

PEARY'S WIFE FINISHED HARRIMAN'S GRIM BATTLE WITH DEATH FOE PENSIONS FOR N. B. TEACHERS

Wife of Famous Explorer In City, Declares That Husband Has Done Enough for Science

Human Story Told By Wife of One Who Demands Centre of The World's Stage.

With faces radiant and hearts overflowing with the anticipation of the joy of meeting Mrs. Robert Peary and her two children passed through St. John last evening en route to Sydney, where the family will again separate after long months of separation.

The mother has grown older, but is still the self-sacrificing, devoted wife who yielded up her husband to the advancement of science and his own ambition.

Little Robert Jr., now a sturdy boy of six will greet his father in a patriotic salute by waving wildly on the wharf a specially prepared American flag nailed to a staff with silver staves and presented to Robert Jr. by Mr. Henry Edward Rood, managing editor of Harper's Magazine on behalf of the many friends of Commander Peary at Pleasantville.

First Authentic Interview. Mr. Rood also formed a member of the Peary party which arrived here on the Boston train last evening, and through his good offices, a Standard representative who boarded the train at McAdam was enabled to secure from Mrs. Peary the first authentic interview she has given since the news of her husband's success.

When the train arrived at McAdam Mrs. Peary and party were at luncheon and a little later the reporters were admitted to her presence. She first expressed herself as delighted with the success of her husband, though it was nothing more than had been expected.

"On previous trips," she said, "he encountered a different obstacle on each occasion, and this time, when he and myself went over every detail, we concluded that the chances of success were very bright, as he felt capable of such much experience of overcoming every difficulty."

Overjoyed at Result. "From what we have heard so far, he has to struggle against open water on this last and successful journey, but he had met this before and knew just what to do as he had hoped to do when he first took up the work, but I am overjoyed that he has at last accomplished his life-work, and can now enjoy a well-earned rest, and can now realize the importance of such work. I think a husband should have some time to get acquainted with his family, as I believe he would think of going on any further expeditions. He has always said that as long as he has any unexplored space in the world, it was the business duty of any man of science to use every means in his power to search it out."

Life Work Done. "He will realize, however, that his work as an explorer is done, though he will always be interested in polar exploration. He will be very much interested in hearing of the progress made in the Antarctic by Lieut. Shackleton, for unless he learns of it in Labrador, he is still, of course, in ignorance of the success of the British expedition to the South Pole."

"The news from Commander Peary," continued Mrs. Peary, "came of course at a very opportune time, and it was really earlier in the season than we have ever heard from him on any previous expedition, Sept. 12th being the earliest date up to the present year. I was foolish enough to hope, however, for news even earlier this season and have been awaiting anxiously the first word."

Declined to Discuss Dr. Cook. Mrs. Peary declined to say anything whatever regarding Dr. Cook's claims for the reason that she has refused from the beginning to comment in any way on Dr. Cook's expedition, although an alleged interview was telegraphed broadcast over the country. "I steadily declined to say anything before word was received from my husband," was her remark, "and I am very sure I am not going to begin now when Commander Peary is coming to speak for himself."

Mrs. Peary was shown an article in a New York paper stating that she had in her possession letters from Commander Peary, which contained information which would be the basis for a bitter scientific war between her husband and Dr. Cook. She intimated that there was no foundation

SIR WILLIAM WHITE ON THE NAVAL POLICY

Dissents From British Platform That Dismantled Esquimaux—Supremacy Of England Must Be Maintained.

Special to The Standard. Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 9.—In the course of an address on the British Navy in the city hall tonight, Sir William White, former chief of naval construction of the Admiralty, said he had that day visited Esquimaux, and regretted to see the guns at the foot of the hill on top of which they were formerly mounted. He had never agreed with the British policy in abandoning this and other naval bases.

Sir William added, that while he hoped Canada and the Empire would remain at peace with the world and deplored the great expenditure on armament, yet it was necessary in time of peace to prepare for distant possibilities to assure Great Britain's supremacy at sea, for therein lay the peace of the world.

