

CAPT. WILKINS FLIES ACROSS NORTH POLE

Explorer Arrives at Spitzbergen After 20 Hours in the Air.

Copenhagen, Denmark. — Another conquest of the north Polar regions was recorded when Captain George H. Wilkins announced to the Copenhagen Politiken the safe arrival at Spitzbergen of himself and Carl B. Eielson. They flew over the roof of the world from Point Barrow, Alaska, 2200 miles. Only two brief wireless messages came through, but they revealed that Wilkins, like Koehl and Fitzmaurice in the Bremen, had a narrow escape from disaster at the very end of their epochal adventure. For some reason, as yet unexplained, Wilkins was obliged to make a landing on an uninhabited islet only 25 miles from his goal. The fliers were detained there for five days by bad weather.

The captain, in his message to the outside world, said that he reached Spitzbergen after 20 1/2 hours of flying. He mentioned the five days' delay on the island.

Radio messages from their landing place reported that the ice pack extends for many miles at sea and that no vessel can approach their haven in the Isfjord until the general thaw loosens the pack about the middle of May. The reports said there was extreme cold and fresh snow at Green harbor. Twenty-six degrees of frost were noted there, which would make the temperature about 15 below zero on American Fahrenheit thermometers.

FEDERAL REGULATION OF BUSES PROPOSED

Washington, D. C.—Federal legislation setting up a co-operative system of state and national regulation over motor bus operations on highways was recommended to congress by the interstate commerce commission.

At the same time the commission held the transportation of property by motor truck at the present time should not be made the subject of interstate regulation. The control proposed was recommended almost exclusively to passenger transport by motor bus lines.

Under the system proposed, state regulatory bodies would assume primary jurisdiction over the lines, acting in conjunction with each other through joint boards on which the interstate commerce commission would be represented. In any state where state authority failed to appear, the interstate commerce commission will assume power.

COOLIDGE NOT CANDIDATE

Request Made That Name Be Kept Off Massachusetts Ballot.

Washington, D. C.—Request that his name be not proposed as a candidate for president in state primaries was made by President Coolidge in a letter to Francis Prescott, chairman of the Massachusetts republican state committee. Such action, President Coolidge said, would be "embarrassing to him and would tend to compromise me and lend color to the misrepresentations that apparently are being made in other states" that President Coolidge is favorable to his name being entered in primaries.

Anti-Fish Wheel Suit Turned Down.

Washington, D. C. — The supreme court indicated that it would entertain no attacks upon the Oregon law prohibiting fish wheels and drag seines on its side of the Columbia river unless brought by the state of Washington. This attitude was disclosed when W. B. McCord, as counsel for P. J. McGowan & Sons, Inc., sought to have the law set aside as a violation of the compact between the two states under which they were authorized by congress to regulate fishing upon the Columbia river and as unconstitutional.

Stewart Faces Court in May.

Washington, D. C.—Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, will be placed on trial in the District of Columbia supreme court May 21 on charge of refusing to answer questions of the senate oil committee.

Navy Plans Two Rigid Dirigibles. Washington, D. C.—The navy department has asked for bids on two great rigid dirigibles, which congress has authorized it to acquire. About \$8,000,000 is to be expended for the ships.

MISS MILDRED JOHNSON



Miss Mildred Johnson of Philadelphia, aviation lecturer and writer, is the only person who has flown completely over the air-mail routes of the country.

STRICT GOVERNMENT AIR RULES DRAWN UP

Washington, D. C.—Air traffic has increased to a point requiring the stiffening of federal regulations aimed at its control. In 1926 the commerce department laid down the first set of rules for the air, intended to safeguard and facilitate commercial aeronautics, and it has now undertaken a revision of its original code which will result in a more stringent set of provisions. By the new rules aviation instructors will be required to have 200 hours' solo flying instead of 50 before training new pilots. Persons flying private planes must have ten hours alone in the air before obtaining their certificates. Pilots and mechanics must pass their examinations for license with a grade of 70 per cent in each subject included instead of with an average of 70 per cent for all subjects.

SENATE CONFIRMS SINNOTT

Oregon Congressman Now Member of Court of Claims. Washington, D. C.—Confirmation of Congressman Nicholas J. Sinnott as a member of the United States court of claims came by unanimous vote at an executive session of the senate. Congratulations, in person and by wire, have flowed in upon Sinnott since the news of his selection by the president became known. Congressman Sinnott wired to Secretary of State Kozer at Salem his withdrawal as a candidate for renomination to congress. Mr. Sinnott said this action was taken after consultation with Attorney General Van Winkle who is here, and receipt of a message from Mr. Kozer advising him that expense to the state and inconvenience to officials will be avoided if his withdrawal is received at once.

