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MINNESOTA'S EFFICIENCY GOVERNOR OF BRIGADE BETTER PROVEN

After Restless Night, Governor Johnson Rallies From Effects of Second Operation Performed By Dr. Mayo

CHANCES OF RECOVERY ARE CONSIDERED GOOD

Illness Came Suddenly After Extended Trip Through Pacific Northwest—Not Out of Danger For Two Days

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 16.—In spite of a restless and somewhat unsatisfactory night, the condition of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, who was operated on at St. Mary's Hospital in this city yesterday morning, for complications resulting from a previous operation for appendicitis, was considerably improved. Hopes are now held out for the recovery of the governor, and his friends, many of whom have hurried here to be near him in the event of a crisis, have taken heart from the encouraging bulletins which were sent this morning.

At 9 o'clock this morning, Dr. Mayo, the well-known appendicitis specialist, posted the following bulletin: "In spite of a restless night, Governor Johnson's condition is much improved and every hope is held out for his recovery."
Yesterday's operation on Governor Johnson was for a second time, the sedation, resulting from a previous operation performed some days ago. His illness came most unexpectedly, after an extended trip to the Pacific Northwest, during which he enjoyed his usual good health and spirits.
Thousands of telegrams have been flooding the local office ever since the first announcement that the distinguished chief executive of Minnesota was operated on and in danger. The moment his condition warrants it, there are many close friends ready to extend the hand of sympathy, and cheer the stricken man back to health and happiness.

FRANCE CLAIMS INVENTOR'S HONORS

The Steamship "French Invention Exploited in America—Some Unpleasant History.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—George Montorgull in an elaborate review of Robert Fulton's career in the Seine, June 24, 1800, and Fulton's own words, saying that the real inspirations of his discovery were the experiments of Marquis Jouffroy, at Lyons in 1783. Thus the writer goes to prove that "the steamboat is a French invention perfected in France by an American and exploited in America."
And he says for this reason France is sending a member of the Institute and a detachment of her fleet to join in the "tribute of gratitude which America is paying to her illustrious son, who in many ways made the Old World tributary to the New."

Continuing, M. Montorgull insists that Fulton left France because the Napoleon government would not accept his Nautilus, a prototype of the submarine, with three of which Fulton told Napoleon he could destroy the English fleet. Subsequently Fulton offered the Nautilus to England, but England wanted to destroy the secret, whereupon Fulton went to America.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 16.—A novel plan for street lighting is to be worked out on Columbia street, in this city. The scheme is to erect iron posts, four to a block, in the middle of the thoroughfare, between the double tracks of the tram line, the pillars to carry five are lights each, as well as the trolley wires.

THE NEWS OF TODAY

- Vancouver races extended.
- Mystery deepens and sensations multiply in Nanaimo murder case.
- Chambers of Commerce of Empire discuss preferential principle.
- Governor Johnson of Minnesota at death's door.
- Mexico on eve of centenary of freedom.
- Russia masses troops in Siberia preparatory for new war with Japan.
- Deadly duel to the death between women in Chicago.
- Ketchell-Langford fight is off.
- Steamer Umhail grounds in fog; eleven lives lost.
- Prosecutions for non-inspection of imported trees.

EVENTING POST BULLETIN BOARD

PASTEUR Originates Sterilization
Dr. KOCH Discovers Tuberculosis Germ
PARSONS INVENTS Turbine
WIRELESS OPERATORS Save Ships & Passengers
WRIGHT BROS. Perfect the Aeroplane
SHACKLETON Goes Farthest South
BLERIOT Flies across Channel
COOK Discovers North Pole
PEARY Discovers Pole
HEINZ 58th variety of Pickle



WHILE MEN ARE "DOING THINGS"

BEACON EXPLOSION INJURES THREE SEAMEN

Acetylene Aid to Navigation at Port San Juan Blows Up Mysteriously With Unfortunate Results

While engaged in re-filling an acetylene beacon off Port San Juan yesterday afternoon three men of the William Joffile were seriously hurt when the buoy blew up four times in succession, sending the men bodily into the water. Aid for the trio was at once requisitioned by the captain of the Joffile and the tug immediately sailed for this city, the injured men being sent to the hospital immediately upon her arrival.

The three men, James Moore, first mate, W. Gavin and George Alexander, seamen, left the tug in a small boat with a load of carbide to fill the beacon. They had mounted the structure and begun their task, when the gas in the tank exploded and slightly stunned the party.

A second boat was sent to them and an examination was made as to the extent of their injuries and it was decided that the men would have to be given professional medical aid at once, so with the three injured men aboard and the beacon in tow, the Joffile steamed with all speed to this city.

It is probable that the first mate is the more seriously injured, as he was engaged closer to the opening of the tank than the others when the explosion occurred.

No reason can be given for the blowing up of the tank but it is probable that the matter will be looked into. The reason was toward the Government wharf and is anchored there.