For such a statement and said that all such articles should be discredited. Much Grieved Over Marlin's Death. The explorer's wife seemed to feel very deeply concerning the death by drowning of Mr. Roy Marlin, who was with her husband's expedition. She spoke of his sterling qualities as a friend and assistant of Commander Peary and said that there was no one who was more trusted. "It was right here at McAdam," she said "that he joined us on what has proved to be such a journey. He came through on a different train and went on to Sydney with us from here."

The reference to Mr. Marlin led Mrs. Peary to write a message of sympathy to his mother at Elmira, N. Y., and not knowing her address she entrusted the transmission of the message to the newspaper men who had in a telegram, care of the Elmira Gazette.

The message that the wire flashed, read as follows:— St. John, N. B., Sept. 9, 11.45. Gazette, Elmira, N. Y.: Please inform mother of poor Roy Marlin, who went north with my husband and lost his life in the performance of dangerous and important duty in the world of science. Convey my sympathy to her in this hour of deep sorrow.

JOSEPHINE E. PEARY. Details of the Journey. Mrs. Peary's journey from Portland, Me., to St. John, was a pleasant one, and the details were given the reporters by Mr. Rood, who arrived at Eagle Island on Tuesday for the purpose of accompanying the party to Sydney and looking after arrangements.

"Mrs. Peary came up from Eagle Island by launch on Wednesday afternoon," said Mr. Rood, "and passed the night at a quiet family hotel. We left Portland on the provincial express and along the line crowds of people lining newspapers, men and public men of prominence were on hand to see Mrs. Peary and if possible have a word with her."

"I informed them however, that Mrs. Peary was resting and did not wish to be disturbed, and in all cases my wishes were respected."

Invitation From Bangor. "The feature of the trip was the visit to the car of the mayor of Bangor, supported by an influential delegation including the Hon. John Woodman who issued a special invitation to Commander Peary to visit Bangor on his return through Maine, expressing the warmest wishes for the success of his expedition, and the public appreciation of the splendid achievement which has been accomplished."

"As Bangor is the first city of a considerable size in American territory through which Peary will pass on his return from the pole, the proposed celebration will be in the nature of an official welcome home. All that could be promised the delegation was to lay the matter before Commander Peary whenever I got in communication with him."

Awaiting Word. "Mrs. Peary," continued Mr. Rood, "has no idea when the Roosevelt will arrive at Sydney, just what Commander Peary will do immediately after getting ashore. It is the hope of Mr. Peary's family and friends here that he will decide to spend a few days resting at Eagle Island, instead of rushing through Portland, Boston and New York on his way to report to the Naval Department at Washington."

A pleasant incident of the trip, Mr. Rood said was the finding on the train at Portland of Mrs. Eliza Barker, author of the poem dedicated to Peary, called "The Frozen Grail." Mr. Peary was so pleased with the sentiment of the ode that he had written to the author and she afterwards became acquainted with Mrs. Peary, who was delighted to recognize her among the passengers. Mrs. Barker is also going to Sydney and the trip is much the pleasanter because of her presence.

Railroad King Succumbed Yesterday When End Was Least Expected, Meeting the First Great Defeat of His Life—Exact Hour of Death Is Problematic, As Nothing Was Allowed To Leak Out That Would Affect the Dead Man's Gigantic Interests.

Arden, N. B., Sept. 9.—Edward H. Harriman, the greatest organizer of railroads the world has ever known, met the only last defeat of his active life today in death. Secluded in his magnificent home on Tower Hill, surrounded by members of his family, physicians and nurses, he succumbed to an intestinal disorder this afternoon, after a fight against disease which will rank for sheer grit with his remarkable struggles in the financial world.

Not Known. The exact time of his death is known only to that limited circle of relatives and associates who had so effectively shielded Mr. Harriman from all outside annoyances during his last illness. The time was given the world as 3.35 p. m., but Mrs. Mary Simons, sister of Mrs. Harriman, said that the end had come at 1.30, more than two hours previous. Whether this or the current belief that every bearing was made to lessen the influence of the stock market, is problematical. But it is significant that the time of his death as officially announced, was 35 minutes after trading had ceased on the exchange in New York.

