Sunday, the Brooks-Scanlon baseball team will cross bats with the Redmond aggregation, undefeated since the regular playing season opened, on the afternoon of Saturday, Memorial day, it was announced today by the Brooks-Scanlon team management.

The game will be called at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Brooks-Scanlon has strengthened its infield since it held Shevlin-Hixon to a 10 to 7 score, and will also have several additional pitchers. Redmond is expected to bring the strong combination which it had when it defeated Shevlin-Hixon recently, with Tetherow and Berning as the probable battery.

YOUR HEALTH

FIREPROOFING THE BODY

Each year we lose thousands of valuable trees by fire. In spite of all the precautions we can take, and all the quarantining of fires we can do, fires will break out in spots and wipe out whole forests.

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Then, after all our forests were fireproofed, would we continue the fireproofing on the young trees, and renew it on those from which it had worn off? Equally of course not. We would say that, since we fireproofed, there had been no fires—therefore there was no use in fireproofing any more. Somebody would maintain that the fireproofing made a little mark on the bark of the trees, and that, since there were no more fires anyway, there was no use keeping up such a nonsensical and dangerous procedure as fireproofing. So that we'd gradually allow our new forests to grow up un-fireproofed.

Then, of course, the fires would start up again. Little ones and big ones—depending on the number of unprotected trees and the strength of the wind. Old trees, whose fireproofing was almost worn off, and which would have been safe in a small fire, would be burnt up in the tremendous conflagration caused by the many new and unprotected trees. And we would probably blame the fireproofing! Every time a fire occurred we would get scared, and protect a few trees, but as soon as the fire was under control we'd think that there would never be another one, and stop.

That's smallpox vaccination! Formerly, smallpox was as prevalent, and one was as certain to get it, as measles or chickenpox. Therefore, as soon as vaccination was found to prevent it, almost everybody was immediately protected. The result of this was that smallpox almost disappeared, and nobody was afraid of it any more. Therefore, we stopped vaccinating, thinking there would never be any more danger. Of course, there is danger; virulent outbreaks of smallpox are now occurring all around us, and cases sometimes come into Oregon. Whenever there is a scare, we get vaccinated. Otherwise, we leave it alone, forgetting that the only way to remove the danger entirely is to keep ourselves vaccinated all the time. If everybody were vaccinated once, we would have no more smallpox epidemics, though we might have a few mild cases in people whose immunity had worn down. When much of the population is unvaccinated, a severe outbreak will attack those whose vaccination is old, and who otherwise would have had resistance enough to go through life without developing smallpox.

Nordic Festival Planned By Local Order of Vasa

Plans for giving a "Nordic Midsummer Festival" at Tumalo Island Sunday, June 21, are being made by the Bend lodge of the Order of Vasa, it was announced today.

This festival will feature local entertainers and also the National Club Dancers of Portland, who have appeared at a number of largely attended entertainments, including the state fair, and who are to have a part in the Portland rose festival program this year.

Salvation Army Officers To Bid Farewell to Bend

Services Sunday evening at the Salvation Army hall will be in the nature of a farewell for Ensign and Mrs. H. R. Briggs, who are leaving for a new appointment after directing the work of the Army here for two years.

The officers who will succeed them will arrive in Bend next week. Their names were not known here today. Ensign and Mrs. Briggs will take a vacation of several weeks before accepting a new appointment.

American Fleet Starting On Trip Back to Hawaii

(U. P. Licensed Wire to The Bend Bulletin)

ABOARD U. S. S. SEATTLE, at Sea, Hawaiian waters, May 29.—The United States fleet was headed back toward Honolulu today after three weeks of minor maneuvers about Maui Island.

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Drowning Causes Deaths Of Two Near Clatskanie

(U. P. Licensed Wire to The Bend Bulletin)

CLATSKANIE, Ore., May 29.—Two persons were drowned here during the last 24 hours in separate accidents. John Seaman, 32, Wheeler, Oregon, fell from a fishing boat and was seized with cramps. He drowned before help reached him.

Albert Erickson, 7, lost his life when he slipped from a log boom where he was fishing.

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Princeton Athlete Breaks College Shot Put Record

FRANKLIN FIELD, Philadelphia, May 29.—Putting the shot 49 feet 8 1/2 inches, Ralph Hills, Princeton, broke the intercollegiate record this afternoon in the qualifying trials of the 49th annual intercollegiate track and field championships.

LODGE ORGANIZER HERE

Here in the interest of the Women's Benefit association, Mrs. Christine Clark, with headquarters in Pendleton, announces that an important meeting of the local review of the association will be held in Bend Friday night of next week. Mrs. Clark is district deputy of the association.

Mrs. W. A. Shelby is commander of the Bend review of the Women's Benefit association. The New York Tennis club, founded in 1886, is now the oldest lawn tennis club in the metropolitan district.

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