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## CAPTAIN SIR HUBERT WILKINS.

The learn from the "Weekly Times" of the 27th of September, 1923, that the leader of the Antarctic expedition, Captain Sir Harbert Wilkins, who wisited Stanley recently, became engaged to be married just before leaving New York to Miss Suzanne Bennett, an Australian actress who has played in many parts in the American capital, and that the wedding, it is proposed, will take place on the explorer's successful return from the South.

We have further been informed personally in regard to Sir aubert's organisation and plans that the official style of the expedition is the "Filkins - Hearst" Antarctic Expedition" under Captain Sir Rubert Wilkins as Commander and with Meadquarters at the Waldrof-Istoria, New York City. According to Sir Hubert's present intention he will first make a series of comparatively short flights over the Medell Sea as soon as practicable after the establishment of his base at Deception Island during the month of November and will then make his attempt to circum-navigate the South Pole following the edge of the Antarctic continent about the middle of December. arrival in the Ross Sea area after a non-stop flight, if all goes well, of some twenty-one hours duration, Sir Hubert hopes to land on the land-fast ice in the neighbourhood of Amundsen's "camp" on the Bay of Whales. From there he will communicate by wireless telegraphy with the whaling factory "Neilsen Alonso" which will be operating in that area and will send by previous arrangement from a distance of, say, 200 miles a whaling catcher with stores and petrol. Thus re-provisiond and re-fuelled - the stores and petrol having been duly handed up er the ice barrier - Sir Mubert has planned to fly to the "Neilsen

Alonso" in the open sea and to be taken on board for return to London use New York. If circumstances generally permit Sir Mubert may o on completion of the primary objects of the expedition make a flight over the South Fole.

In the unexpected event of failure to make a non-stop or almost continuous flight from Deception Island to the Ross Sea Sir Hubert foresees that he will be compelled to abandon his aeroplane on land-stice somewhere between those two points and to finish his journey of foot which he estimates will take him up to two years to accomplish. He has requested particularly that in the event of his disappearance for a time no relief expedition should be sent out to search for him.

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The s.s. "Fleurus" left Stainley for Port Howard on the 50th of October, 1928. On her return from the West Falkland she will proceed to South Georgia, taking as passengers Mr. W. Barlas, Magistrate, and Ma A. G. R. Jones, Clerk.

The m.v. "Gwendolin" arrived at North Lum on the 50th of October, 1928, and is due to leave that port to-day for Lively Island and Fitzroy and then return to Stanley.

The whaling factory "Southern Empress" left Stanley on the 30th of October, 1928, for the whaling grounds, and the "Mektoria" sailed yesterday for Deception Island with Captain Sir Herbert Wilkins and his companions.

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