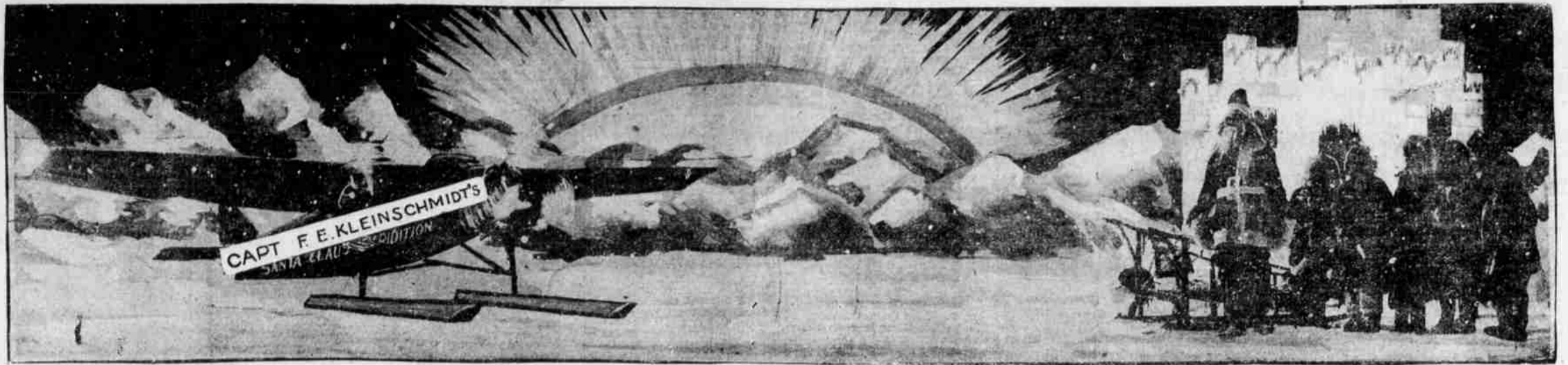


# Journal Expedition At Gateway To Santa Claus Land



## Journal Expedition Finds Home Of Santa

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retic explorer, should fall in his quest and thereby shatter the faith of thousands of little children in the patron saint of Christmas, the fact that such an expedition was on its way into the treacherous northland has been kept a closely guarded secret.

In fact, since Captain Kleinschmidt and his party left New York by airplane on October 15 the only word heard from him until Wednesday were short telegraphic bulletins telling of the progress of the flight as far as the outlying Hudson Bay Trading posts in northern Canada. From there on, all was silence and, until Wednesday evening, grave fears were felt that the captain and his aides had been forced to land and had likely perished in the frozen wastes beyond the Arctic circle.

Then, as a bolt out of a clear sky, came news of the success of the expedition—the discovery of Santa in person and of his castle, the elves who assist him, and of his great toy shop and store rooms for the thousands of presents he prepares for good boys and girls each year.

News of the discovery was brought to Salem by "Sourdough Charlie" Niemeyer, veteran guide and packer in the Arctic, who accompanied Captain Kleinschmidt as assistant to the pilot of the exploring plane and guide to the party on its long trip by reindeer and dog sled after it had been forced to abandon the plane in a remote Eskimo settlement.

Save the plane in readiness for the trip home after our return from the Santaland.

"We push on—against what odds and encountering what adventures I will tell you later—and after several days and nights of hardship and battle against the cruel elements and ferocious wolves reached Santa's castle and were greeted warmly by the old fellow himself.

"I am still too tired to tell you of all our adventures and of the wonderful things we saw on the way, of our warm reception by Santa Claus, and the things we found in his great castle.

"All of that you will read about in a series of dispatches to the Capital Journal written by Captain Kleinschmidt, which I brought back with me and which will be printed every day in the Capital Journal.

"Here is the big secret!

"Santa Claus not only gave us a hearty greeting, showed and explained to us everything about himself and his work, but also promised to come back with us to Salem for a visit before Christmas.

"You cannot imagine how elated we were when on the day before the intended for our departure on the slow sled trip back to Polaseruk we heard the hum of motors outside the castle and rushed to the windows to see our plane settle down gently on Santa's icy landing field.

