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# GOLD HUNTERS LEFT TODAY IN AIRPLANE

# MEN ARRESTED AT HOLLYWOOD FOR PLOTTING TO KIDNAP MARY PICKFORD

## *Airplane Left Today in Search of Gold in Rivers of North B.C.*

### *Big Vickers Viking flying boat, carrying prospectors, is very costly to operate but results expected*

Its 450 horse power Napier Lyon motor giving forth a steady drone and its silver wings glinting in occasional bursts of the sun's rays, the big Vickers flying boat, which will carry Archibald Little, Detroit mining engineer, to the Cassiar gold fields, hopped off this morning at 11.30 for the north winging its way through the clouds that hung northward over Mount Morse. Thus began the first voyage of an airplane to a gold stampede and one could not but reflect on the march of human inventiveness which has now made it possible for men to fly in a few hours to an Eldorado which, when there was last a gold rush, would have taken many days or weeks to reach by foot or water transportation. The take-off was in this wise a picturesque event and, who knows, may prove an epochal one.

On leaving here, the intention of Col. J. Scott Williams, pilot of the plane, was to reach Wrangell in about an hour and a half. Mr. Little, leader of the expedition, has some business to transact at the Bank of Alaska there. This finished, it was the plan to fly on this afternoon to Telegraph Creek where the first base for the machine has been established.

As far as the machine was concerned, everything was in perfect order. There was another test flight on Saturday afternoon after which the plane was finally loaded with airplane spirits, benzol and castrol oil for its hop today. This morning the flying party, after its three weeks stay here at the Prince Rupert Hotel, packed up its effects and was soon away.

**Fascinating Flight**

There is something of the same fascinating uncertainty about the aerial Argosy which has left Prince Rupert for the Cassiar gold fields as there must have been when Columbus left on his voyage of discovery to America or when the ancients such as Alexander or Caesar set out for "more worlds to conquer."

While Archibald Little, the Detroit mining engineer, heading the expedition, admitted that he was bound to explore a rich mineral field, word of which had been brought to the outside world by Frank Perry and George Platzer, the prospectors who will guide the massive plane on its flight in from Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake, he and his backers must certainly be convinced that they are following something more than a mere "prospector's fancy."

It is no haphazard expedition but has been carefully planned and expense has apparently been merely a secondary consideration in the making of the plans. Not only has one of the most costly airplanes in Canada been engaged for the summer, and perhaps longer, for the work but elaborate arrangements have been made for its operation and, in the remote field in which the machine is to be operated, such arrangements can only be made at very great expense. In the first place, this big Vickers Viking airplane is worth itself something in the neighborhood of $35,000. The chartering of it, on account of the risks to which

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## DE PAOLA WINS 500 MILE RACE

**Drove all But 65 Miles of Distance on Saturday at Indianapolis**

INDIANOPOLIS, June 1.—Pete De Paola, the younthful racing star broke all existing records for the event Saturday when he won the 500 mile automobile race before a crowd estimated at 145,000, the largest gathering that ever witnessed a sporting event in America.

De Paola, who drove all the way except 65 miles, covered the course in 4 hrs. 56 mins. 39½ sec., an average of 101.13 miles an hour. As winner he gets $38,000.

Hill who drove the last 70 miles for Lewis, finished second, a mile and a quarter behind De Paola while Shafer finished third. Tommy Milton, twice winner of the event, finished fifth and Ralph De Palma seventh.

## STREET FIGHTS WERE RESUMED

**Police Again Fire Into Crowd and Mortally Wound One Student at Shanghai**

SHANGHAI, June 1.—Sixteen dead and 26 wounded are the casualties reported as a result of street fights which commenced here Saturday due to agitation by Chinese students against Japanese spinning mills strike breakers.

In the latest outbreak this afternoon Sikh police fired into a crowd of demonstrators, mortally wounding one student.

Three Russians who are alleged to have been inciting students to violence were arrested.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN FIVE ARE KILLED

HAMILTON, Ohio, June 1. — H. C. Hutchins of Willow Branch and his wife and three children were killed Sunday when their auto was struck by a train. One remaining son was seriously injured.

**FLOODS IN AUSTRALIA**

SYDNEY, Australia, June 1.—Damage from recent floods in New South Wales is estimated at $2,500,000.

