

POLAR PARTY ARRIVES BACK

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Lieut. Oscar Omdal was in the air. They set a course northward, parallel to the Greenwich meridian at a speed calculated to bring them to the pole, 700 miles away, in 16 hours. There was to be a halt of six hours or so at the pole if conditions permitted, and then the 16 hour return flight, approximately 28 hours.

The 38 hours fled. The lookouts, who gazed northward for the two returning specks in the blue saw only wheeling, screaming birds, scudding clouds or vast emptiness. Perhaps Amundsen and his men had become like the men, who followed the swede Andree toward the pole in a balloon, permanent residents in the land of nowhere.

Four days after the start the hobby, one of Amundsen's two ships, steamed out to reconnoiter Wellman bay. They returned without word of the explorers but reported that ice conditions were bad and becoming worse. Then came predictions of arctic storms. Before long there was less talk of return and more of rescue.

The Norwegian Aero club requested the American government to send the Shenandoah or the Los Angeles into the arctic circle on a rescue mission. Secretary of the Navy Wilbur declared that such an expedition would be "a wild goose chase."

Norway undertook to save her son. Relief headquarters were removed from the Amundsen ships to the Norwegian patrol ship Helmdall. The Helmdall set out from Flinmarken for Advent bay with two planes and a squad of airmen.

Meantime a polar vessel belonging to a San Francisco furrier had been ordered to search for Amundsen, but its progress was impeded by ice packs.

On Wednesday, June 17, the two Norwegian planes, with orders to cruise the rim of the polar ice pack, but not to venture into it arrived at King's bay, Spitzbergen, whence Amundsen had departed 27 days before. The Helmdall had unloaded the planes at Advent bay.

To have reached the pole and suffered accidents to their planes in landing would have left Amundsen approximately 350 miles from Greenland the nearest known mainland. They carried a sledge, a small tent, an axe, two rifles, two revolvers and other bare necessities for arctic overland travel. There were pemmican rations for a month for each man in the planes but they could not have carried them across the ice. Instead they would be depending upon their guns for food.

Months would have been required to trek across the wastes along the route blazed by Robert E. Peary, in his discovery of the pole. The suffering in a primitive, icy country would have been great.

As MacMillan steamed up the north American coast to search for the lost men as the furrier's ship scraped against the impeding ice, as the Norwegian planes were tuned up for the first reconnaissance of the ice fringe—after most of the world had decided that Amundsen and his men were lost on their perilous venture—Amundsen came back. With him came Ellsworth and the four Norwegian pilots and mechanics, who handled the planes. The wireless flash from King's bay contained that word which somehow contrives to include in the last paragraph of some of the seemingly impossible things he undertakes. The word was "safe."

LAFOLLETTE IS DEAD IN WASHN.

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his chairmanship of the manufacturing committee, his seniority standing on the powerful finance and interstate commerce committees was taken away from him and he was ordered from his comfortable office in the capitol building to a remote one in the senate office building where new senators are pigeon-holed.

LaFollette's death will make it easier for the conservatives to regain control of the Wisconsin organization, which LaFollette has held in his hand and flaunted in their faces for a quarter of a century.

They had planned a decisive battle with LaFollette, and now with the insurgent leader dead, they hope to riddle his organization, and recapture the party machinery.

Nationally, his passing will be of less consequence, because his defeat in the presidential campaign has already stripped him of national power. The independents have no leader to take his place, and they probably will flounder for some time until one emerges.

No man in our time rode such a political tempest as beat about the bushy iron-gray pompadour of this little fighter. Turmoil surrounded him from the day, as a callow youth of twenty-five, he defied boss Keyes, and was elected district attorney of Dane county, Wisconsin. He led the fight of "barbs" against two Greek letter fraternities that controlled student activities.

LaFollette found few smiles in politics, for him it was the bitterest warfare. He did not fight for love of adventure like his great contemporary, Theodore Roosevelt. LaFollette fought because of intense conviction, and he suffered all the more from the bruises. His seared face showed the marks as definitely as a boxer's cauliflower ears.

When a Wisconsin boss tried to bribe him to use personal influence with his brother-in-law, who was a judge in graft cases, LaFollette exposed the boss and suffered the first of many waves of terrific denunciation, which were to roll over him through his life.

"That changed my whole life," he said later. "No one can ever know what I suffered."

He fought the machine in congress and as governor. When he entered the senate he felt the ostracism.

"I was alone," he said. "When I entered the cloak room men turned their backs upon me, and conversation ceased. They did not know that iron had been driven into me for years."

None of this compared with the indignation and ostracism he suffered during the war, however. Old friends refused to speak to him. When he appeared on the senate floor he was denounced by his colleagues. Senator Hales Penrose saved him from being expelled from the senate, because his vote was needed in the tight squeeze to beat the Versailles treaty and the league of nations.

SPRAGUE RIVER

SPRAGUE RIVER, June 18.—P. A. Hutto of Yainax was in Sprague River Sunday. Mr. Hutto is the stockman for this end of the reservation.

Sim Riddle of Beatty was a business visitor in Sprague River last week.

A. C. Miller of Chiloquin was here last week at the bedside of his brother, Rev. Samuel Clinton, who is much better.

Billie Turner was shopping in Sprague River last week.

Mr. Smith and Mr. John Barley have started the construction of a planing mill at this place.

Dan Wann and family made a business trip to Klamath Falls one day last week.

Daniel Clinton is painting his new home this week.

The Camell Lumber company has a number of cottages completed, and most of them occupied.

Dr. Rodgers, the reservation doctor, was in Sprague River one day recently. Mr. Rodgers called to see Rev. Samuel Clinton, who had the flu.

Mrs. Claudie Hood, and son Vernie, left one day last week for Portland. They will be gone about a week.

Mrs. Bertha D. Wallace, the field matron of Yainax, was here last week.

Mr. Smith, the superintendent of the Sprague River union Sunday school, wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the people to his Sunday school.

John Barley is building a new home in Sprague River.

The Camell Lumber company is building a boiler house over their boilers. They are also building a larger dwelling.

Ed Gowan Chiloquin; O. D. Mathews, plumbers; Fen Waite, Klamath News; Howard Winnard.

LEGION DRIVE IS ON IN EARNEST

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the Herald; Bob Kaykendall, attorney; Marion Nine, Nine Lumber Co.; H. B. Crane, Sprague River Lumber Co.; Fred A. Baker, Klamath Agency; W. Frulls, Merrill, J. W. Taylor, Malin; M. B. West, Rotary club; A. M. Collier, chamber of commerce; R. E. Crego, Kiwanis; Roy Nelson, Keno; Carl Lang and Fred Hellbroenner, Ewauna plant.

A big meeting of all the above committeemen is called for 5 o'clock tonight, at the American Legion quarters, in the basement of the court house, when final plans will be made for Tuesday's drive. Unstinted publicity will be given the campaign for the next four days, one feature of which will be the re-establishment of the famous "four-minute" speakers, as was done during the war, at the local theatres, starting today. Prominent lawyers, doctors, and ministers will be asked to put this campaign over, and Linn Nesmith will have charge of obtaining these speakers.

John Frank of the Frank & King tent shows, has volunteered to make these short talks for the legion, at every performance of his shows, from today until Tuesday night. Arrangements have already been made with the local theatres to flash the legion drive data on their screens.

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