

# RELATES TERRORS OF THE ANTARCTIC

## Sir Douglas Mawson Tells of Thrilling Escapes.

### TWO COMPANIONS KILLED.

Explorer, Starving, Tempted to Eat One of Them—Unconscious for Hours, Wakes Up in Snowdrift. Lived Thirty-nine Days on Single Dog—Thought of Suicide.

How it feels to contemplate eating a human being and that human being a companion with whom one has been intimately associated in dangerous exploring work for months was told when Sir Douglas Mawson arrived in New York from Liverpool on the Orforda of the Cunard line. Sir Douglas plans to deliver a short series of lectures before the leading American geographical societies and then return to Australia preparatory to making another expedition into the antarctic.

Sir Douglas and two companions set out from their base in Amelle Land in 1912 to make an exploration of the geographical and archaeological features of the South American polar continent. Sir Douglas was accompanied by a British naval officer, Lieutenant B. S. Nimnes, and the Swiss ski champion, Dr. X. Merz. Sir Douglas alone survived.

"We turned homeward just at the best season of the year, but that blessed antarctic couldn't give us a single good day," said Sir Douglas. "Things began to look black.

"One day Merz went ahead exploring, and Nimnes and I had charge of the sleds. I was in the lead, and suddenly, almost before I knew it, I found myself traveling across one of the antarctic crevasses. We had crossed hundreds of them, and this one did not look particularly dangerous. But a crevasse is a place where the snow has formed a natural bridge over a great rent or hole in the ice surface, and they are always dangerous, so I called out to Nimnes, 'Crevasse; look out!' and kept on my way. I didn't hear anything behind, and I didn't look back for some time. When I did I saw nothing. Nimnes had disappeared.

"Falls to Death.  
"We made out afterward that while I had crossed the crevasse diagonally, Nimnes, on hearing my warning, had changed his course so as to go straight across. The crust of snow broke, and he went to his death.

"About Jan. 4 Merz began to refuse his food. It disgusted him, he said. He just had had a perforation of the intestine, for he died very suddenly on the morning of Jan. 8.

"I thought for two days about eating Merz. I was awfully short of food and about 100 miles away from the base. But finally I decided that if I did get back to civilization it would always leave a bad taste in my mouth, so I buried him and went on.

"I was dragging the sled with the cooking things and the remains of Glinger, the dog. A couple of days later my feet felt very sore. I hadn't looked at them in some time, so I crawled in under a ledge and in a fire to see what was the matter. When I took off my shoes the soles of my feet came off with them in two large pieces. There was nothing else to do, so I slipped them back on again and bandaged them and went on my way in agony.

"It was just two years ago, Jan. 13, 1913, that I had my narrowest escape. I was walking along dragging the sled, when I crashed through a crevasse. 'It's all over now,' I thought to myself. 'Why in heaven's name didn't I eat the last of that grub on the sled?' And just then I brought up with an awful wrench. The heavy sled stuck at the top of the crevasse. I hung there and spun around in midair like a spider in his web.

"Thought of Ending It All.  
"For awhile I thought of slipping the harness and ending it all, and then I thought that I wasn't meant to end there. I had so much good luck to get even that far that I decided to try to go to the finish. I climbed up the rope and over hand laboriously till I got to the top and threw one leg up on the solid ice. At least it seemed solid, but when I threw my leg on it the crust broke again, and again I dropped and spun around and around on the end of my rope. But I climbed up again and got out.

"After I got to the top I must have been unconscious for some hours. There was a blinding snowstorm raging, and the next thing that I remember I woke up in a snowdrift, covered inches deep in snow.

"For thirty-one days I was all alone on the ice. I had no sleds on my feet; all my hair had fallen out. For thirty-nine days I had lived on a single dog, and eight of those days there was another man living on the same dog. But at last I got to the hut at my base just in time to see the Aurora leaving the harbor, and I had just intelligence enough left to know that there was no possibility that she would be back for twelve months. That was Feb. 9, 1913. The Aurora had sailed for Port Stanley, in the Falkland Islands. But she had left a search party of six men, so that I was in good hands.

