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Spring in Washington. Also the Electric Chair. Still Hoover and Smith. Gambling and Crime.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 8.—Beautiful weather, lovely flowers, wide streets nearly empty, southern calm, nobody in a hurry. Such is Washington with Congress gone home, and all eyes turned toward Kansas City.

The President leaves for the Wisconsin fishing grounds next week and has work on his mind. There will be 88 persons in his party, the largest working force ever assigned to the President.

Some, mistaken, say this means that the President will be active politically. If that were true, one good secretary and one telephone would be enough equipment.

The President intends to keep up with his work as though he were in Washington, and will work every day except Saturday.

The execution of three young men, sentenced to die in Washington's new electric chair, is now postponed until June 22, that the President may have time to consider a petition for clemency.

The three condemned, all young, convicted of killing a policeman, "showed no emotion when death was postponed." That absence of emotion made it easy for them to commit the murder.

Washington, capital of a nation, supposed to be civilized, should have abolished the death penalty, thus setting an example to the 48 states, instead of purchasing a new electric chair.

The political situation, so far as the Republicans are concerned, is settled, except that a minority, evidently with its own good reasons, is trying, at the last minute, to defeat Herbert Hoover.

One Washington editor even tried to convince himself that General Pershing would step to the front, and take in the glory of war, and rade the nomination for himself.

Anything can happen, since the public does not see the hands that pull the strings. But in Washington, as elsewhere, it looks more than ever like Smith and Hoover.

A survey by the Illinois Association for Criminal Justice, partly financed by the Carnegie Foundation, says gambling, thoroughly organized for many years, plays a great part in the Chicago crime problem.

Gambling is literally the worst of vices, most dangerous to those that practice it, and to the community on whom they prey.

Those that promoted a revival of Chicago race tracks, are responsible, whether they know it or not, for much of Chicago's crime.

It is hard to escape the crime wave these days. In one case bandits kidnaped a doctor, ordered him to treat one of their wounded, then beat him cruelly and finally killed him.

Six angry bandits in New York City rounded up four taxi drivers among their victims. Taxicabs are associated with banditry in the public mind.

NO DOUBT OF RADIO MESSAGE

Italy's Radio Operator Sends Identification Number Through Air to Rome—Italians Go Wild, As Newspapers Issue Extra Editions—Relief Ships Dispatched.

COPENHAGEN, June 9.—(AP)—Advices from Kings Bay say that the base ship Citta di Milano established connection with the dirigible Italia at 11 o'clock this morning.

The position of the dirigible was then given as 80.15 degrees north and 22 east. This would place the Italia about 50 miles west of her previously reported position off Cape Leish Smith.

The commander of the Citta di Milano was quoted as saying that several messages had been picked up from the dirigible but that the answers to various questions put have been unintelligible.

It appears that the Italia is constantly sending signals but it is impossible to tell exactly what they mean.

OSLO, Norway, June 9.—Roald Amundsen, leader of the expedition which flew over the North Pole in the dirigible Norge two years ago with General Umberto Nobile, said today that he considered that the latest report of wireless communication being established with the dirigible Italia to be much likelier than the previous report.

If the news proved correct, he stated he would cancel his projected relief expedition as his assistance would be unnecessary.

ROME, Italy, June 9.—Luigi Biagi, radio operator aboard the dirigible Italia, communicated the identification number in the Italian navy to the Citta di Milano at Kings Bay, says newspaper extras published in Rome late today, thus removing any possible doubt as to the authenticity of the messages from the Italia.

KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 9.—(AP)—It is reported at Kings Bay that all aboard the dirigible Italia are alive.

