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DISPUTE OVER POLAR HONORS.

The pitiful spectacle of a dispute between leaders of the Norge Expedition over the lion's share of credit for the air trip across the Polar ice cap between Spitzbergen and Alaska should be set down charitably to "mid-summer madness."

Certainly the arguments advanced on either side will have little influence upon public opinion, for the public will consider undoubtedly that there is credit enough for all who participated in the adventure. At the same time it would seem that General Umberto Nobile, who designed the Norge and was her captain during the flight, has injected a graceless number of "I's" into his claim to pre-eminence. His assertion that Lincoln Ellsworth was "just a passenger" is scarcely worthy of a man whose achievements might be expected to purge him of bragadisms and of sneering depreciation of the services of shipmates.

Amundsen and Ellsworth formed a combination several years ago which marked the inspiration of practical exploration of the Polar regions by air. Ellsworth was the adventurous son of a wealthy American. He had a flair for aeronautics, and the financial support he brought to Amundsen made possible the first airplane expedition from Spitzbergen. The partnership evidently proved successful, for it continued and Ellsworth contributed \$120,000 toward the Norge expedition. Italy contributed the airship and Nobile, who built in, joined in the adventure. He had an important part in its success. So had Amundsen and Ellsworth and Riiser-Larsen, the veteran pilot, and every man aboard who performed his duties faithfully and intelligently. The failure of any of those would have meant disaster and possibly the loss of both ship and crew.

Away with these bombastic claims to leadership and the statements that "without me the expedition would not have taken place and would not have been successful." They are childish and shameful and—well, did you ever see a hole left by a stone taken from the bottom of a pond?

The Maritime Liberals appear to be busily engaged in passing the buck in this election. Perhaps the most outstanding case is in Pictou, N. S., the county represented for many years by Hon. E. M. MacDonald. The candidate chosen this week to oppose Col. Cantley is Mr. James A. Fraser who is 87 years of age. In Westmorland the buck was passed by Hon. Fred Magee and Hon. E. A. Smith to Mr. H. R. Emmerson, a young man new to the political game. In Saint John-Albert, Hon. Dr. Foster, Liberal candidate in October last is said to be preparing to hand the honor on to another and step aside. In Cumberland, N. S., Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., intimated that he will not be a candidate this time. In Northumberland it is said that Mr. C. J. Morrissey, former M. P., will be given an inning this time.

If you are going to write a book or a magazine article or anything else, the most important things are not, as you might think, a subject, a fluent style and a publisher. The main thing is to know enough about something to make people want to listen to you. Even if your desire is to write only fiction, you have to know a lot of truth to make fiction real. There is a glamor that lures people to the writing profession. They have everything—except something to say. That goes for lecturers and preachers too.

An inventor has perfected a device to determine the heat of a candle's ray five miles away. It may yet be possible for the self-starting political aspirant to measure the enthusiasm for his candidacy.

In England a woman's can't vote unless she admits she is thirty years old, and generally speaking she has to be much older than that before she'll admit it.

That Indiana woman who punished her son by cutting his ears with a pair of scissors might have made the lesson more severe and less painful if she had just washed them.

New York is said to have more bathtubs than any other area of similar size in the world, and as a matter of fact only a few of them are filled with champagne.

The Harrigans of Boston are greatly excited over the fact that one family of that name has had it changed to Dana. They figure that H A double R I G A N spells Harrigan, not Dana.

In a small French town a necktie exploded and killed the wearer, according to news dispatches. Some day that's just what's going to happen to some golf-sock addicts.

Correspondent of an exchange who asks for a poem "O Man Alive" is probably getting tired of the dead ones that have been cluttering up the front porch.

Statistics show that it costs on an average of \$6167 to bring up a girl to the age of 18. After that the sky's the limit.

Peggy Joyce says she believes in marriage as an institution, but not, we take it, as a permanent institution.

The automobile has introduced into the language an entirely new set of terms, including "deferred payments."

Abd-el-Krim may find some consolation in the fact that he does not have to spend the summer in Morocco.

Doctors advise you to walk for your health, but they don't tell you where it's safe to do it.

A hungry boy defies all rules of mechanics when he starts a dinner on high.

A local husband who has tried about everything says he finds the only way to fool a wife is to tell her the truth.

About the only way a groom can be conspicuous at the wedding is by his absence.

Going away for a vacation helps a lot in appreciating one's own home.

Women approaching forty don't like adages. They'd rather substract 'em.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Modern definition of success: Meeting the installments when due.

One of life's mysteries is why the telephone in a village should be busy.

We hear much about chin music but never look for a duet from a double chin.

Having no fear of cold feet now, Explorer Amundsen's next adventure is to be matrimony.

We didn't see any Florida hurricanes advertised on the billboards last winter.

It is rather remarkable that worry has not been recommended for reducing purposes.

Transgressors of nature's laws must take their punishment at one time or another. There is no appeal.

Jane Hope informed an anxious correspondent the other day that it takes at least a month to reduce two years ago this month, remarked to us with a sigh yesterday that it probably was a misprint for five years, if then.—Bob Ryder, Ohio State Journal.

Hips are easily discouraged, forgetting that Rome was not built in a day.

PIRATES' GOLD HUNT REVEALED

London, Aug. 4.—"Pieces of eight" worth \$35,000,000 supposed to have been buried by pirates on Cocos Island, in the Pacific, are the object of a treasure hunt of a British firm. This was revealed in a marine engineer's suit against the Treasure Island expedition to collect \$25 for professional advice as to the refrigeration of the ship Medway. The engineer's attorney said the quest financed by the "ever green British public" who were promised 5,000 per cent return on their investment.

The expedition is reported to have started without the ship saying that it was not needed. The company refused to pay the engineer but the court ordered payment as the firm was not represented in the suit.

It is figured that out of 5,122 comparisons of the Wells-Evans feat with that of Jules Verne's hero, 92 per cent referred to the latter traveller as Phineas Fogg instead of Phileas.

PUBLIC OPINION

SUNDAY DINNER AT HOME.

Editor, Daily Mail,

Sir, When I was a girl we always had great big Sunday dinners at home, with homemade rolls made by my grandmother and a big chicken or roast beef that my father used to carve, and two kinds of potatoes and two other kinds of vegetables, and ice cream and homemade cakes (yes, the ice cream was homemade, too), and everything that goes to make a regular bangup meal. We enjoyed them heartily, and when they were finished we would proceed to sit around all afternoon and digest them, so sleepy we were no good to ourselves or anybody.

When I was married my husband rather expected me to fix him specially elaborate meals at noon on Sunday, and I rebelled. I said I did not see the use of devoting Sunday to overeating, and I do not. Instead of stuffing on good things to eat—after devoting all Sunday, and part of the day before preparing them—we set out Sunday morning for a hike or a automobile ride, eat a light lunch whenever we feel hungry, and take our evening meal out. We always enjoy it, too, as we have worked up a fine, healthy appetite by nightfall. But my husband still says once in a while that he wishes we would have our Sunday dinner at home like other folks.

I would like to hear the experiences of other readers of The Mail in regard to Sunday dinner. I wonder if they agree with me that as an institution it did more harm than good, and hence ought to be abolished where it still persists.

RITE WATE.

PERSONAL MENTION

L. Farewell of Windsor is registered at the Windsor today.

Chas. H. Dearborn of St. John is a guest at the Windsor.

F. W. Bere of Winnipeg is at the Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moore of Houlton, Me., are guests at the Barker House.

W. del. Cunningham of New York city is registered at the Barker House.

Mrs. J. M. Scott and daughter Miss Margaret Scott have returned from a pleasant outing at Oak Point.

Mrs. H. W. Walker who has been camping with friends at Oak Point, returned home yesterday.

E. L. Mooers of River Glade, N. B., is a guest at the Barker House.

L. T. Lingley of Moncton is registered at the Barker House.

Myer Cohen of St. John is at the Queen.

Harry Cohen of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

G. F. Costello of St. John is registered at the Queen.

F. W. Bere of St. John is a guest at the Windsor.

A. D. Taylor, M. L. A. and wife of Minto are registered at the Queen.

Mrs. Louise White of Sussex is registered at the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bishop of St. John are registered at the Queen today.

J. W. Crowley of St. John is at the Queen.

L. C. Vallis of St. John is a guest at the Windsor.

F. A. McLellan of St. John is registered at the Windsor.

W. D. Steele of Woodstock is at the Windsor.

E. A. Martineau of Montreal is a guest at the Windsor.

G. F. Gallagher of Bath, N. B., is at the Windsor.

J. T. Gallagher of Bath is registered at the Windsor.

CONSERVATIVE WOMENS MEETING

A meeting of all women interested in the success of the Conservative Party at the forthcoming Dominion election will be held at Conservative Headquarters 608, Queen Street, (Old Board of Trade Rooms) at 8 p. m. Friday 6th August to arrange for organization in Fredericton and Devon.

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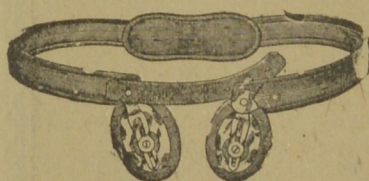
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