## AMERICAN DAY FISH EXCHANGE

**High Prices Paid for 167,000 Brought in by U.S. Boats**

With 190,000 pounds of halibut offering, prices today jumped to 15.70 for American boats while Canadian got only 12.10 for best quality fish. Of the total sales American boats had 167,000 pounds and now they are rattling some real money in their pockets. Details of the sale are:

**American**

Sunset 25,000 at 15.70 and 6 to Booth Fisheries.

Lituya 17,000 and North 21,000 at 15.70 and 6c to Pacific Fisheries.

Zenith 33,000 at 15.70 and 6c to Cold Storage.

Augusta 26,000 at 14.70 and 6 to Booth Fisheries.

Rambler 5,500 at 14.70 and 6 to Atlin Fisheries.

Foremost 28,000 at 15.70 and 6 to Royal Fish Co.

**Canadian**

Muirneac 6,000 at 12.10 and 5 to Cold Storage.

Maude 1500 at 12.10 and 5 to Atlin Fisheries.

Allen 7,000 at 12.10 and 5 to Cold Storage.

H. & R. 5,000 at 12.10 and 5 to Cold Storage.

Brant 3,400 at 12.10 and 5 to Royal Fish Co.

## BERLENBACH IS NOW CHAMPION

**Beat McTigue in Fifteen Round Bout at New York Saturday Night**

NEW YORK, June 1.—Berlenbach become the world's light heavyweight champion on Saturday night by outpointing McTigue in a fifteen round bout.

In the first three rounds Berlenbach was master but from the fourth to the seventh McTigue's artful left was continuously in his opponents' face and the latter seemed unable to penetrate the older man's defense.

Toward the end of the bout Berlenbach's youth and strength began to weary McTigue, finally proving the latter's downfall.

## LABOR WINS ELECTIONS

**Will Probably Have Bare Majority in New South Wales**

SYDNEY, June 1.—The Laborites were victorious in the New South Wales elections Saturday and it is expected they will have a bare majority of members in the new house when all the returns are in. To date the results are Labor 41 and Nationalists and other groups 41 with six doubtful seats to hear from.

## JOE STETCHER THREW STANSLAUS ZEBYSZKO

ST. LOUIS, June 1. — Joe Stetcher, who lost the heavyweight wrestling championship to Strangler Lewis four years ago, defeated Stanislaus Zebyszko the title claimant.

Zebyszko was taken to the hospital after the match but it was found that he was not seriously injured.

Prof. J. T. Scopes, Tennessee high school teacher, has been arrested on a charge of teaching evolution contrary to the state law. Clarence Darrow, famous Chicago lawyer, William Jennings Bryan and Dudley Malone of New York have asked to defend him without fee

## *Five Thousand Lives Lost in Earthquake and Fire in Talifu in the Province of Yunan, China*

PEKIN, June 1.—Five thousand lives were lost in an earthquake and fire that destroyed the town of Talifu in the northwest part of Yunan province on March 16, according to Father Salvat of the Catholic mission there, whose story of the holocaust has just reached here.

The town was almost completely destroyed, hundreds of persons being trapped in the flames following the shock.

Four or five other towns also suffered severely in the same neig hborhood.

**FRUIT IS FAILURE IN THIS PROVINCE EARLY REPORTS SAY**

VICTORIA, June 1. — The fruit crop promises to be light this year. Not only is a small yield of strawberries certain but other small fruits are variable and the apple, plum and pear crop are very light, while in the interior apricots and peaches show promise of being a failure.

Judging from the outlook, much fruit will have to be imported this year.

**THOMAS MARSHALL DIES**

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Thos. R. Marshall, a war time vice-president of the United States, died here this morning.

## SILK BROUGHT FROM ORIENT

**Empress of Canada has Biggest Passenger List of Year So Far**

VICTORIA, June 1.—Carrying 700 passengers, the largest list this year for any trans-Pacific liner, the Empress of Canada docked this morning. In addition to the passengers and ordinary freight the steamer also brought a quantity of silk valued at somewhere around four million dollars.

**LEWIS WON**

MICHIGAN CITY, June 1. — "Strangler" Lewis retaliated Saturday for the much disputed defeat last winter at Kansas City at the hands of Big Mund by defeating him three falls to two.

