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#### A TREMENDOUS JOB

This war work is a tremendous job. It is a complete ligious feelings but on this occas- the satisfaction of having finished of June 18, 1928, Amundsen, acchange from the routine governmental operations. Great Britain they had been expecting war for some time only glory for which his ant Dietrichsen, started out from and yet it is complained that they were not ready when the them a safe landing after this ex- soul craved. A noble soul indeed! Troms in the French seaplane Lacombat actually commenced. In Canada it was also ex- traordinary and apparently hope- "It is an unwritten law among tham, commanded by Captain Guilpected that we should be at war soon but very little was done in the way of preparation.

a peace time basis to a war time basis but it is also realized quick to perceive them. It was the crew. On the expedition just, which was to have been their first that the work has to be tackled energetically and thor- was planning a cruise in the region have found it difficult to obey this while search for them was carried oughly. We are now in the fourth month of the war and about Svalbard in one of these ships time-honored code. should at least have uniforms for the enlisted men by this and Amundsen decided to press him "On his return to Italy Nobile tery, and agonizing uncertainty time. Still we must remember that there is no factory in into service for a trip to the Pole boasted of the succes of the cruise which gradually turned into prac-Canada particularly suited for this work and that it takes time to get a new industry established.

#### AUSTRALIA'S GESTURE

Australia is about to spend twenty million pounds on expedition, the Italian general was he shrugged his broad shoulders no more doubt that Amundsen and an air force for the Empire as well as upkeep of the force to be the second in command of the and went silently on his way. It is his brave men had perished while for three years amounting in all to fifty million pounds or ship. The name of the airship was safe to say that his laurels can not on their mission in saving Nobile approximately two hundred and fifty million dollars. She to be Norge and all the funde need- be stolen by General Nobile or any and his illfated expedition. The will build her own planes, except those used in preliminary sen and his American friend. Lin- ens of noble men is as secure as that apparently always remain a mysty training, and will train most of her men in her own coun-coln Ellsworth. The airship had a of the north star. try instead of, as previously arranged, sending them to capacity of 18.500 cubic meters. Its Canada. 'A few it is planned to send to Canada.

This effort of Australia's is a splendid war gesture and which of three engines and was capable of and indicates how the people of that country feel about carrying a load of 11 tons at a sneed the war. It will be a splendid contribution not only to of more than 50 miles an hour. Great Britain but to the whole Empire including Canada.

#### LABOR DOMINION'S EFFORT

New Zealand is generally looked on as a Labor dominion because for a number of years the country has had a
to the North Pole the weather was

of the expedition were left to sufto the North Pole the weather was

for on the wind-swept ice floes Labor government and its work has been watched by la-perfect. All the delicate instrubor politicians all over the world and its successes quoted. ments of the ship recorded the This little country has a navy and one of the vessels of variation of speed, altitude directhat navy is the little cruiser Achilles. She was with the tion and temperature. At the Pole went in search of them. One group larly. A jax and the Essex in the fight against the poeks that the engines were slowed down and Ajax and the Essex in the fight against the pocket battle- Amundsen dropped the flag of his ship Admiral Graf Spee off the coast of South America. country, after which also the Am-She escaped practically unhurt but she helped to pound the erican and the Italian flags were enemy with shells from her six-inch guns. Her men took the risk of attacking an enemy with far greater range so ended for from then on the than her own and with shells many times larger than any voyage was one of the greatest difshe could throw. It is easy to realize how proud the New ficulty and danger. Fog. clouds, Zealand people are of her exploit and how they celebrated snow storms and intense cold lay like ravenous beasts between Norge

New Zealand has been trying to improve the condition that even the greatest mechanical of the mass of her own people and in doing so has strained skill had its limitations. Important her own financial condition to a point where she has had instruments ceased to function, disto draw on her reserves and was finding it increasingly tributing pipes froze up and at one difficult to pay her way. In spite of that she is raising commission. Frost and ice formed twenty thousand men for overseas service and these have on every part of the dirigible and been secured by voluntary enlistment. One section of the icicles were thrown against the hull force is well ahead of the Canadian forces and while they of the ship by the propellers, causmay be held back for some time they will be ready for ac- ing rents and explosions. Tossed tion soon.

