

POLAR TRIP IN PROSPECT

Cold of Antarctic Held Dangerous

Blizzards Would Bury Aviators' Huts—Meridians Converge

Washington, July 20.—(AP)—The vast lonely Antarctic, with its magnificent memories of Amundsen, Scott and Shackleton, may soon be disturbed by the modern man-eagle.

Commander Byrd, his friends believe, may go to the southern end of the world; but if he does not others will try. Aviators' inquiries to scientists here reveal that aerial exploration of the Antarctic already is in prospect.

Dr. Austin H. Clark, oceanographer of Smithsonian Institution, in an exclusive United Press interview, explained the appeal and the problems of exploration in the Far South.

"The greatest opportunity for aerial exploration now challenges aviators in the Antarctic region. Geographic and scientific information concerning that area is meager, the outlines of the great land mass have never been completely mapped, and an extraordinary spectacular interest would attach to exploration," he said.

Plans Outlined
"Three separate possibilities confront aerial explorers in the Antarctic. First of all, a dash for the South Pole might be made from some carefully prepared advance base. Secondly, the aviator might attempt a flight across the entire area, starting from some

Pacific Flyers Take a Dip



When Lieutenant Albert F. Hogenberger (left) and Lieutenant Lester J. Matland sauntered out on the beach at Waikiki, the Princeton-Honolulu non-stop flyers were presented with the large floral horseshoe shown above, with "To Our Heroes," patterned in white. The two, even in bathing suits, keep something of the military posture.

point south of New Zealand and ending, for example in South America. A third possibility would be a combined expedition of sea-going vessels and planes which would circle the globe in the Antarctic. At intervals the planes from the vessel as base could make explorations of the coastline of the Antarctic continent.

"The latter project in my opinion, would possess the greatest scientific value. It would enable accurate mapping of the coastline and the northern fringe of the ice wall. Geologically, the survey of mountains and earth

configuration would assist scientists in determining the land connection which may at some geological epoch have connected Australia or New Zealand and South America.

Fossils Found
"Scientists have found in South America certain fresh water fish and insects which also exist in Australia and Tasmania. Fossil remains of the Tasmanian wolf have been found in South America, as well as in Tasmania and Australia. The discoveries indicate a land connection across the Antarctic at some remote geological epoch. Systematic aerial photography would be of extraordinary value.

"Such an expedition would contribute indirectly to the future economic exploitation of the southern region, which will include the whaling industry and the development of fisheries.

"If a polar dash is the object, the most logical approach would be from the base in the Ross Sea, from which the route was found overland. The vicinity has been mapped and advance preparations could be carefully calculated. Perhaps the most feasible method would be a flight by seaplane. With capable of more than two thousand miles of sustained flight, a position of sufficient proximity for the hop-off could be attained. The volcanoes of Mount Erebus and the cone of Mount Terror might serve as aerial guide-posts.

Blizzards Feared
"The greatest single obstacle to Antarctic exploration will be the menace of blizzards, which recur frequently and in many places, often reaching a velocity of 40 to 60 miles an hour. These blizzards also would complicate the problem of bases, as they cause snow drifts which might bury huts. Antarctic aviators would also have to count on extreme cold.

"The problem of navigation would be very serious because of the difficulty of determining longitude in the polar region where the meridians converge.

"There are, however, no difficulties which could not be overcome by careful preparation. Antarctic attempts are likely to involve large financial expenditures because of the great distances to be traversed even before an advanced base can be established.

Redmond News Items Of Interest Generally

Redmond, Ore., July 21.—Rev. Perry Arkie left for Salem to attend the Presbyterian synod for a week.

N. R. Toetor and daughter Mabel left Wednesday for a visit at Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boyles moved to Warren, Oregon, where Boyles has accepted a position.

Mrs. W. M. Fox of Madras is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Larson, here.

Reverend and Mrs. Moore of Klamath Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fairfield and friends of Chicago are visiting Crater lake.

William Endicott underwent an operation in Bend Wednesday at the St. Charles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McKee left for their home in Portland Wednesday.

E. E. Hesse was a business visitor here Wednesday from Clatskanie.

T. L. Collier of Tumalo was here Wednesday on business.

Ed Spoo was a business visitor here Wednesday.

PORTLAND MEN FREED ON BAIL

Wheeler and Olmstead Face Charge

Northwestern Bank Fund Misapplied, Verdict of Jury

Portland, July 21.—(AP)—Emory Olmstead, former president of the defunct Northwestern National bank, and J. E. Wheeler, former president of the Portland Telegram, were at liberty on \$15,000 bail each today following their arrests on charges of conspiracy to misapply \$786,415 of the bank's funds.

Secret indictments were returned by the federal grand jury late yesterday afternoon. Olmstead was arrested at his home and a short time later Wheeler was taken into custody at his office.

The indictments, which were presented to the grand jury by United States District Attorney George Neuner, are on two counts. One charge is a conspiracy to defraud the Northwestern bank by misapplying funds and the other is the charge of misapplication of funds.

Two Accused
The former publisher, whose paper was recently sold in bankruptcy, and the former head of the defunct bank, are accused of entering into a conspiracy on October 5, 1924, and continuing their alleged pecculations until March 1, 1927. The Northwestern bank failed March 28, 1927, after a sensational run.

Thirty-two overt acts are alleged in the indictments, 29 of these being the presentation and honoring of worthless checks. It is alleged that Wheeler main-

With Bertaud



James D. Hill, New York-to-Cleveland airmail pilot, is to accompany Lloyd W. Bertaud, another airmail flyer, in his attempt to fly from New York to Rome. The New York-Rome plane, a single-motored Fokker, is now being completed in a New Jersey factory.

tained accounts in the Forest County National bank of Tionesta, Pa., the Brookville Title and Trust company of Brookville, Pa., and the Titusville Trust company of Titusville, Pa. Checks were drawn on these banks, the indictments charge, and Olmstead, as president of the bank, cashed them to be deposited to the credit of the McCormick Lumber company, of which Wheeler was president, knowing them to be worthless.

Operations Covered
Operations were covered, it is alleged, by the issuance of new checks each time a worthless check came in.

Northwestern bank affairs came into public attention early in March of this year when Olmstead was deposed as president and O. L. Price, trustee of the Pittcock estate, was named as

president. At the same time it was announced that the Pittcock estate, owners of the Morning Oregonian, had acquired control of the bank.

Rumors followed this change and resulted in the run which closed the bank. Two other banks here took over its affairs and guaranteed the accounts of depositors.

Shortly after that the Telegram Publishing company, of which Wheeler was president and principal owner, was bankrupt. Since then it has been sold to an unnamed purchaser.

Was a Lumberman
Other tangled affairs of Olmstead and Wheeler include the bankruptcy of the Wheeler and Olmstead Lumber company, with large holdings in Klamath county.

Wheeler has served as president of numerous lumber companies. He became principal owner of the Portland Telegram November 11, 1926, when he purchased the interest of his brother, L. R. Wheeler. The brothers originally purchased the Telegram from the Oregonian in 1913.

The Telegram, the only afternoon newspaper in Portland which is not served by the United Press, filled bankruptcy papers April 12, this year. The Wheeler-Olmstead Lumber company filed its bankruptcy papers a month later.

Federal Dry Official Drafts New Rulings

Washington July 21.—(AP)—New prohibition regulations canceling all permits now held by alcohol and medicinal spirits dealers and handlers and requiring annual renewal of permits hereafter have been drafted by Dr. J. M. Doran federal dry commissioner.

The tentative rules will be submitted to acting Secretary of the Treasury Mills today and, if approved, will go into effect January 1.

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