

CAPT. OSBORN SAYS PEARY CAPABLE OF ANYTHING; COOK A DECENT MAN

Little if any progress having been made toward settling the Peary-Cook controversy over the discovery of the North Pole, sentiment in this country and abroad strongly favors placing the whole matter before an unbiased scientific commission for decision. Until some action along this line is taken, the bitter personal feud will spread. Dr. Cook's adherents are standing firm, producing everything at hand to support his claims. The repeated denunciation of Cook as a liar by the commander as the only discoverer of the Pole, and duty Cook to establish the right to the achievement.

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To has taken in this matter. Captain Osborn followed up his letter from the admiral tonight with a lecture on "Who Discovered the North Pole?"

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, he said, "was for two years my wife's physician. I saw him two or three times a week and we chatted many hours. He was secretary of the Arctic Club while I was chairman of the executive committee. If I have ever known a man of integrity, probity, sincerity and modesty, it is Dr. Cook."

He has also opened letters addressed to me. One letter opened by him in 1898 and Cook named by Peary and sent it to me. When this thing happened a second time I told him that if he opened more of my letters I should be obliged to him to let me see them. "But as soon as the other claimant got within reach of the wireless," said the captain, he sent despatches to everybody he could think of, but delayed in informing the mother of the unfortunate Marvin, who perished during the expedition.

Dr. Cook is but an ordinary physician," the speaker continued, "the other being in the navy is supposed to have received the training of a gentleman, yet when Cook heard that Peary had discovered the Pole he congratulated him. When Peary heard of Cook's claim, he wired that the doctor was a great doctor, but Cook's words were not dig pits under themselves.

There is a mystery in the disappearance of Mr. Whitney, who is coming home by the ship. The speaker thought Capt. Osborn continued, "he got on board the Roosevelt, took his letters and left for his own ship, the Jeanie, because of Peary's attitude."

London newspapers have been receiving reports of Dr. Cook's expedition. The reports are full of inaccuracies, as several of the correspondents rely entirely on their memories.

A comparison of the accounts in these papers makes it appear as though Dr. Cook has not been particularly accurate in his reports.

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DR. COOK, HIS MOTHER, SISTER AND AN EMPLOYER IN FRONT OF HIS MILK DEPOT IN BROOKLYN. HIS FIRST MILK WAGON IN FOREGROUND. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.



1907, when she lay for a week at Sydney alongside the schooner John Bradley in which Dr. Cook was starting for the Pole. The Erik that year went to Hudson Bay for the Canadian government. Dr. Cook's expedition was found to be in good condition, and he was able to land on the coast of the Arctic.

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REGRET DEATH OF REV. MR. COMBEN

Clergymen Pass Resolution of Sympathy

FUNERAL TODAY

Deceased Had Been in the Ministry for Fifty Years, Holding Many Circuits

Rev. Charles Comben, for seven years superintendent of Centenary Church, a prominent citizen of St. John, passed away early Sunday evening at his residence, 20 City road, in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Comben had been in poor health since spring but was only on Sunday, Sept. 5th, that his illness became serious.

Rev. Charles Comben was an Englishman by birth, but came to Newfoundland in 1856 and entered the ministry of the Methodist church in that year. After serving the usual term of probation he was ordained in Charlottetown in 1859, the officers of the Ancient Colony were Island Cove, Western Shore, Hants Harbor, Twillingate, Bonaville, St. John's, Blackhead and Carleton Place. On the division of the conference of Eastern British America into three conferences of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland was consequent upon the union of Canadian Methodism in 1873, he was stationed at Hillsboro, in this province, and soon after time and again when he became a supernumerary, he labored on the Dorchester, Upland, Andover, Grand Lake, Pettitodan, Jacksonville, St. Andrew and Albert circuits. He was elected to the presidency of the conference in 1883, which was held in Moncton in that year. He has twice visited the Motherland the second time about a year and a half ago and having relatives in good positions in church and state, had a most enjoyable time. His wife died some time past, but to his last will, he leaves a son, Charles, who is practicing law in Woodstock, and six daughters—Mary R., Alexandra, Elizabeth A., Edith A., Lillian B. and Harriet S.