"In that year the seven of us ate over 7,000 penguin eggs, boiled, scrambled, poached and omelets. Omelets was our favorite way of cooking the eggs, for we had plenty of butter."

## War News Oddities

A doctor in a French military hospital went eight miles in five minutes in an aeroplane and saved the life of a mechanic bleeding to death.

Ghent has taxed its bachelors to raise money demanded by the German invaders, the assessments running from 5 francs for unmarried men of twenty-seven to 20 francs for those of fifty years.

A two-cent subscription has been started in Paris to buy a sword of honor for the king of the Belgians. A noted sculptor has designed it, the hilt being a nude youth dealing a blow to crush the invader.

The directors of a London printing firm, who are on active service, held the annual meeting in a dugout in the trenches in France and passed on the accounts, the minutes of the meeting being forwarded to London.

The scarcity of copper has become so serious in Germany that all copper telegraph and cable wires will be taken down, and acetylene will be substituted for electric lighting so the wires may be used for other purposes.

## WITNESSED AIR BATTLE FROM DECK OF LINER.

### Minnehaha Passengers Saw British Repulse German Aeroplanes.

The passengers and crew of the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha, which arrived in New York from England, are the first persons to reach this country who witnessed the German aeroplane raid which was aimed at London, but which was repulsed by British air men on Christmas day. The Minnehaha lay directly beneath the fighting air craft.

There was a dense fog, and the Minnehaha, which had left London on Christmas eve, had been compelled to anchor near Sheerness. The passengers and crew were bored and grumbling, and there was little Christmas spirit aboard. But the mist began to clear soon after midday, and just as the river banks became visible there sounded from shore the blast of a bugle and an instant afterward the shrill siren of a warship, followed by the sound of guns firing.

Through the clearing mist one caught sight of a German aeroplane far overhead, and instantly every eye was turned toward it. Presently a second appeared out of the haze. They were traveling at great speed, headed toward London, and about them shells were hursting like fireworks bombs. It seemed as though the aeroplanes would slip from range of the guns ashore when suddenly three British air craft darted into view from the shelter of a heavy cloud bank.

They were swifter than the Germans, and they raced after them intent, apparently, on climbing to higher altitudes, from which they could drop bombs on the enemy. The Germans saw them and circled. The British craft circled, too, and dodged this way and that, striving to get above the Germans and at the same time keep out of range of the British fire.

Each instant it seemed to the folk aboard the Minnehaha that some of the aeroplanes must come tumbling down, for they dived and twisted at seemingly impossible angles, and several times pieces of bursting shell struck the German craft. The latter at last gave up the fight and, pointing out to sea, made off at full speed. They passed directly over the Minnehaha, and after them raced the British craft. In an instant all five aeroplanes were out of sight.

The Minnehaha's passengers eagerly inquired for news as to the outcome of the battle, wondering whether the Germans had escaped or had dropped into the sea.

## NEW CHINESE DOLLAR.

### Bears Excellent Profile Likeness of President Yuan Shih Kai.

Dr. N. T. Woo, director of the bureau of currency and banking, who is a returned student from America, has proposed to the Chinese government that the new dollar coin should be minted immediately and that the old dollars should be redeemed.

The fineness of the new dollar is strictly 900 per 1,000 and is controlled by an English assayer, Alfred E. Newland, who is professor of chemistry in the Peking government university. It is expected that the new dollar will soon be out, and the public will be glad to learn that all other dollars will be redeemed as quickly as possible.

The new dollar bears on one side a fine head of President Yuan Shih Kai in profile, a very good likeness. On the reverse is the "grain crops" insignia, with the Chinese characters for "Republic of China."

## FAINTING. HE WAKES TOWN.

### Michael Angelo Grasps Whistle Cord as He Feels Himself Falling.

Michael Angelo, night watchman at the plant of the Eureka Baking company in Athens, N. J., who does not claim to be a descendant of the sculptor and artist, felt himself fainting at dawn while passing through the boiler room.