## *Men Arrested Charged with Plot to Kidnap Mary Pickford During Visit of Shriners to Los Angeles*

LOS ANGELES, June 1. — Three men were arrested here Saturday night in connection with an alleged plot to kidnap Mary Pickford and hold her for ransom.

According to detectives, who shadowed the men for two weeks after chancing to overhear the plot discussed, it was planned that the kidnappers should disguise themselves as Shriners, hundreds of whom are now in convention here, and abduct the picture star as she returned from the studio in her motor.

The home of Miss Pickford and her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, has been heavily guarded for the past week.

## *Five Hundred Shriners Due to Arrive Here on Visit During Next Week*

Over five hundred Shriners will visit Prince Rupert next week in two large excursion parties that are being handled under special arrangements by the Canadian National Railways. Special trips of the steamers Prince Rupert and Prince George will be involved and resultant changes in the regular schedule will be announced tomorrow.

Some 225 members of Assyrian Temple, Cincinnati, will arrive here on Tuesday, June 9, at 9 o'clock in the evening aboard the Prince George. They will spend three hours in the city proceeding to Stewart at midnight. Returning the next evening at 7 o'clock, they will go East by special train.

The second party consists of over 300 members of Zuhrah Shrine, Minneapolis, who will arrive from the south at 6 o'clock Thursday morning, June 11, on the Prince Rupert. A special train will take them East the same morning.

**WEATHER REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 111 HRS. SUNSHINE**

Theweather report for the month of May taken at the station at Digby Island shows:

Mean temperature 50.

Minimum temperature 84 on May 15.

Minimum temeprature 34 on May 24.

Rainfall 3.86 inches.

Sunshine 111 hours.

Maximum wind velocity 33 miles on May 1.

Total wind mileage 3211 miles.

## FOUND PARALYZED AT WARKE CHANNEL

**Dan Cameron, Well Known Troller, Rescued by Friends and Taken to Simpson Hospital**

Dan Cameron, well known Warke Channel hand troller, was found in his cabin at Warke Channel this morning in a paralyzed condition by fellow trollers. He had apparently been in that condition for some hours and it was fortunate for him that help arrived when it did. He was taken to the Port Simpson hospital by a packing boat.

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RETURNS ON INCREASE

**Total for May 1925 is $35,948.82 as Compared With $26,744.04 in May 1924.**

Customs and excise revenue for the month of May totalled $35,948.82 according to figures given out this morning at the customs house. This shows considerable increase over the total for May 1924 which was $26,977.04.

**ROBBED BANK.**

CHICAGO, June 1.—Five robbers held up the Baker state bank of Cicero and escaped with $15,000 this morning.

**KILLED IN MINE**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 1.—Six white persons were killed last night from an explosion of black damp in a mine at Piper.

## STILL CONTROL AMERICAN BOY

**W. S. Harris and Associates Interest English Capital in Promising Mine at Hazelton**

Regarding the recent deal whereby English capitalists represented by Arthur Denby of London, became interested in the American Boy mine at Hazelton, W. S. Harris, owner of the property, announces that he and his associates still retain control of the mine. They disposed of a quantiy of stock, however, to the English interests who will put up the money for continuation of active development work with a view to shipping ore to Swansea, Wales, for smelter treatment. A cash payment was also made to Mr. Harris and his partner, John Mullen.

Mr. Harris returned to the city on the Cardena yesterday afternoon from Vancouver where he had been in connection with the deal. He will spend a couple of days here proceeding to Hazelton on Tuesday or Wednesday.

## NARROW ESCAPE OF FISHERMAN

**H. B. Thompson Loses His Boat Violet But is Picked up Himself by Emil Sollid**

H. B. Thompson, well known Warke Channel hand troller, lost his boat Violet, and had a narrow escape with his life on Saturday, according to word brought to town this morning. The Violet struck the shore at Ten Mile Point and was left in a bad position. A strong west wind came up overnight and the boat began to sink. Mr. Thompson owes his life to Emil Sollid of the boat Stroller who stood by all night and picked him up in the morning. What is left of the wreck is being salvaged.

## FIFTY WERE GASSED WITH YELLOW FUMES

**Liquid Chlorine Container Burst and Vapor Swept Over Town**

ANNE MASSE, France, June 1.—Fifty persons were gassed in the streets here yesterday as a thick screen of yellowish fumes from a tank of liquid chlorine swept over the town when the container exploded from heat. Twelve of the victims are in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver.