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FIRST GUN FIRED IN GREAT SCIENTIFIC CONTROVERSY

Commander Peary Questions the Authenticity of Dr. Cook's Discovery of the North Pole.

BROOKLYN EXPLORER REFUSES TO REPLY TO INNUENDOES

Peary Says Cook's Esquimaux Say Latter Was Never Out of Sight of Land on His Expedition.

Controversy Which Will Involve All the Scientists of the World Has Opened—Dr. Cook Credited With An Interview in Which He Stated Peary Would Have Shot Him Had They Met at the Pole—London Telegraph's Copenhagen Correspondent Disbelieves Cook's Story—Says He Has Buncoed the World.

PEARY DECLARES COOK DID NOT REACH POLE.

New York, Sept. 8—The following cablegram was received in New York today from Commander Peary: "I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the North pole. This is authoritative and correct. Dr. Cook's story shouldn't be taken too seriously. Esquimaux, who accompanied him, say he went no distance north, and was not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate this story."

The message came from Indian Harbor, Labrador. It was sent by wireless by way of Cape Ray, Nfld., and created a sensation.

"I am indifferent to Commander Peary's doubts regarding my discovery of the North pole," declared Dr. Cook today. "I should not degrade myself by answering Commander Peary now, but will withhold my reply to his doubts until they are based on scientific data."

Opening Shot in Controversy.

New York, Sept. 7—Commander Robert E. Peary's claim, cabled to London today, that he was the first to reach the North pole, was the opening shot in what probably will be the greatest scientific controversy that ever happened or absorbed the attention of the civilized world. It struck home. It reached Dr. Frederick A. Cook in Copenhagen early in the day and this was his answering volley: "Commander Peary, of course, can say what he wishes; I am not accustomed to indulging in controversies. All I have to say about Commander Peary is that if he says he reached the North pole I believe he reached the North pole"

Evidently with a foresight of the coming conflict for the honors of the discovery the National Geographical society in Washington, while telegraphing "heartiest congratulations" to Commander Peary, in answer to a message announcing his achievement, issued the following guarded statement: "The board of managers of the National Geographical society today decided to take no action with regard to honors to Arctic explorers until after the detailed observations and records are submitted and passed upon by competent authorities."

This statement from the heads of an organization of which Commander Peary and Dr. Cook are both members, showed plainly that the society, while not officially corroborating Commander Peary's claim, declined to accept the decision of the Danish scientists that Dr. Cook's records prove he reached the pole. A new dramatic situation developed today with the news from St. Johns, Nfld., that Commander Peary on the Roosevelt, had left Indian Harbor, Labrador, for Battle Harbor, which port he is expected to reach early tomorrow.

To Reach Home Together.

Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, who left today accompany Mrs. Peary on the way to meet her husband, said that Commander Peary would stop over for several days in Maine and probably reach New York in about two weeks. Dr. Cook, according to his present plans, will arrive in New York Sept. 20 or 21 on the Scandinavian-American liner, Oscar II, which means that the two rivals for the honors of the greatest feat of exploration in 400 years may reach their home city within a few days of one another, perhaps within a few hours.

The following message from Commander Peary, received today by Mr. Bridgman, gave added assurance that he will claim priority over Dr. Cook in reaching the pole:—

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, September 7.

"Herbert L. Bridgman, New York.

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DISTINGUISHED GROUP AT LIEUT.-GOV. BULYEA'S RECEPTION TO LORD STRATHCONA.

The photograph taken expressly for the Bulletin, shows Rev. Father Lacombe and Lord Strathcona seated, and standing behind them, Lieut.-Gov. Bulyea, Premier Rutherford and C. C. Chipman, of the Hudson's Bay Company.

STRATHCONA AND FR. LACOMBE MEET AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Venerable Westerners Enjoy Animated Exchange of Reminiscences—His Lordship Greets Many Old Timers—Civic Address Presented at Opera House, to Which Lord Strathcona Made Feeling Reply.