As he fell he seized the whistle rope and clung to it. The whistle sounded loud and long, awakening the citizens of Athens. The volunteer fire department headed for the plant. There they found Angelo, still unconscious, but holding to the rope. A doctor was called, and he was revived.

# PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW FLEET

## To Sail For Panama on Battleship New York.

### PASS CANAL ON THE OREGON

Arrival at San Francisco and Assembling of Fleet Scheduled For March 24—Many Foreign Vessels to Take Part in Celebration Incident to Opening of Waterway.

Plans for the journey of President Wilson to the Isthmus of Panama and the use of the navy for the formal opening of the canal were announced by Josephus Daniels, the secretary of the navy.

Under these plans the proposed review of the Atlantic fleet at Hampton Roads about the 1st of March has been abandoned under a compromise reached with Senator Swanson of Virginia, who was insisting upon the holding of the Hampton Roads review as directed by congress. Senator Swanson had threatened to block any attempt to prevent by legislation going away with the review. Under the compromise Secretary Daniels has given assurances that when the fleet returns from San Francisco there will be a substitute review held at Hampton Roads next fall to which foreign warships will be invited.

President Wilson will go to Panama on board the New York, which will be escorted by the Texas. The president is to leave Hampton Roads on March 5 and arrive at Colon on March 10. He will review the fleet off the west coast of the canal zone on March 13 and is scheduled to arrive at San Francisco on March 24. The plans contemplate assigning separate warships for the use of ex-presidents Taft and Roosevelt if they accept the invitations to participate in the opening. The diplomatic corps and members of congress will be conveyed to the canal zone on board army transports, Panama rail way steamers and chartered steamers.

### Daniels' Announcement.

Secretary Daniels' announcement of the schedule of operations of the Atlantic fleet and preliminary arrangements for the cruise is as follows:

The battleships of the Atlantic fleet and the destroyer flotilla will proceed to Guantanamo and Guacanayabo bay, Cuba, on Jan. 17 for extended fleet exercises and target practice, seven battlehips participating in the maneuvers; the Georgia, Texas, South Carolina and Minnesota will remain at their home yards undergoing overhauling until Feb. 15.

The Texas will remain at Hampton Roads to escort the president to Panama in the New York, the New York proceeding to Hampton Roads from Cuban waters about Feb. 15, prepared to receive the president on March 5.

It is intended that the Washington relieve the Delaware in Mexican waters as soon as practicable and that the Delaware and Rhode Island will join the fleet in Cuban waters. The Rhode Island has been ordered from New Orleans to Norfolk for docking and on the completion of docking, about Jan. 22, will proceed to Guantanamo to join the fleet.

The battleships and the destroyers of the active flotilla (about twenty-three) will remain in Cuban waters, carrying on drills and exercises, until Feb. 25 and will then proceed to Panama, all twenty-one battleships going through the canal to San Francisco.

### No Parade Through Canal.

There can, of course, be no parade of the fleet as a whole through the canal. This would result in congestion in Colon and in the canal, with serious delay.

The Oregon and Olympia will take part and are to be in Colon prior to March 5 filled with coal and ready to proceed.

Besides the twenty-one battleships of the Atlantic fleet, all vessels of the Atlantic torpedo flotilla, including the Birmingham, Dixie and Aretusa, will accompany the fleet to San Francisco. The reserve torpedo flotilla, Atlantic fleet, will not proceed to San Francisco.

The reserve torpedo flotilla, the submarine flotilla, mine layers and auxiliary flotilla will conduct exercises at Pensacola during the months of February, March and April. It is possible that the reserve torpedo flotilla will proceed to Guantanamo for exercises with the fleet before proceeding to Pensacola.

The following foreign vessels are expected to take part in the celebration incident to the opening of the canal:

Argentina will send the battleship Moreno, flying the flag of Vice Admiral Onofre Belvedere; Cuba will send the cruiser Cuba; Portugal will send the cruiser Almirante Reis and the dispatch boat Clinca de Outubro; Spain will send the battleship Pizarro. Vice Admiral Don Ramon Estrada Catalva has been appointed by the Spanish government as its naval representative.

