

POLAR LAND HELD LOST TO AMERICA

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(United News Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The supposed "new continent," of one million square miles, which Donald MacMillan failed to discover between Alaska and the north pole now seems fairly certain of being lost to the United States, if such a continent really exists.

MacMillan failed to reach the area where explorers believe the undiscovered land exists because his three airplanes were not adequate to the task. He is now returning to the United States, convinced that serial polar exploration can be carried out only by use of dirigibles.

But Roald Amundsen, who says the supposed land is of "precious value," was discovering the superiority of dirigibles at the risk of his life just as MacMillan was sailing from Maine early in the summer, and now Amundsen is going in a dirigible under the Norwegian flag to discover this vast "continent." If land is found, as Amundsen confidently expects, it will be claimed for Norway.

The heroic Amundsen told this correspondent after his arrival from Europe that he would welcome competition in a race for the unexplored territory, but thus far none is in sight. MacMillan has announced that he will set out on another expedition in June, 1926, but his only admitted object is the further exploration of ancient ruins in Labrador.

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Fidel La Barba, above, the Los Angeles high school youth who, in his eleventh professional bout, defeated Frankie Genaro, American flyweight champion, is not being hailed as champ in New York despite the fact the bout was a decision one. Figure that one out.

Electricity Vanquishes Steam in Toting Mile-Long Coal Trains



MULLENS, W. Va., Oct. 9.—Having vanquished steam engines in a test, the largest electric locomotives in the world are now hauling mile-long coal trains on the Virginian railway up the steep western slope of the Allegheny mountains.

The trains are moving fourteen miles an hour without hesitancy, twice as fast as steam could handle them. One of the huge locomotives pushes while the other pulls, the two being in communication by use of radio.

So long are these enormous tractors that they are built in three sections, so as to be able to negotiate mountain curves. They weigh 457 tons each, and have a traction power of 7,125 horsepower.

Test on 211 Grade
Only the division of the railway lying between Elmore

and Clark's Gap is electrified, but later the whole line probably will be.

operated with electric locomotives. The Virginian is one of the great coal-carrying roads of the world, doing an enormous business in the transportation of West Virginia coal to tidewater.

In a test with steam the first two of these monster locomotives delivered to the road moved up the 211 grade easily at the rate of 14 miles an hour, raring another train of equal weight pulled and pushed by steam locomotives. Rail executives and officials and mountaineers and miners saw the impressive demonstration.

The two trains were started 15 minutes apart at Mullens. The train drawn by the electric locomotives passed the steam train before half the distance was traveled.

Biggest Steam Engines in Test
The steam drawn train was pulled by a standard two-cylinder-two-mallet engine and was pushed by two superheater mallet compound engines, the largest steam engines in the world. The approximate speed was seven miles an hour for the three steam locomotives as against 14 miles an hour for the two electric.

Fixin' Things

(By ARCHIBALD ASHCAN)

MYSTERY OF THE DEAD DUCKS

I see by the papers they is a lot of dead ducks lyin' around. Also some sick ones. All of which was given out as a mystery. I, however, have solved the mystery. As usual with me, it was simple.

Some of the experts made the bald face statement that maybe the ducks was poisoned. That ain't so. I found that out.

Why for instance would hundreds of thousands of ducks or even thousands of hundreds go an' poison themselves just to die, when they is a lot of other ways to attain the same terminal?

Take for instance. If them ducks went to die so bad, all they would have to do is fly in the opposite direction in which my own pistol can point, and they would be liable to get shot.

Where is there a duck in this world that would not sooner die by bird shot at wunties (or snipe) for that matter, instead of waitin' around to die in the shadow of a bunch of 'Tale weeds'?

But what I'm tryin' to tell you is that the reason for all them thousands of hundreds of dead and sick ducks is not because of poison, but in a story what was told by Fred Houston to Almon Lambert when they first went out duck shooting last week.

Duck hunters, like loggers in town

do all their deer hunting when they is duck shooting as loggers logs when he is in town and cops out all the best looking girls when he is out in the woods logging logs.

Now on this particular occasion Fred says to Almon: "Did I ever tell you about them 21-point bucks I got back in 1924?" After which Almon, who has heard the story a dozen times, comes back with this plain, but simple lie: "Way no, Fred, I don't believe you ever did."

"Well, it was this way," says Fred, "some day when I was a crack shot and pretty near as good as I am now, I came suddenly, also quickly on two deer. One had seven points and the other 14."

"Of course some people would be so puzzled as to how to get those deer that probably they wouldn't get any, but of course it didn't take me long to figure it out, so I just shot the seven-point buck."

"Yes," says Almon, "that ac-

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Fred, "I shot the...
times, of course...
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