Lord Strathcona gave another test of his remarkable virility Tuesday afternoon, when, after the arduous festivities of the day, during which he made four speeches, he stood for nearly two hours at the Government House garden party, between four and six o'clock, to shake hands with the throng of Edmonton people who assembled to do him honor.

Early arrivals on the grounds saw a scene which will not soon be forgotten. There, seated side by side, were Lord Strathcona and Father Lacombe, chatting with a hand on each other's shoulder and talking over the old days in the west country, which each knew so well. Both men had spent nearly three-quarters of a century in Western Canada and their animated conversation showed that they had many a memory and probably a secret or two in common. The arrival of the guests brought the meeting to a close and Lord Strathcona stood to give a pleasant smile and a word of greeting to the stranger as well as the life-long friend.

Meets the Old-Timers.

Among the old-time friends who greeted the High Commissioner were Dr. and Mrs. McKay; H. B. Round, who had not seen Lord Strathcona since 34 years ago, when they had dinner together in a Fort Garry restaurant; Malcolm Groat and Mrs. Groat; Mrs. James Ross, who is a native of Kildonan, Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Heiminck; Col. Belcher and Thomas Anderson, father of Mrs. Dr. Braithwaite. Many others present either had a personal acquaintance with Lord Strathcona in the old Fort Garry days or were in the country at the time and had heard many tales of Donald Smith, who, even half a century ago, was well known throughout the western plains.

Several group photographs were taken of Lord Strathcona, with His Honor the Lieutenant Governor on his right and Premier Rutherford on his left. Others included Father Lacombe.

Refreshments were served to the south of the lawn by the daughters of the Empire. The guests numbered several hundred and included many of the members of the local legislature and their wives and others prominent in local social circles. The brilliant gathering dispersed at six o'clock, when Lord Strathcona departed in a motor car for the C.N.R. depot, where he no sooner entered his private car Earnscliffe than it left for Regina, where Lord Strathcona will be the guest of the city.

SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE.

Two Conferences Held Between Company and Men's Representatives.

Glace Bay, N.S., Sept. 7.—Settlement rumors are in the air. The story is that on Tuesday two conferences were held between representatives of the United Mine Workers and representatives of the Coal Company. Several plenipontaries did not actually meet in one room, but Deputy Minister Acland carried the proposals of each to the other and thereby achieved an exchange of views on the question of a settlement. This story is rounded out by the statement that the Coal Company is willing to recognize and receive the United Mine Workers, provided the strikers will abandon all actions pending or which may be announced or in contemplation. One hundred and fifty soldiers are leaving in the morning, and 200 more will remain till the end of the strike.

Opposed to Segregation.

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—At the afternoon session of the Methodist district of North Winnipeg today two resolutions were adopted by the Methodist clergymen who placed themselves on record as opposed to segregation in the matter of the social evil and in favor of education along lines that will direct the minds of scholars in the public schools and colleges of the province toward clean social and moral living. The resolution brought forth a free discussion, but there was no opposition and it passed unanimously.

FREIGHT RATES AT REGINA.

Railway Companies and Board of Trade Confer.

Regina, Sept. 7—A protracted session between W. B. Lanigan, representing the C. P. R., and Geo. H. Shaw, representing the C. N. R., and the board of trade, took place here today for the purpose of endeavoring to arrive at some readjustment of the freight rate schedule agreeable to the local shippers and the railway companies. The conference lasted until a late hour tonight without however, any definite decision being arrived at. It is felt that the matter, which has now hung in abeyance for some two years, should be dealt with without further delay and a working basis arrived at which shall go into operation pending the final adjustment of the whole freight rate matter by the railway commission.

New Grain at Claresholm.

Claresholm, Alta., Sept. 8—The first new grain was received at the Alberta Grain company's elevator today from J. R. Chiton and graded No. 2 Northern. The price paid was 74 cents, 3 cents below No. 1.

New Rifle Associations.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 8.—The militia orders issued today authorizes the formation of rifle associations at Birch Hill, Sask., Ochre River, Man., Earl Grey, Sask., Russell, Man., Barling, Sask., and Rising Sun, Sask.

KING EDWARD'S HORSE DID NOT WIN ST. LEGER

Doncaster, Eng., Sept. 8—The historic St. Leger was won by Mr. Fairie's Bayardo, Lord Carnarvon's Valens being second and W. Astor's Mirador third. The result was a disappointment to King Edward, whose colt, Minoru, figured among the also rans. Having already won the two thousand guineas and the Derby, a St. Leger victory woulr have put another "triple crown" to the credit of His Majesty. Bayardo, who was unbeaten as a two-year-old, is now recognized as the best of his year, with no serious rival. Bayardo started at 11-40 to 10, Valens at 100 to 8, and Mirador at 40 to 1. The also rans included, Minoru, The Story, Carrousel and Bachelor's Double.

GREAT RAILROAD KING IN CRITICAL CONDITION

E. H. Harriman May be Dying at His Home at Arden, N. Y.—News of His Condition Difficult to Obtain—Five Physicians are in Attendance.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 7.—E. H. Harriman's condition is extremely critical according to the same authority that enabled the Hearst news service to give exclusively Monday morning the first news of his collapse. An unofficial statement is attributed to the physicians to the effect that the financier may not live forty-eight hours. In addition to this three additional physicians and two nurses were rushed to Tower Hill since night fall. This makes a reported total of five physicians in attendance at the bedside of the patient.

Has Not Rallied.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8.—At six o'clock this morning an unofficial bulletin from Harriman's home at Arden stated that Harriman was in a very weakened condition. Although he is still alive it is known that he has not rallied since his second sinking spell last night. The guards were redoubled on the grounds and no one is allowed to enter.

FISHERIES ARBITRATION

Great Britain and U. S. Agree on Questions to Be Submitted.

Canadian Associated Press.

London, Sept. 8.—A formal agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States for submission to arbitration of questions regarding the fisheries of the North Atlantic Coast has been published. Article No. 1 sets out seven questions which are to be submitted for decision, all arising upon the construction of the convention signed in London, October 20th, 1818. Three subsequent articles relate to procedure, and Article No. 5 provides that the arbitration tribunal shall be chosen from the general list of the permanent court at the Hague within three months.

DOG BETRAYED ITS MASTER

Detectives Locate Child Abductor Through Use of Canine.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—Once more the faithful dog has unwittingly betrayed his mastetr into the hands of his enemies, which is to say that when Detectives Armstrong and Guthrie arrested Harry Holwarth, aged 25 years, charged with abducting 13-year-old Ethel Manning, of Paris, Ont., from the home of her sister, Mrs. Woodred, 162 East MacAuley street, Hamilton, it was by tracing his dog after the trail of the man himself had been given up as a hopeless lost one. Howarth was taken at a boarding house on Sherbourne street. The little girl who was living in the house as his sister and was wearing long dresses which made her look well on in her teens.

BIG STICK WIELDED WELL

Independent Telephone Association Make Bell Co. Less Arrogant.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 8.—Dr. W. Doan, Harrietsville presided at the meeting of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association. R. Page Wilson secretary treasurer, presented an interesting report showing that great progress has been made and good results attained in making the Bell Company less arrogant in its dealings with the public. Today there are 27,000 independent phones in use in Canada. Particular mention was made of the strides in the West where the service has been vastly improved since being taken over by the Governments.

TEN YEAR CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

Winnipeg, Sept. 8—The Manitoba government today awarded a ten-year contract for school books to Thos. Nelson & Co., of Edinburg, the Scotch firm being very much lower than any tender received from elsewhere.

BIG FUR ROBBERY STILL A MYSTERY

Police Working Hard on Case—Many Theories as to Disposal of Goods

The robbery at Athabasca Landing last week whereby furs to the value of $15,000 were taken from the storehouse of Hislop & Nagle, is still veiled in mystery. Chief Lancey and Detective Sergeant Brooke of the city police and the R.N.W.M.P. are working hard on the case but with no developments up to the present. Last night Chief Lancey returned to the city by motor car in record time, leaving Sgt. Brooke at the Landing where he still has that end of the robbery in hand. The chief is still working on the case but refuses to make any statement.

It has not yet been ascertained whether the furs are still at the Landing, have been taken north or down the river, or have been taken to Edmonton. Practically the only way they could be got out of the country if they have not already arrived in Edmonton is by catching them and shipping small quantities out each year till the entire haul is disposed of.

Furs Not of Much Bulk.

The furs stolen including 35 silver fox skins valued at from $300 to $400 each were not of great bulk and they could easily be transported from place to place. It is likely, however, that unless they are cached away that they could be identified.

Some trappers now in the city are of the opinion that they were not stolen to be disposed of but out of spite by some one ill-disposed towards Hislop & Nagle. If such is the case it is probable that the furs are still at the Landing and probably have been already destroyed.

Experienced Men on Case.

Sgt. Detective Brooke who is working on the case at the Landing, though now with the Edmonton city police, is one of the most experienced of R.N.W.M.P. officers and has over twenty years experience with that body, a large part of which was spent in the north. Chief of Police Lancey has also had considerable experience while in the employ of the C.P.R. with thefts of a similar kind and the assistance that they will likely give to the R.N.W.M.P. will be of great value.

AUTOIST NOT RESPONSIBLE.

For Death of Andrew McKay in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 7.—"We, the jury, find that Andrew McKay died as the result of a fracture of the skull received by being knocked down by an automobile on Broadway, in the City of Winnipeg, on the evening of the fourth day of September, 1909. We find that MacKay's death was the result of a misadventure. We wish to draw the attention of the city council to the inadequate manner in which Broadway is lighted, the shadows cast by the shade trees on that street and especially on the north side of the street, rendering it dangerous to traffic after dark. We consider that this was a factor in causing the accident to the deceased, and we very strongly recommend that action be taken at once to provide more lights on the thoroughfare."

The above is the verdict of the coroner's jury which met last evening to place the responsibility and assign the causes for the death of Andrew McKay, who died in the Winnipeg General Hospital last Sunday night as the result of injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile driven by S. C. Dunn.

BIG MEXICAN LAND DEAL.

British Syndicate to Purchase Thousands of Acres.

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 8.—The most extensive deal ever contemplated in the Republic of Mexico is practically closed, with English capitalists on one side and General Lois Terrazas, reputed to own more acres than any other man on earth, on the other hand. Sir William Wiseman is at the head of the British syndicate, the other members of which are A. R. Boirel, H. Marsh and R. Burn. They have obtained options on and are purchasing many hundreds of thousands of acres. The exact number cannot be ascertained in the state of Chihuahua. Most of this land would be classed as ranch land in the United States, but some of it shows mineralization, and it is believed that the Englishmen will develop much of the property into mining land. Credence is given this theory by the fact that Sir William Wiseman, when he inspected the land, was accompanied by Captain C. O. Greenwell, a mining magnate associated with the Rothschilds at Santa Rosalie.

Toronto City Solicitor Resigns.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 8.—W. C. Chisholm, city solicitor, has resigned after eighteen years' service. The city is now without a corporation counsel or a city solicitor. When James Fullerton, K.C., resigned as corporation counsel, Mr. Chisholm was freely mentioned as his successor, but there was some opposition in council. Mr. Chisholm goes into private practice with Watson, Smoke and Smith, so a salary of six thousand would no longer be an inducement. He is a son of Judge Chisholm, Berlin.

THE MARKETS

FARMERS' MARKETS.

Grain and Feed.

Oats	38 to 40c
Oats to dealers	32c to 35c
Feed wheat	70c per bushel
Barley	38c per bushel
Dairy crop	$1.25 per cwt.
Oat chop	$1.65 per cwt.
Bran, per cwt.	$1.30
New Timothy hay	$10 to $14

Dairy Products.

Dairy Butter	20c per lb.
Dairy Butter to dealers	13c to 15c
Creamery Butter	20 to 25c per lb.
Eggs	20 to 23c per doz.
Cheese, local	12 to 13c per lb.

Live Stock.

Grass-fed Steers	3½c to 4c per lb.
Steers 1,000 to 2,000 lbs	3 to 3½c
Fat Heifers	2¾ to 3½c per lb.
Medium cows and heifers	2½ to 3c
Fat Cows	2½ to 3¼
Choice Calves	4c to 5c.
Medium Calves	3 to 4c
Hogs	7¼c to 7½c

Vegetables.

Carrots, onions, radishes, etc., 30c per dozen bunches; dry onions, 3 lbs. for 25c; cabbage, 40c per dozen; new potatoes, 50c to 60c per bushel.

TUESDAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, September 7.—The market was quiet, Liverpool was unchanged to ⅛ lower, but the market was weaker in tone on account of heavy Russian shipments. Weather is favorable throughout the Canadian West and the receipts for three days—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—were 701 cars of wheat, of which over 75 per cent. graded Nos. 1 and 2 Northern. There was a good demand for cash wheat, and while early in the session premiums were off, later some wheat changed hands at five cents, though the closing cash price on nearly all grades was 1c down. Exporters declared there was absolutely nothing doing, and prices certainly look out of line. Winnipeg options closed ¼ to ⅜ lower, Chicago September closed up ¼, December and May unchanged to ¼ lower and May ⅜ to ¼ lower.

Winnipeg cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 99; No. 2 Northern, 96; No. 3 Northern, 94⅞; rejected 1-1 Northern, 94; rejected 1-2 Northern, 90½; rejected 1-3 Northern, 89; rejected 1 Northern for seeds, 92; rejected 2 Northern for seeds, 89.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36⅝.

Barley—No. 3, 45½; No. 4, 44.

Winnipeg options: Wheat—September closed 96⅞; October 94⅞, 94¼; December 91⅞, 90⅞; May 95⅞, 95¼.

Oats—October 34⅞, 36⅞; December 33, 34⅞; May 36⅞, 36⅞.

Flax—1.27, 1.27; October 1.27, 1.25.

American options: Chicago—September 98⅞, 98⅞; December 94⅞, 94⅞; May 97⅞.

Minneapolis—December 93⅞, 93⅞; September 94⅞, 94⅞; May 97⅞, 97.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Chicago, Ills., Sept. 7.—News of a bearish character on wheat predominated and still the market displayed more or less stubbornness. Prices closed ⅛c better for September, unchanged for December and the smallest fraction lower for the May. A few scattered shorts covered, and as the offerings were small and without a leader on either side it hung in the balance. The market students in wheat are waiting, patiently waiting for something to turn up. Price changes were narrow yesterday. The private wires had little to do and the heads of the private wire houses almost to a man refused to come on the floor. A dull market like that of today is invariably followed by one of activity, with rapid price changes and the talent and the commission houses may expect an enormous trade in the next few days. The Liverpool wheat market closed unchanged to ½d lower, compared with Saturday's prices. World's shipments were large at 11,344,000 bushels, Russia and Danube contributing 6,624,000 bushels of the total, compared with total world's shipments of 8,992,000 bushels a week ago and 10,800,000 bushels last year. Weather in the United Kingdom continues to interfere with harvesting operations. The European visible increased 3,736,000 bushels, compared with a decrease of 400,000 bushels last week. The visible supply in this country showed 804,000 bushels increase. The premiums for cash wheat showed an easier feeling at Minneapolis yesterday. This one fact was against the holders and in favor of the bears. Sales were made at Minneapolis 3⅛c over September, compared with 4⅛c over on Saturday. Winnipeg receipts were liberal at 494 cars for two days, against 73 cars a year ago. Wheat at Duluth was off one cent and no export demand in prospect at the decline. Primary receipts of wheat were 1,820,000 bushels, compared with 1,916,000 bushels a year ago. Northwestern receipts were 1,685 cars since Saturday. Liverpool was unchanged to 1d lower at the close yesterday; futures unchanged to ⅛ lower; Paris ⅛c lower, flour ⅛ to ⅛c up; Antwerp ⅝c lower; Berlin ⅞c higher; Budapest 1c lower; Buenos Ayres ⅛ to ⅛c up.