### Poppies For Lincoln Way.

When the stream of eastern tourists begins to pour into California next spring over the Lincoln highway they will pass for mile after mile between rows of Californian poppies, while the foothill boulevard leading into Oakland will be further beautified with a fringe of blue lupines, which will set off the brilliant yellow of the poppies.



Nice Prospect.  
Mr. Hurrup—On my salary of \$12 a week we can get along swimmingly. Miss Holdback—But I can't swim—Boston Globe.



Their Ambition.  
"When you women begin to vote," asked the politician of the old school, "do you expect the men to go on paying the bills when you go to lunch with them?"  
"No," the suffragist replied. "We expect to have things so well regulated that it will be safe for a woman to go to lunch in almost any respectable place without a man to protect her from insult."—Chicago Record-Herald.



Cruel Blow.  
She—Do you know Bob's awfully jealous of you?  
He—Jealous?  
She—Yes; he thinks I like you. Isn't he stupid?—Chicago News.



Stung.  
"Why not turn off the electric lights, darling?"  
"They are all controlled from the next room, and dad's in there."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



Precaution.  
Counsel to prisoners. Now, you must tell me confidently whether you are guilty or not—and remember, if you are guilty I won't take your case, so don't say anything foolish!—Boston Globe.



Gentle Hint.  
Young Man (11:50)—Start the phonograph, I say, and play that beautiful song, "Good Night, Dear Heart."  
The Girl—I'd rather hear you speak those words, Willie.—Washington Star.

FERRIS  
(Intended for last week.)  
Mr. and Mrs. William Skinner of Chicago were visitors at church Sunday.

W. E. Wheeler went to Mt. Pleasant Monday to assist W. P. Murray in the evangelistic services at the Church of Christ.

Miss Braman, the primary teacher at the Pine Grove school, attended church services here Sunday.

Wallace Grimm and wife and three children of Auburn, Mich., visited their aunt, Mrs. F. A. Bailey, this week.

W. P. Murray of Mt. Pleasant will occupy the pulpit of the Ferris Church of Christ next Sunday morning and evening.

Richard Setchfield returned to his home at Ionia last Saturday. He has been spending the past three weeks with his wife at the home of her father, Clarence Goodrich.

Versal and Lila Case called on their great aunt, Mrs. E. A. Bailey, Sunday afternoon.

Grant La Fevre and wife of Edmore were Sunday visitors in this neighborhood.

The meeting of the Ferris Center Cemetery Association held at E. O. Dyers last Saturday was unusually well attended. The chief topic of discussion was the improving and beautifying of the grounds of the cemetery. The next meeting will be held at the home of the association president, Mrs. M. L. Chalmers, Thursday, March 18th. All interested are requested to attend.

Miss Thora Neilsen is again helping in the home of F. D. Hare.

G. M. Wilson and Gertrude Thompson visited at the home of George Bailey at Elwell last Friday.

Miss Maria Dyer is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Cox, of Saginaw.

SEVILLE CENTER  
(Intended for last week.)  
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lucas visited at James Covell's Sunday.

Miss Ethel Miller returned last Thursday from a two weeks' visit in Grand Rapids and Grand Haven.

Edward, Ethel and Zelma Miller drove to Winn Friday evening to visit their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Perkins. They returned Sunday evening.

Ted Crum took a sleigh load to Riverdale Saturday evening to attend the skating rink.

F. E. French sr. made a business trip to Lapeer last week.

William Ball of Summer and Edward Matheson of Elwell were seen on the streets of Tamarack City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shong of Alma visited their son William and family last week.

Mrs. William Shong was a business caller in Alma last Wednesday.

B. R. Hundey is remodeling and rebuilding a house for P. C. Colister of Elwell.

D. F. Abbott is suffering greatly from asthma. Dr. McLaughlin of Elwell is attending him.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot: In the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot: In Chancery.