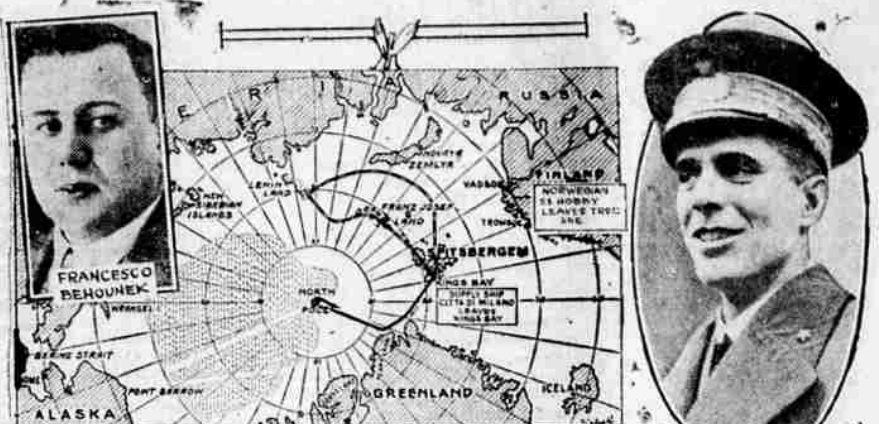
Every resource of Kings Bay was being strained to the utmost to bring help to the Italia, which was thought to be in the desolate ice-covered region north of the eastern-most tip of Northeast land.

While the base crew was rushing preparations to send out the Citta di Milano in case the leader Nobile and the ice-cutter Braganza were approaching the scene of the Italia's supposed descent, efforts were continued to catch some signal, however faint, from the dirigible.

Although utmost hope and optimism prevailed here, there was some fear that it would be difficult for the Hobbs and Braganza to find the Italia, since the ice is subject to frequent movements, the district off Northeast land being just along the approximate limit of open water.

The messages which the Citta di Milano has picked up would indicate that the Italia's position was at 80.30 north latitude and 28 east longitude.

Will They Be Rescued From Death by Radio Message?



Map of Arctic regions around the North Pole from somewhere in the wastes of which the Nobile Polar expedition dirigible Italia, has been sending calls for help. On the right is General Umberto Nobile, commander of the expedition. Inset left is of Francesco Behounek, the pilot of the Italia.

OPP MINE IS SOLD; PLAN BIG 100-TON MILL. R. S. Griffin of San Francisco, Associated With C. C. Clark and E. L. Childers, Takes Over Old Time Property—Custom Ore to Be Handled.

According to an announcement made today by C. C. Clark, the Opp mine near Jacksonville has been sold to himself and E. L. Childers, and they will be associated with R. S. Griffin of San Francisco, a prominent and wealthy mining man of California.

The mine will be able to handle custom ore work for local miners, result in a price-saving, as heretofore they have been forced to send their samples away.

The Opp mine is one of the best known gold properties in the state and yielded a fortune to its early owners. The new owners are confident that by the application of modern methods, its former returns can be equalled, if not surpassed.

Every effort was centered today upon possible means of rescuing the Italia's crew. The ice breaker Pasvik probably can make its way north of Cape Leish Smith and then to Hutcheon West Spitzbergen to Hutcheon West Spitzbergen to Hutcheon West Spitzbergen to Hutcheon West Spitzbergen.

Casualties of the Air Service. NEWPORT, R. I., June 9.—(AP)—Lieutenant Homer N. Wilkinson, United States naval aviator, was killed and Seaman Harry C. Riker, was badly injured today when their plane crashed in Jamestown, R. I.

STOPPING HOOVER IS A HARD JOB

Opponents of Secy. of Commerce Admit They Have Hoover Friends in Own Ranks—Anti-Hoover Feeling Strong, But Votes Will Count—Lowden Takes Command of Own Campaign.

KANSAS CITY, June 9.—(AP)—"Stop Hoover" was adopted as a battle cry today at a conference of republican leaders who are opposing the presidential candidacy of the commerce secretary.

The conference decided that its campaign against Hoover would take the form of a personal canvass of the Hoover delegates in an effort to turn them away from their candidate.

Senator Goff, West Virginia's favorite son, addressed the meeting and exhorted the delegates to "hold their lines" and work vigorously to increase the ranks of the Hoover opposition.