The Joffile which is under contract to the Dominion was out on a cruise feeding the various beacons in the harbor and was towed to the Government wharf and is anchored there.

WOMEN DUELLISTS BATTLE TO THE DEATH

Gruesome and Sensational Crime in Chicago's Fashionable District—Mrs. Silvers Confesses Herself Murderess

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Julia Tripp and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Silvers of New York, are dead as the result of a pistol and knife duel between the two women in Mrs. Tripp's apartment at 16th street and Prairie avenue, a fashionable residential district of the city. It is said that Mrs. Silvers' husband left her about three months ago because of her peculiar actions. Mrs. Tripp was the wife of the superintendent of a manufacturing firm of this city.

There were ten bullet wounds and one cut on the body of Mrs. Tripp. Mrs. Silvers received a bullet wound in the chest and several knife slashes. Only one revolver was found in the apartment, but empty shells and two cartridges were found, indicating that the duel was a desperate struggle.

Mrs. Silvers was in her underclothing. Mrs. Silvers had been staying at the Tripp home for about a month and the two are said to have had frequent quarrels, principally over the division of the household duties. It had been Mrs. Silvers' custom to take a nap in the afternoon and it is evident she had prepared for this as usual.

Shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon Mrs. Tripp appeared in the hallway in the front of the apartment screaming for help.

"I am being murdered in here," she shouted to a neighbor who had opened her door on hearing the screams. Mrs. Tripp immediately closed the door.

At almost the same time a woman in a blood-stained nightgown was seen at the rear entrance of the apartment by the janitor.

"Come quick and save me. I am being killed," she cried.

PEACE ONCE MORE ON MARSEILLES DOCKS

After Three Days of Pursuit the Visiting Bengal Tigress Gives Up the Thrilling Game of Life

MARSEILLES, Sept. 16.—The hunt along the waterfront of Marseilles for the royal Bengal tigress that escaped from a steamer in the harbor the day before yesterday, came to a dramatic end this morning when the animal, mortally wounded and with blood streaming from her banks, fled from her mob of pursuers and with enormous bounds, gained the waterfront.

Then as if still determined to foil her enemies, she sprang into the sea and was drowned.

During the hunt this morning the beast suddenly leaped out from its hiding place among the rocks and charged a group of workmen who had gathered on one of the stone docks.

The animal then took refuge against a pile of merchandise. Her pursuers assembled and with flaming torches she was driven from her last shelter.

As she ran she was an easy target for bullets, several of which carried mortal injuries.

The body of the tigress was recovered. The hunt continued without abatement all last night. Policemen and gendarmes armed with rifles occupied positions during the night on walls surrounding the wharves, while armed boats patrolled the waterfront aided by searchlights set up at the pier ends.

The tigress was sighted once and a fuselage of shots was directed against her, but without effect.

OBSERVATION SUSPICIONS TAKEN BY THREE WIFE

Commander Peary, Professor Marvin and Captain Bartlett All Made Accurate Records of Polar Progress

DOCUMENTS WRAPPED IN AMERICAN FLAG

Lull in the Peary-Cook Controversy For the Timebeing, But Former Hints at Big Surprise Soon

BATTLE HARBOR, Sept. 16, via Moscow wireless telegraph to Cape Ray, Nfld.—Commander Robert E. Peary consented today to talk further concerning his successful dash to the North Pole. He dwelt particularly on the observations taken at the apex of the world and the movements of Harry Whitney, the sportsman, of New Haven, Conn., who has been described as the hearer of records since stantiating Dr. Frerick. A Cook's claim to have reached the Pole April 21, 1908.

"We took five observations prior to reaching the Pole," Commander Peary said, "two of them were made and worked out by the late Prof. Ross G. Marvin, who prepared duplicate records in each case and signed duplicate certificates. To guard against accidents, I took one set of these papers and Prof. Marvin took the other when at a distance of 125 miles from the Pole. The third observation was made by Capt. Bartlett who also signed the records and certificates I duplicate, he retaining one set and I the other. The fourth and fifth observations were made by myself the last being taken five miles from the Pole proper."

Observations at Pole.
"Was there more than one observation taken at the Pole and by whom?" the explorer was asked. "There were several observations," he replied, "and I took them myself. They all agreed. You must understand that the Pole is a theoretical point. Its location depends on the accuracy of the instruments employed and the conditions under which the observations are taken."

"You have stated, Commander Peary, that a copy of your records and Polar observations was wrapped in a piece of a silk American flag and deposited in an ice-cavity at the Pole. Did any person witness this?"

"To this question Commander Peary declined to make any answer at present.

Continuing Peary said that Dr. Cook was expected by the world to submit to an impartial tribunal, or board of arbitration, a revised and annotated statement of his alleged discovery of the Pole. Dr. Cook soon would reach the United States, Commander Peary said, and he would have the prospect of being submitted for consideration at an early date.