Estate Wins Inheritance Tax Fight.

St. Louis.—The federal district court of appeals here has reversed the St. Paul district court and held that the estate of Mrs. Mary T. Hill, widow of James J. Hill, railroad magnate, need not pay an inheritance tax of \$1,000,000 on a bequest of \$5,000,000 held in trust for nine children and 13 grandchildren.

U. S. Marines Lose 21 in Nicaragua.

Washington, D. C.—Marine casualties in the Nicaraguan expedition have totaled 21 killed and 45 wounded, the navy department informed the senate in response to its resolution asking details of the marine occupation of that country.

THE MARKETS

Table listing market prices for various commodities including wheat, alfalfa, eggs, cattle, hogs, and lambs in different locations like Portland and Seattle.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

The Oregon circuit of the Norwegian Church of America held a three-day session in Eugene recently.

More than 500 Christian Endeavor delegates attended the state convention held in The Dalles last week.

Warrants aggregating \$46,776.87 were issued by Clackamas county during March to carry on its business. In February the county spent \$54,904.50.

The Tillamook County Creamery association has purchased a tract of land in Tillamook upon which it is planned to erect a butter-making plant this summer.

Thomas Brown, who had spent the past 31 years in Oregon City and was one of the pioneer steamboat men of the Willamette river, died at his home at West Linn last week.

Charles Springer, 72, farmer of North Plains, was seriously injured Monday at Hillsboro while he was cranking his automobile. It knocked him down and ran over him.

Wasco county offices will be the center of a hot political fight this year. It was indicated recently, with the closing of fillings, when 29 candidates had entered the lists.

Population of the city of Portland is now 361,000, according to estimates made in the new city directory issued by R. L. Polk & Co. This is an increase of 7000 over last year.

A Lane county chamber of commerce was organized at Eugene last Thursday night by representatives of community chambers, the Pomona grange and the Farmers' union.

Students of voting age at the University of Oregon are registered practically 100 per cent for the coming primary elections, it was declared by W. B. Dillard, clerk of Lane county.

H. R. Kretzer of Portland was appointed by Governor Patterson a member of the state board of vocational education. He will succeed Milton A. Miller of Portland, who resigned.

Sale of 30,000 acres of cut-over land in Wallowa county to stockmen of the county is just announced by the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company. The consideration was in excess of \$100,000.

Wheels of the new Orifling furniture plant at Marshfield turned last Friday, with a few men employed. About 150 persons will be employed when the plant is in full operation in a few weeks.

The Clackamas county grammar school track meet, which was to have been held in Canby April 22, has been postponed until April 28, announced J. W. Leonhardt, president of the league.

All records for registration were broken in Benton county last week, County Clerk H. L. Mack and assistants registering 492 voters on the final day and approximately 300 the previous day.

Full time registration on the Eugene campus of the University of Oregon has reached the high record total of 3126, it is announced by Earl M. Pallett, registrar. Last year the total was 3054.

Reginald Smith, 22, University of Oregon student from Portland, died at the Eugene hospital of injuries he received when the biplane in which he was riding fell at Eugene Wednesday night.

All chances for an early unofficial opening of Crater lake national park in May or early June were dispelled when Superintendent Thompson received a message at Medford that it is still snowing.

Immediate construction of a nurses' and employes' home at the Oregon state hospital at Salem was authorized at a meeting of the state board of control. The structure will cost approximately \$130,000.

The largest attendance of children at any funeral held in Marshfield in years was held at the last rites for "King," a huge St. Bernard dog known by every man, woman and child in Marshfield. The dog died of poisoning. Many children brought floral offerings to the master of the dog. King was less than a year old, weighed 170 pounds and was the only St. Bernard in that section.

One hundred fifty-three inches of snow at Crater Lake rim is reported by the caretaker at Crater Lake lodge. Last year at this time the snow was 215 inches deep. Plenty of irrigation water for the valley this season is assured, according to orchardists.

Registration over Coos county is reported heavy under the new law which provides no person can vote unless registered. Marshfield registered about 1000 persons and North Bend had a large number. Other districts report as great an interest.

Agricultural income in Oregon for 1928 will be equal to or slightly above that of 1927, if present indications for the leading farm enterprises are not radically changed, according to experiment station specialists.

Lawyers from Umatilla and Morrow counties met in Pendleton and formed the Sixth Judicial District Bar association. The new association absorbs the Umatilla Bar association and permits a wider range of activities.

James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley paid the death penalty Friday morning at the Oregon state penitentiary for their participation in the prison break from that same institution on August 12, 1925, in which two guards were killed.