Another Title Won by Cards, Records Fall. Stanford Cinches Western Track Championship With 50 Points—Spencer Sets New Quarter Mile Record—World's Record Is Equalled.

CHICAGO, June 9.—(AP)—With 13 of the 15 events finished, Stanford was the certain victor, having scored by points, Washington with 26 was third, Rice institute, Houston, Texas and Ohio State were tied for fifth with 24 each.

SOLDIER FIELD, Chicago, June 9.—(AP)—The nation's finest collegiate stars battled for supremacy in the finals of the national college track and field championships at Soldier Field this afternoon.

Stanford, who had won the championship this season, ranking as the favorite to capture the team title, winners of first and second places will be eligible for the finals trials for the United States Olympic team at Harvard next month.

Kane of Ohio Wesleyan, flashed to victory in the 120-yard high hurdles, beating Pennipis of Drake by two yards in 14.7 seconds.

Lawden Takes Command. KANSAS CITY, June 9.—(AP)—Frank O. Lowden of Illinois held several conferences with leaders of the anti-Hoover drive soon after his arrival here today.

THAW LANDS IN FRANCE. CHERBOURG, France, June 9.—(AP)—Harry K. Thaw, barred from England as an undesirable visitor, landed in France this evening.

Famous Ponies Killed by Airplane, 2 Aviators Escape

NEW YORK, June 9.—(AP)—Two valiant fighters in a quest for Uncle Sam have lost their lives in an accident incidental to the training of fighters for war.

They were killed when an airplane crashed through their stable at Meadowbrook. The fliers saved themselves by parachuting.

They were priceless," said W. Averell Harriman, who raised and trained the ponies.

MAIL TRIBUNE REPORTER PAYS 60 CENTS FOR GREEN ORANGES—GETS LATEST POLITICAL DOPE AND SEES PROCESSION OF COLORED KNIGHTS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, June 9.—(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE). Fifteen minutes in Houston! Just long enough to get soaked for 60 cents for six small green oranges and to gather a few facts from a good looking Texan in a two by four information booth near the station about the democratic convention.

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AIR HEROES SHOWERED WITH GIFTS

Capt. Kingsford-Smith and Three Gallant Companions Given \$25,000 in Gold By Australian Govt., While American Millionaire Backer Presents Plane and Cancels Indebtedness.

BRISBANE, Australia, June 9.—(AP)—Home again, a hero in his own land, Charles Kingsford-Smith, pilot of the trans-oceanic monoplane Southern Cross, today enjoyed the tumultuous welcome of the citizens of Brisbane and all Australia.

For he had brought the huge tri-motored monoplane to a perfect landing here at 10:10 o'clock this morning, completing the last and most dangerous leg of his trans-oceanic flight, from Suva, Fiji islands, a distance of 1762 miles.

The flight was made in less than 21 hours at an average speed of 86 miles an hour. Showered with gifts, including \$25,000 in gold from the Australian government for the unprecedented record-breaking flight from Oakland, Cal. to Brisbane.

Enormous crowds were up at dawn to welcome the fliers to Australia. Every road leading to the Eagle Farm landing field was blocked hours before the Southern Cross was sighted.

Captain Kingsford-Smith guided the plane through a storm, which tested the ability of the crew throughout the night. Land was first struck at Ballina, 150 miles north of here.

Despite the hectic night of flying, the Southern Cross crew, experienced no ill effects. The populace of Brisbane greeted the actual conquerors of the Pacific with open arms.

After the round of receptions and welcomes here, the Southern Cross will make the final hop of the flight, an overland hop of 500 miles from Brisbane to Sydney, a distance surrounded by none of the perils of previous flights.

The fliers left Oakland airport on Thursday, May 21. They landed on Wheeler Field, near Honolulu, a distance of 24 miles, less than 28 hours later.

On June 3 the Southern Cross pointed her propellers from Kauai and was off for Suva, Kaula Isle in the Hawaiian group, provided the Harking Sands runway for a successful take-off.

Here bright large rice and cotton fields that reach beyond the Texas border, across the state of Louisiana. This is another great country,—so they say!