William B. Harris and Sarah M. Snook, Complainants, vs. Edward G. Bement, and Leroy B. Harris, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, Defendants.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the Village of Ithaca, in said county, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1915;

Present, The Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

William B. Harris and Sarah M. Snook, the above-named Complainants, having filed in said cause a Bill of Complaint against the above named and unnamed Defendants, and which said suit is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to lands described as the southeast quarter of section twenty-three and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of

twelve north of range two west, Michigan, and the said Bill having been duly verified by said Complainants, and

It satisfactorily appearing to the court from said verified Bill of Complaint and from affidavits on file in said cause that the said Edward G. Bement does not reside in the state of Michigan, but that he does reside in the city of Windsor, in the Dominion of Canada;

And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the court that diligent

search and inquiry have been made to ascertain the present residence and whereabouts of the above named Defendant, Leroy B. Harris, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, and it is not known and cannot be ascertained whether the said Leroy B. Harris is living or dead, or where he may reside, if living, or whether the apparent title, interest, claim or possible right in or to said lands has been by him assigned to any person or persons, or, if dead, whether he has personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some of them may reside, if living, or whether such apparent title, interest, claim or possible right has been disposed of by will, or who were his heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns.

Therefore, on motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for said Complainants, it is ordered that the above named Edward G. Bement, and Leroy B. Harris, or his unknown heirs, legatees, devisees or assigns, cause their appearance to be entered in this cause on or before the 10th day of June A. D. 1915, and in case of his or their appearance that he or they cause his or their answer or answers to Complainants' Bill of Complaint to be filed in this cause and a copy or copies thereof to be served on Complainants' solicitor within twenty days after service upon him or them of a copy of said Bill of Complaint and notice of this order, and in default thereof said Bill of Complaint be taken as confessed by said Defendants or so many of them as shall be in default.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date of this order the Complainants cause a copy thereof to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six successive weeks, or that a copy of this order be personally served on each of said Defendants at least twenty days before the time prescribed herein for their appearance.

KELLY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge

Countersigned: B. L. CASE, Register in Chancery.

This suit is brought to quiet and remove clouds from the title to lands described in said Bill of Complaint as follows:  
The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-three and northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, all in township twelve north of range two west, Michigan.

O. G. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainants, Business Address, Ithaca, Michigan. 18707

ESTATE OF FANNIE SMITH. Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims—

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot:

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 9th day of January, 1915.

Present, J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie Smith, deceased.

The above estate having been admitted to probate and Thomas Smith, of Alma, Michigan, appointed administrator thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 10th day of May, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

BELLE JENNE, Clerk of Probate. 18704

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot, ss:

Notice is Hereby Given, That the annual account of the executors of the estate of Ammi W. Wright, deceased, of Gratiot County, Michigan, will be allowed by me at the Probate Office, in the Village of Ithaca, in said County, on the twenty-ninth (29th) day of January next, at ten (10) o'clock a. m. of said day.

Dated, Ithaca, December 30th, A. D. 1914.

J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Gratiot: In the Circuit Court for the County of Gratiot, in Chancery.

Edna Drexler, Complainant, vs. Joseph H. Drexler, Defendant.

At a regular session of said court held in the Court House, in the village of Ithaca, in said County, on the 26th day of December, A. D. 1914:

Present—The Hon. Kelly S. Searl, Circuit Judge.

In this cause it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, is not a resident of this state, but is a resident of Hill City in the State of Minnesota;

On motion of O. G. Tuttle, solicitor for Complainant, it is ordered that the appearance of said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, be entered in this cause within four months from the date of this order and that in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed and a copy thereof served upon the solicitor for complainant within fifteen days after service on him or his so-

licitor of a copy of said Bill and in default thereof said Bill be taken as confessed by said defendant, Joseph H. Drexler.

And it is further ordered that the Complainant cause a copy of this order to be published in the Alma Record, a newspaper published, printed and circulating in said County, and that such publication be commenced within twenty days from the date of this order, and that publication be continued therein once in each week for six successive weeks, or that the said Complainant cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said Defendant, Joseph H. Drexler, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

KELLEY S. SEARL, Circuit Judge.

Countersigned: R. E. HUGHES, Register in Chancery.

O. G. TUTTLE, Solicitor for Complainant, Business Address, Ithaca, Michigan. 1875

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