He was a most agreeable companion, was well informed on public questions, a thoroughly good man and an acceptable preacher of old fashioned Methodist doctrine. During his years of retirement he has done a good deal of work in supplying vacancies, both in his own and other denominations. He resided here ever since, during which time he has been connected with Centenary church. He was in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

Rev. Jabez A. Rogers, of Sussex, studied for the ministry under the deceased when he was ministering to the Methodist of Bonaville, Newfoundland, where he was stationed in 1882.

The funeral of the late Rev. Charles Comben will be held from Centenary Church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Methodist ministers of this city will officiate at the funeral services. The following resolution was moved by Rev. W. A. Pitt, and seconded by several of the members of the church:

"Whereas, the Rev. Chas. Comben, after a long and useful career, has been called to his higher home, and his noble services to the church above, this meeting records its high appreciation of the many excellent qualities which adorned his character as a minister of the gospel, and his devotedness to his work as an earnest and devoted minister of Christ.

"Well acquainted with public questions, with a mind richly stored with useful knowledge and apt and ready in the expression of his views, his absence from his gatherings will be a decided loss while in the more retired walks of life he was kind, courteous and companionable. Above all it thinks of him as a Christian gentleman, one who lived his religion, and whose sincerest sympathy in this hour of sorrow and bereavement, and would commend the members thereof to the loving care of their fathers God.

Arrangements for the funeral service to be held in Centenary Church this afternoon, were decided upon by the church and the body will then be taken to Centenary Church. Rev. A. D. McCully, president of the conference, has been invited to take charge of the service. Several clergymen identified with the late Mr. Comben in church work will also take part. Ministers will act as pall bearers.

progressive man. He had read about ferryboats being operated by a cable, and he quickly made up his mind that such a service would suit the Gondola Point route. A few years ago he succeeded in putting such a service into operation, and he and his son successfully operated it. Capt. Pitt was of the same family as the famous Earl of Chatham, while his wife was of the name of Pitt. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and son. His son, Adolfo Paddock Pitt, worked with him on the ferryboat, and his daughter is Mrs. George Chase, of North End. His death was hastened by an accident several weeks ago while working on his boat.

FRID BELIEVA.
Frederick Belyea was found dead in his room at 197 British street yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. The deceased had been ailing for some time, but nothing of a serious nature was anticipated. He retired to bed early Sunday evening apparently in good spirits. His father, going to call him in the morning, was horrified to find the young man dead. Colonel Beryman was at once notified, and had permission to prepare the body for burial.

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OF PRIZE WINNERS

SUSSEX EXHIBITION

closed on Friday Night
a Run of Exception-
ly Fine Weather

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caught riding or fifty, 3 yrs.—
6, 1st. 1 year—Robert Robinson
or fifty—Wm. A. Erb, 1st
nd.

ART DISPLAY.

ay was the best seen here, in
the winners as follows:
drawing—Dorothy Buchanan,
drawing, colors—Kathleen Kirk,
Allison, 2nd.
drawing, collection—Dorothy
drawing for children, Susan
from nature—Pearl L. Price,
drawing—Dorothy Buchanan,
Lockhart, Moncton, 2nd.
drawing—Mrs. J. Everett

DRAWING.

competition from towns and
choicest, grades 1, 2 and 3—
Sharp, Sussex, 1st; Harold
Sussex, 2nd; Leclair, 3rd.
5 and 6—Lottie Thiel,
1st; Lulu Crawford, King-
Lillie Shannon, Sussex, 3rd.
8—Bessie Bunnell, Sus-
Dorothy Buchanan, Sussex,
Farlane, 1st.
ship—Grades 1, 2 and 3—
Innell, Sussex, 1st; Lottie
Wilfred McArthur, Sus-
5 and 6—Lila Dobson, Sus-
lett, Bloomfield, 2nd;
and 8—Brook C. Flewelling,
1st; Margaret Egan, Sus-
John Bunnell, Sussex, 3rd.

Father Morrissey

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