The oats market was easier in tone with a slight recession in prices. There was a little buying early for local speculative account, but prices firmed or eased with other grains. Cash prices ⅛c to ⅛ lower. Car lots 224, with 414 estimated for tomorrow.

The trade in hogs products was inclined to await the outcome of the government crop report on corn tomorrow, which will doubtless be a bullish document. January prices

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LORD STRATHCONA ACCEPTS DEGREE

University of Alberta Enrolls High Commissioner Among Members of Convocation

The library of the university building at Strathcona was the scene of a most impressive ceremony yesterday afternoon when the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, was conferred on the Right Honorable Lord Strathcona and Mount Roya' G. C. M., G. G. C. V. O., etc. A special convocation was necessary for the occasion and was attended by a large number of the members who were fortunate in hearing by far the most impressive address which the High Commissioner had delivered during his visit to the twin cities. Chancellor Stuart led the way to the seat of his high office followed by Lord Strathcona, President Tory and the members of the university senate.

The Chancellor in rising said that the members of convocation had been summond to confer the degree of Doctor of Laws on Lord Strathcona. In doing so the university was not unmindful of the fact that His Lordship had received this degree on previous occasions from other universities and that in acceeding to the request of the University of Alberta, His Lordship was doing the university an honor rather than receiving an honor at its hands.

President Introduces His Lordship.

In a few well spoken words Dr. Tory, introduced Lord Stratheona. He did not overlook the fact that the university was probably the youngest in the British Empire and that Lord Strathcona has been honored by a similar degree from the oldest and most famous universities in the Empire and in the United States.

"The degree from this university is conferred on men of distinction who have done much for Canada," said Dr. Tory. "Lord Strathcona has done much for education in the Dominion particularly in connection with McGill university. I have great pleasure in introducing his Lordship for the degree of Doctor of Laws from this university."

Lord Strathcona's words of warm appreciation, following this initiatory proceedings, were as follows:

"I have had the honor of receiving academic degrees from several of the leading universities in the mother country, in the United States and in Egypt, but nothing has impressed me so much as receiving this high degree from the university chartered by the first legislature of Alberta. It is your desire that your university shall take no mean place among the universities of the world and I am sure that where there is a will there is a way. The same progressive spirit which you as a province have shown in other things will surely give to your university a place of which you may well be proud."

Proud to be Enrolled.

"I am proud to have my name on the roll of your university for in having it there I shall feel that I am one of you and shall take an even greater interest in your future if that were possible. I am glad to see the lady graduates present for they have the right to be here judging by the way their sex surpass the men even in the pursuit of science. It was my great felicity, as chancellor of the university of Aberdeen, to confer the graduating degree on fifty ladies. Ladies and gentlemen should go forth from the university with the desire that their conduct shall be truly that of gentlemen and gentlewomen. I trust that your prosperity shall be all that can be desired and know that it will be so."

"I feel under a great obligation to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor for all that he has said regarding me. I know that I have done little to merit it all. I know it will have the effect of making me think even more of this great country where I have spent nearly three quarters of a century of my life."

The Civic Presentation.

The Edmonton opera house was well filled Tuesday afternoon on the occasion of the presentation to Lord Strathcona of the civic address. When the venerable high commissioner arrived in a motor car from Government house he was greeted with applause by the assembled audience. He was accompanied by His Honor Lieut. Governor Bulyea, Premier Rutherford and C. C. Chipman, Hudson's Bay Co. commissioner at Winnipeg, who escorted him to the platform which was prettily decorated for the occasion.

Without preliminaries Mayor Lee at once proceeded to the reading of the address from the corporation of the city of Edmonton. It extended a hearty welcome to the distinguished guest and expressed the pride of all Canadians at what he had done for the empire, the Dominion and especially for the west.

Reference was made to Lord Strathcona's sterling qualities which were especially characteristic of Scotchmen and had made them a vital force wherever they had gone. His magnificent gifts and gracious deeds would perpetuate his memory and none more than the Strathcona Horse, which he equipped and commissioned for the honor of the empire.

The address assured him that the citizens of Edmonton whose history was intimately identified with the honorable company with which he is so closely connected, were determined to