It should be done inside of a couple of weeks and when it is done, the Commander declared, he was prepared to turn over to the board of arbitration to the public and scientific bodies, a copy of his observations which would disprove Dr. Cook's claims for all time.

Continuing the explorer said that a friend that Dr. Cook had given the world a "gold-brick." This message had been allowed to leak out and while he would have preferred a mere expression, he was willing to let these words stand, because they were so emphatic. The explorer said also that he would turn over to the competent tribunal and the public, certified copies of his observations made on his trip to the Pole with all other information. Peary does not care to submit these records at present time, for reasons that the information contained, if divulged in advance of the placing on file of Dr. Cook's authorized and definite version, might be of advantage to the Cook partisans.

It is rumored here that Commander Peary's brief will contain sensational statements, and that a portion of his document was prepared as long ago as the early months of 1908, when letters were received from Dr. Cook in Greenland, giving notice that he intended to make a dash for the Pole. Asked how Harry Whitney happened to remain in the North, Commander Peary said Whitney was one of a party of sportsmen who went as passengers on board the steamer Erik.

THE PENALTY OF POLITENESS

Chicago Chinaman Fined Fifty Dollars For Offering White Woman Shelter of Umbrella.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Yee King was fined \$50 and costs for offering Mrs. Goldie Carter the shelter of his umbrella during a rainstorm. The Chinaman pleaded that he had been taught in the New York missions to be courteous to white women.

"I always consider it a diversion tending to a breach of the peace when I see a white woman," said Judge Butler in inflicting the fine. "The Sigei murder would never have occurred if Chinese were not allowed to address white girls."

Mrs. Carlson, Wife of Murdered Nanaimo Man, Arrested Immediately After Coroner's Inquest Last Night

BLOOD STAINS ON PILLOWS AND CARPET

Theory That Wife Murdered Carlson While He Slept and Dragged Away Body With a Rope

NANAIMO, Sept. 16.—As a result of the inquest held last night into the death of Gus Carlson, who was murdered in his own house on Monday night, his wife was arrested immediately after the hearing and lodged in the local jail. From the course the inquiry took and the questions put the Chief of Police and council for the coroner, it was evident that Mrs. Carlson had been under suspicion from the beginning. The police last night succeeded in producing evidence of an incriminating character, although the story of Mrs. Carlson never altered or became confused, even when she was subjected to such a marvellous cross-examination as one expects to hear only at the assizes where one is on trial for life.

The police produced three pillow-slips, two of which were badly splashed with blood. The third also slightly stained. These pillow-slips, Mrs. Carlson had been under suspicion from the beginning. The police last night succeeded in producing evidence of an incriminating character, although the story of Mrs. Carlson never altered or became confused, even when she was subjected to such a marvellous cross-examination as one expects to hear only at the assizes where one is on trial for life.

The second point was the discovery of blood splashed in the sitting-room where the body was found. The man, when discovered, was lying flat on his back with legs straight out, and his arms extended. His feet pointed towards the door of the room, and his body lay obliquely away from the wall. Carlson had only bled from the mouth and the ear and there was a pool of blood around where the head was lying. In addition to this, however, the police found splashes and smears of blood along towards his feet and beyond, and moreover, they presented the appearance of a body having been dragged away from the spot.

The medical evidence had revealed that Carlson's skull was badly fractured and the theory is that the man was struck in the head, the blow would have fractured his neck and then he was dragged into the room where he was found.

The blow on the head would have caused death in about 10 hours in any case. The appearance of the room and the way the body was lying, together with the discovery of the pillow-slips with their bloody evidence of guilt, all strengthened the theory that the man was first rendered insensible and afterwards dragged to where his body was found.

Mrs. Carlson was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the crime. The arrest has caused a great sensation, and the murder is more than ever on everybody's thoughts and on everybody's tongue.

Fell, But Without Injury
RHEIMS, Sept. 16.—While experimenting with a Wright machine here last evening, M. Auguste Perrot fell from a height of about sixty feet, but without the slightest injury. The accident occurred through a trifling derangement of the motor.

LABOR UNION DIFFERENCES

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 16.—The Detroit Federation of Labor last night practically withdrew from the American Federation of Labor by voting unanimously not to comply with the recent order of the executive council to unseat the Electrical Workers' Union. The matter will be appealed to the American Federation convention in Toronto in November. The Electrical Workers' Union is affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Electrical Workers which is not recognized by the American Federation.

THE REMNANT COUNTER

Although Prohibitionists may not endorse the object lesson, that little accident to the aviator of Rheims this morning shows that it is even possible to take a drop too much without material harm.

If it is true as charged that "everybody is out for the dual," there should be no surprise over Victoria's popularity.

As yet the Reform Associations of Marseilles have entered no protest against the unusual activity throughout that town in chasing the tiger.

The reply of the Church to W. T. R. Preston's charges against the efficiency of mission work in Japan is shortly to be made. It is to be far from a complete refutation, which is another illustration of many a true word spoken from the chest.