"Our pilot climbed out of the cabin and explained that on the afternoon before while they were awaiting the return of the Eskimo messenger sent to Nome for a new propeller a relief plane sent out in search of our expedition after we sent out a distress call upon the occasion of our first plane mishap—that was before our radio broadcasting set had gone dead—swooped down upon Polaseruk in search of us. From the spare parts carried by the relief plane the broken propeller was replaced and the ship started out after us at once.

"Now, all was in readiness for our return, bringing Santa back to Salem with us. We had secured all of the information we had set out to get and also Santa permitted us to take a lot of moving pictures of himself, his castle, his helpers, reindeer and the like. We were to start early the following day, although it would still be dark and we would have only the light of the moon to guide us.

"But during the night a terrible wind storm arose. Our plane was torn from its moorings, hurled across the ice and smashed against a small mountain of ice and snow. We were stranded.

"Except that he did not want to tire them out before their strenuous Christmas Eve drive over the entire world, Santa said we could have used his reindeer to make the trip home but that was impossible.

"Captain Kleinschmidt decided to use to start on ahead with the pictures and stories he had prepared, and bring to Salem the news of the discovery and that of the flight of the expedition since the plane had been completely wrecked. He said the rest of the party with Santa Claus would follow as fast as possible.

"I took a dog team and pushed on

ahead to Nome and on down the Alaskan peninsula until I finally found a little fishing schooner lying in a sheltered bay awaiting the passing of a storm before setting sail for Seattle. The schooner brought me and my dogs and equipment on to Seattle, where I purchased an automobile, loaded the dogs and the rest of the stuff into it and hurried on to Salem.

Thursday the Capital Journal was making preparations to organize a relief party to return to the north by airplane and meet Santa Claus, Captain Kleinschmidt and his party and rush back to Salem with Santa, at least, so that he may be here in plenty of time to meet the kiddies and get back to the north pole in time for his regular Christmas Eve ride.

Friday the Capital Journal will publish more about the discovery of Santa Claus and its plans to bring him to Salem.



through a hole in the ice. Next below, left to right, Mrs. Kleinschmidt and Patanuk, who drove the reindeer team for the expedition, with a polar bear he had just killed. Next below, Captain and Mrs. Kleinschmidt and, at right, an Eskimo family having a meal of frozen crabs in their snow hut while Mrs. Kleinschmidt (with cap) tells them of the expedition. Below, the route followed by the expedition from New York to the point where the plane had to be abandoned.

### WESTERN CALENDAR ORDERED IN CHINA

Shanghai (AP)—Documents dated by China's old style lunar calendar will not be valid after January 1, 1930, according to a mandate issued by the national government.

It is hoped that if the government can compel business houses to follow the "foreign style calendar," the general public will do so likewise. Previous efforts at modernizing the calendar have met with scant success, and Chinese New Year was duly celebrated throughout the country this year in spite of official prohibitions.

Nearly half of all the telephones in Germany are connected with automatic exchanges.

### CRATER PARK TO GET \$73,000 FOR NEXT YEAR

Washington (AP)—The importance of the nation's parks as recreation centers was pointed out by the house appropriations committee when it reported to the house Thursday the annual supply bill of the interior department and provided an increase for national park service over the last fiscal year and the budget estimates. The \$8,070,000 allocated exceeded the appropriations for the current year by \$74,000 and the budget by \$16,000.

A part of the increase is to be used to provide the park service to study areas proposed for national parks and monuments and proposed changes in boundaries of established parks.

A resolution was made to allot \$10,000 for the construction of the Summit memorial road at Crater Lake national park, Oregon, in honor of the memory of the late Nicholas J. Sirovich of Oregon, who was for many years chairman of the League lands committee.

The committee also set aside \$200,000 for the purchase of privately owned land in the national parks and pointed out that the fiscal year 1931 would see for the first time in effective operation the program of five million dollars a year for construction of roads and trails in the national parks.

Allocations for national parks include the following:

Crater Lake, Oregon, \$73,000

St. Helens, Washington, \$148,000

Seven-and-a-half million dollars was set aside to care for national monuments.

Eugene—Three men were burned severely by the backfire from a firebox of a southbound Southern Pacific train at Crumville. They were W. L. Rutter, fireman; F. J. Jost, engineer, and C. C. Brown, all of Eugene.