In order to pay for this effort, which is costing over the sun and the stars hiding beone hundred million dollars, taxes are being increased, hind impenetrable clouds. The Even before this the average tax per head on the people of shadows of death seemed to hover New Zealand was \$125 a year. How much it will be in- about this trembling ship and even the stoutest heart aboard felt that creased is not known but there is a limit to which taxation the situation was extremely critical. can go. It is thought that some inflationary scheme will "The strain and suspense told on be adopted and that will raise the cost of living and be- the crew but Amundsen stood right come a burden on the poorer people of that Dominion.

We all admire New Zealand and shall watch her sertuggle, and especially her financial problem with a everything was secured and fastengreat deal of interest.

### NORWEGIAN DISCOVERER

Rev. Myrwang Tells of Successful Air Voyage of Amundsen and His Fatal Final Trip

In his address to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club Thursday, Rev. J. H. Myrwang told of the hectic flight of Roald Amundsen over the North Pole in an airship purchased from General Nobile of Italy. Also he mentioned the final trip from which the discoverer never returned. That part of his speech follows:

"If dreams go by contraries, Roald Amundsen might have expected to land at the South Pole as he had been dreaming all his life of some time seeing the North Pole. In the life of this extraordinary man, however, both his dream and its opposite came true. After having lectured in many countries about his expedition to the South Pole, his mind once more became fixed by the mystery of the Arctic regions. Every new mechanical device that could possibly be of use in studying conditions in the icy north was studied with care. About this time the aeroplane began to be used extensively and he surmised that its merits might be tried out in the polar regions. He had an aeroplane made in the United States and had it shipped to Point Barrow from which he intended to fly across Greenland to Svalbard but the manufacturers made his gasoline tanks too small for such a long flight and it had to be given up. Later he made an attempt to fly two planes north from Svalbard but one of them was crushed in landing on the rough ice and the other was nearby huts and went to sleep. Nev- after the other set out. Finally, saved only by superhuman efforts er was so much talent and efficien- word reached Amundsen, asking if and returned to the northernmost by united with less show and osten- ac would join in the search for the islands with only half a gallon of ation. To do his work well and to talian and his party. His terse angasoline to spare. Amundsen very do it to the best of his ability seems | swer was: "All right, I'm ready." seldom gave utterance to his re- to have been his chief ambition and "At four o'clock in the afternoon

length was 348 feet, height 79 feet

#### Flags Dropped

"With 16 persons aboard Amundsen in command, the Norge and pitched by high winds the Norge was enveloped in darkness.

by the pilot, directing the movements of the ship. When they finally landed at Teller, Alaska, and ed, he walked quietly to one of the

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A woman member of the Soviet Red army air corps is shown here in the gunpit of a bombing plane, operating a gun mount while she beams at the camera. A report from Helsinki, Finnish capital, said that a woman was among the crew of one Soviet bomber shot down during a raid on the Finnish city. The amazon was believed to have been at the controls of the raider when it was brought down.

Alaska. Amundsen found Nobile entirely forgotten, was given but 1828 a pontoon was picked up in the quite willing to sell the ship for the stinted praise. This unfortunate i sea near Tromso and was definitely purpose and, while Amundsen was and unmerited slur was felt by recognized as belonging to the Lathe leader and commander of the Amundsen as a great injustice but tham. With that there could be

#### Closing Chapter

Amundsen's life is the the spring of 1928 General Nobile set out with his airship Italia for a cruise around Svalbard. This was definitely against the advice of polar experts. His ship met with time it was impossible their whereabouts and daring men Keep up to date. Acvenuse regu-

In ion he together with his compan- his work successfully seems to have companied by his friend lieuten-"Finally, the airship seemed to as much credit as possible be given party left Tromso, communications offer some advantages over those to the leader. It is for him to point from them ceased. Nothing was ev-Everybody realizes that it is a big job changing from of the aeroplane and Amundsen was out special merits in the members of er heard from them at Svalbard rumored that an Italian general described General Nobile seems to stop. For two and a half months, and thence across the vast unex- as being largely his own achieve- tical certainty that they had perplored region between the Pole and ment and Amundsen, although not ished. On the last day of August

> tery. It seems that when the work? of Roald Amundsen was done, the "The closing chapter of Roald Lord of the Universe buried him shortest, and no man knoweth his grave.

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