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#### THE ITALIA VENTURE

The search for the survivors of the Italia disaster and the rescuers who were lost while endeavoring to locate them has narrowed now to two groups each of six men. The first includes those who were in the forward gondola of the Italia when the wreck was carried away by the storm. Smoke was seen in the distance by Nobile's party and these men believe their companions lost their lives immediately when the balloon exploded. But that is a mere speculation. The rescue forces seem determined to find either the wreck of the Italia or the remaining group of its survivors.

The second group includes the crew of the French seaplane which set out for Spitzbergen from Tromso, Norway, on June 18. In it were Captain Amundsen and Lief Dietrichsen, Norwegians, and Captain Rene Gilbaud and three other French aviators. Though the plane was equipped with wireless there has been no message from it. It is certain that the plane crashed somewhere in the vicinity of the rocky islands of Spitzbergen. If the occupants survived the disaster, Amundsen and Dietrichsen knew well how to sustain life in the Arctic. That knowledge, coupled with the familiarity with the region, makes the chance of finding them even more hopeful than for the six survivors of the Italia.

The amazing part of the Italia tragedy is the fact that only two fatalities are certain—Pomella, who was killed in the crash and buried by his companions, and Dr. Malmgren, who was abandoned on the ice, wounded, helpless, and without food. Eight of the Italia's crew were rescued, while two of the rescue parties, comprising seven men, were saved from the fate that menaced those they sought to aid. An eighth member of the rescue forces, Lundborg, was marooned when his plane was smashed on its second trip and was saved by a companion aviator.

With nine ships and a score of airplanes in the region of search it would seem that there is a fair chance to obtain definite information concerning the twelve men still missing. But the enterprise will be tedious and costly and the immensity of this scarcely charted waste places a handicap upon the most ambitious human efforts. The search cannot be abandoned, however, so long as a spark of hope remains.

#### THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

The United States people and the press of the great republic are much concerned about their coming election. For the first time in the history of the nation a Roman Catholic is nominated for the highest office in the country. This complicates matters somewhat for it introduces into political issues the religious question. If Democrats were for the most part Catholics the question would be simple. In this country Catholic Quebec is also Liberal Quebec and the Liberal Catholic politician is sure of support on both political and religious grounds. But in the United States the Democratic South is not merely Protestant; it is strongly anti-Catholic.

Again in the strongly Republican districts there is a large Catholic Republican vote. Smith, the Democratic nominee for the presidency will have a peculiarly delicate and difficult task in obtaining the support of both the Protestant South and the Republican Catholics. Yet, it is generally agreed that it is only by getting the support of Catholic Republicans on religious grounds and of Protestant Democrats despite his religion that he can win. Otherwise the feeling is that the Democrats have very little chance.

The issues are further clouded by the introduction by the question of prohibition. The South is strongly in favor of the present prohibitory acts, whereas the industrial East is

against them. Hoover has avoided the Prohibition as long as possible; but at last he seems to have definitely decided to support the present laws in regard to the prohibition of alcoholic liquors. Smith on the other hand, is generally supposed to be hostile to prohibition. The world may very well witness the Protestant, "dry" Democratic South and Middle West voting for the Republican candidate, Hoover, while the "wet" Republican East and the industrial centres of the far West vote for the Democratic candidate, Smith.

The English press seem to feel that Hoover is the stronger man. Smith is lacking in dignity and, though shrewd, he is the politician rather than the statesman. Hoover has shown himself interested in European affairs and, though he was so unwise as to express hostility to the British Empire on one occasion, there seems little doubt but what he would be a better president so far as international relations are concerned.

A Cleveland man who was reported missing watched a number of policemen drag a creek in the afternoon heat for three perspiring hours and then told them he was the one they were trying to raise, and the thought the cops suffered afterwards is that the criminal code doesn't provide any adequate punishment for a major crime over murder.

Apparently nothing is quite so embarrassing to a flapper as to have some of her face show through the make-up. It's probably her idea that one touch of nature makes the whole world grin.

The most amusing paradox to us is the spectacle of a big man getting exercise by knocking a little pill around while a little boy struggles around with his bag.

Wilbur Glenn Voliva tells his followers the sun is exactly 3200 miles distant from the earth, and we'll bet Wilbur's spiritual astigmatism is just as pronounced as his mental.

A Hollywood correspondent says feminine film stars take no exercise. Why should they? That's what they pay their doubles for.

There probably wouldn't be any next war if those who were hankering for one had to work it out on a cash-and-carry basis.

In a recent contest out in California a woman threw a rolling pin 100 feet. Pretty fair for speed, but how is her control?

It seems that a bachelor, like a baseball player, begins to get old around thirty.

### KRASSIN GIVES ASSISTANCE TO GERMAN SHIP

Oslo, Norway, July 26—A wireless message picked up by the stations of the north coast of Norway today said that the German motorship Monte Cervantes was receiving assistance from the Russian ice-breaker Krassin. The vessel was in Bell Island, Spitzbergen, and in no immediate danger.

The Krassin, which was about to go to Norway for repairs after having rescued seven survivors of the Italia picked up S. O. S. calls from the vessel and went to its aid.

The Monte Cervantes with 1,500 passengers aboard, struck a rock. Water entered its bulkheads. Work of pumping these out was under way today.

A diver from the Krassin was lowered into the Arctic waters to examine the damage of the German ship. The Krassin may stand by for two days before proceeding for Norway.

#### Guests of the Barker

Among the guests of the Barker House today are the following: B. F. Merrit of Queenstown; J. G. Thompson of Moncton; J. F. Ryan of Moncton; J. Rayworth of Moncton; W. B. Keiver of Moncton; F. E. Murchie of St. Stephen; Mr. and Mrs. George H. Tuggett of Houlton; H. A. Little of Houlton; Anele Oliver of Boston, Mass; W. Frank Gardiner of Houlton; Mr. and Mrs. H. Belyea of Houlton; James F. Clark of St. Stephen.

### THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It is said that the corset is coming back. Seeing is believing.

Lima Beane says the poet sang of the busy little bee but the busy-body is busier.

It takes only fourteen days for a mosquito to develop into a hypodermic needle.

It does not assist one in being popular to correctly pronounce a word immediately after one has mispronounced it.

If it's an outdoor picnic so small a creation as an ant may become the life of the party.

Then there is the kind of motorist who would drive through a swarm of bees with the windshield open.

"World really grows more better," says a paragraph. Anyway, it's the bestest world known to the people in it.

There is another side of the story. Many people would never hear of the worn out popular songs the first time were it not for the radio.

Man is easy, but repeated disillusionment burdens his heart and makes him cynical. In time he can pass a display of cantaloupes without speaking.

Seems that about ninety-eight per cent of all the valuable men in the nation "rose from humble beginnings." Looks bad for the sons of successful men.

### GUESTS AT THE WINDSOR HOTEL

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