Mrs. Victoria Mickelson, popular Ashland pioneer, whose death occurred several days ago, left her entire estate, valued at \$7500, to the city of Ashland for the purpose of erecting a water fountain memorial to the Mickelson family.

E. C. Robbins, dean of the University of Oregon school of business administration since 1920, has resigned to accept an important post in the graduate school of business administration at Harvard, it was announced at Eugene recently.

A carload of cascara bark will leave McMinnville this month bound for Antwerp. W. S. Houck, buyer of the bark, has purchased it from various owners in Yamhill and Tillamook counties. It will be shipped from Portland April 30.

Amicable settlement of the strike that closed the Albany tannery was reported by Al Sternberg, owner. Sternberg said his men had all returned to work, agreeing to a temporary 10 per cent reduction in wages necessitated by the increased price of hides.

Purchase of a new combination pumper and ladder truck was decided on Wednesday night by L. J. Albany city council. The equipment will cost \$6450. This move was necessitated by the recent collapse of an old chemical and ladder truck en route to a fire.

This year's annual encampment of Oregon national guardsmen will be held at Camp Clatsop June 13 to July 1, according to announcement made at Salem by Brigadier-General White, in command of the Oregon troops. Approximately 3000 men will attend the camp this year.

After working in his pool hall in Marshfield five days following an automobile accident, Oliver Massey was told by physicians that he was suffering from a fractured skull. Massey was not aware that his injury was serious until so advised after his head had been examined.

Death failed to separate Amzi A. Leach, 80, early Coos county resident of Myrtle Point, and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Margaret Leach, 75, when Mr. Leach died at 5:30 o'clock in the morning from pneumonia, and his wife followed him 16 hours later, a victim of the same malady.

An increase in per capita cost of operating and maintaining the general departments of the Oregon state government during 1927 is noted in the financial statistics issued by the commerce department, which fixes the figure at \$13.50, compared with \$12.23 in 1926 and \$11.98 in 1925.

Rainfall at Grants Pass of .41 of an inch Wednesday brings the total so far this month to 3.47 inches, twice the amount of normal rainfall. Snow has been falling in the mountains for the past three days, and valley farmers are unable to work their lands because of excessive moisture.

A crew of men has commenced work on a trail that will open up some of the mountainous region above Estacada. The trail will be a great benefit in case of forest fire as it will open a territory now almost inaccessible. This project is in the North Fork country and is known as the Bedford creek trail.

The Jackson county court has issued a statement holding that the \$270,000 of Oregon and California land grant money saved to the county by the recent supreme court decision should be set aside as a fund for erection of a new court house. The supreme court ruled that the state of Oregon had no claim to the money.

The new street lighting equipment to be installed in Eugene has been bought from a firm in Milwaukee, Wis., and will be installed early this summer, it is announced by C. A. McClain, superintendent of the city water board. An order for 500 lighting sets has been placed. Power of the street lights will be increased 500 per cent.

Representatives of the North Lincoln chamber of commerce met with the Toledo organization recently, and formed the Lincoln National Park association. The object is to promote the establishment of a national park along Lower Siletz river and adjacent areas. The plan of the organization is in line with the expressed desire of the state highway commission and civic organizations throughout Oregon to preserve the virgin beauty of more of the scenery along the Roosevelt highway.

H. LESLIE QUIGG



H. Leslie Quigg, suspended chief of police of Miami, Fla., who was indicted on charges of murder.

COOLIDGE FLOOD PROPOSALS REFUSED

Washington, D. C.—House republican leaders failed in an effort to get supporters of the senate Jones flood control bill to approve specific revisions desired in the measure by President Coolidge.

The failure of these negotiations to remove the differences will bring the fight between the two camps into the open on the house floor.

The break between the two camps came when the house committee refused to go with the president on three of several revisions which Mr. Coolidge outlined to republican house leaders at a White House conference. The rejected changes were:

Provision that the states in the Mississippi river basin area meet the cost, instead of the federal government, of the rights of way for levees on the proposed floodways and spillways to be constructed.

Assumption of damages of the city of New Orleans for the proposed Bonnet Carre spillway and a similar assumption by local interests in southern Illinois and southeastern Missouri of the proposed New Madrid riverbank floodway.

Instead of outright purchase or acquisition of flowage rights by the federal government in connection with the land falling within the floodways and spillways, a proposal that the property owners of this land should be required to seek redress in the federal courts.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Thirty-two persons have been reported dead in a series of earthquake shocks which rocked Sofia and southern Bulgaria.

An observation tower, 165 feet high, will be an added attraction on Look-out mountain, Colorado, near the grave of Buffalo Bill.

A bequest of \$1,000,000 is left to Yale university under the terms of the will of the late Chauncey M. Depew, railroad executive, statesman, humorist and orator, who died April 5.

Thomas W. Cunningham, sheriff of Philadelphia, was indicted for his refusal to reveal to the senate campaign funds committee the source of his \$50,000 contribution to the Vare senatorial campaign in Pennsylvania.

Decision was reached by the senate banking committee to make a thorough study of the increase in loans to brokers on stocks and securities by member banks of the federal reserve system, which have reached a new high level recently approaching \$4,000,000,000.

Southern States Hit by Storms. Memphis, Tenn. — Heavy windstorms, accompanied by rain and lightning swept through parts of six states Saturday, leaving at least three dead, scores injured and extensive property damage. Heaviest damage was reported in west Tennessee, where the storm struck two sections of Memphis and virtually wiped out the village of Atoka, 28 miles to the northward. Arkansas, north Louisiana, north Mississippi, east Texas and west Kentucky also suffered.

Critics of D. A. R. Beaten Decisively. Washington, D. C.—Critics of the national officers and policies of the Daughters of the American Revolution met crushing defeat when three resolutions of protest introduced by Mrs. St. Omer Roy of Kansas were turned down by the congress with a rising vote of about 2000 to 14.

Bird Refuges Approved by Senate. Washington, D. C.—The Norbeck bill to authorize establishment of migratory game bird refuges was passed by the senate and sent to the house.

SINCLAIR CLEARED OF FRAUD CHARGES

Jury Acquits Oil Magnate in Teapot Dome Oil Lease Case.

Washington, D. C.—Harry F. Sinclair was cleared of charges that he conspired to defraud the government in the Teapot Dome oil lease. A jury in the District of Columbia supreme court acquitted him, requiring only three ballots to reach its decision.

One of the jurors, who withheld his name, later said not a single vote for conviction was cast by any of the jurors in the one hour and 59 minutes they considered the case. On the first ballot, he said, eight were for acquittal and four undecided, and on the second, ten for acquittal and two undecided.

In declaring Sinclair not guilty of conspiring with Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, to defraud the government in the rich oil lease, the jury accepted the story told by a government witness, M. T. Everhart, son-in-law of Fall, of the liberty bond deal which the government charged was bribery.

The jury upheld Everhart's story that Sinclair gave Fall \$233,500 in liberty bonds for a one-third share in the Tres Ritos Cattle & Land company, the Fall ranch in New Mexico. Everhart had testified that he had received the bonds from the oil operator and had given them to Fall, but insisted they had no connection with the oil lease.

FRANCE RESTRICTS ANTI-WAR PROPOSAL

Washington, D. C.—Only wars of aggression would be definitely renounced by the French multi-lateral treaty proposed to the United States and other great powers, it was revealed when the draft of the French pact was made public.

Although the term "aggression" is not contained in the draft, the first article of the proposed pact states specifically that the signatory countries agree not to attack one another nor invade one another's territory.

The right to wage war "to enforce peace" under the league covenant, the Locarno agreement and the various neutrality treaties is definitely reserved.

Washington, D. C.—France's suggested treaty for the renunciation of war was believed here generally to be so hedged around with restrictions that it would prove unsatisfactory to American officials.

The French draft consists of six articles under which France seems to be willing to condemn war as an instrument of her individual spontaneous and independent political action, but apparently reserves the right to go to war in agreement with any power or under the provisions of the covenant of the league of nations or under any registered with the league.

ITALIAN TREATY SIGNED

Arbitration Pact Held Broader Than Previous Ones.

Washington, D. C.—Another cog in the machinery being built up by the United States for the pacific settlement of justifiable disputes with other nations was added when Secretary Kellogg and the Italian ambassador, Nobile Giacomo de Martino, signed a treaty of arbitration.

The compact, the second of those being negotiated with a score of nations, is wider in scope than the existing Root treaties in that it does not stipulate as exceptions questions affecting the vital interests, the independence or the honor of the two nations.

Lowden and Smith Carry Illinois.

Springfield, Ill.—Frank O. Lowden was named as the republican state convention's choice for the presidential nomination here. Delegates were instructed to "bring about" his nomination. Illinois' 58 delegates to the national democratic convention at Houston, Texas, were instructed to cast their ballot for Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York by the state democratic convention, also in session here.

Auto Speed Record Smashed by Keech

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Ray Keech, driving a monster speed-car built for J. M. White, Philadelphia sportsman, set a new world's record for automobiles when he averaged 207.55260 miles per hour in two runs over the official beach course.

Ontario Liquor Permits Are Heavy.

Toronto, Ont.—One person in ten in the province of Ontario now has a liquor permit, figures issued by D. B. Hanna, retiring chairman of the liquor control board, disclosed.