Mr. Harriman died peacefully and almost to the end his brilliant mind retained its integrity. After a relapse on Sunday he sank steadily and soon after the noon hour today, there came a relapse which marked the approach of the end. His wife, his two daughters, Misses Mary and Carol, and his sons, Walter and Roland, who had been constantly with him, assembled at the bedside and a carriage was hastened to the house to take him to the Episcopal Church at Arden. He will rest beside his oldest son, Edward H. Harriman, Jr., who died twenty-two years ago.

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Mr. Harriman's personal chaplain, but Mr. McGuiness was not at home. When found later, although rushing up the mountain-side at breakneck speed, he did not arrive until death had come to Arden House.

With the secrecy that has been maintained at the Harriman residence unbroken to the very end, news of Mr. Harriman's death was conveyed to New York before it came to Arden and the Valley below. Then by way of New York the report spread quickly and confirmation was sought at the residence by telephone.

During the past ten days, rumors have been so persistent and variable that little credence was at first given the report and it was a shock when the voice on the hill replied: "Yes, that is correct. Mr. Harriman died at 3.35 p. m." The speaker was evidently an employee.

Workmen Quit. Soon afterward the hundreds of workmen engaged on the uncompleted estate, led by their masters, dropped their tools, walked silently to the flat cars and descended on the private railway that bore them from the mountain top to their homes below.

While the policy of reticence that prevailed during Mr. Harriman's illness was maintained by most of his relatives and associates after his death, Orlando Harriman, whose home is in New York, discussed the funeral arrangements briefly tonight. He said that Mr. Harriman would be buried in the family plot in the little graveyard behind St. John's Episcopal Church at Arden. He will rest beside his oldest son, Edward H. Harriman, Jr., who died twenty-two years ago.

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Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 9.—While steaming along past Mistakeo Ledge Tuesday, the captain of the Carthaganian, which arrived today from Liverpool via St. Johns, reports passing the wrecked Laurentian. Her flag was flying. The Carthaganian passed and gave a salute. The quartermaster of the stranded ship went aft and dipped his flag in recognition of the signal. Three vessels were alongside taking out the cargo, just as if she were alongside a pier. The Carthaganian's officers are of the opinion that with continued fine weather, it will be possible after all the cargo is taken out, to float the Laurentian and take her into port. Had the Carthaganian not known that the steamship was ashore they would have thought she was at anchor, so easily did she seem to lie.

MORE EVIDENCE OF GIG GRIFT IN MONTREAL

Sensation Created Yesterday When Vice-President Of Heat And Light Company Told Of Shady Proceedings.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 9.—Some further startling evidence was given at today's session of the royal commission, investigating the Montreal service administration.

Ten thousand dollars to be divided among the aldermen or aldermanic candidates is the sum which W. McLean Walbank, vice-president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company declared under oath this afternoon, to have been offered by Ald. Lariviere had asked him to give prior to the last civic elections in 1908.

Against Principles. But Mr. Walbank did not give the requested \$10,000. It was against his principles, he told Commissioner Cannon to subscribe to elections and not only did he refuse Alderman Lariviere's request but he destroyed the list of ten aldermanic candidates which Alderman Lariviere had furnished.

Coming from the vice-president of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company this declaration created a startling impression in the court room. It was made in the middle of Mr. Walbank's testimony when few people were expecting anything so startling.

The \$10,000, Mr. Walbank said, was not to go to Ald. Lariviere himself the latter carefully explained that. But the ten aldermanic candidates whose names were furnished were all represented by Ald. Lariviere as passing friends of the Montreal Light and Power Company and hence the solicited subscriptions.

Only a few names of those on the list could be remembered by Mr. Walbank. He recollected the names of J. B. Martin, Duquette and LeClair. He also thought Ald. Proulx was on the list and he inclined the same about Ald. Coutre and Major.

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ABLE SPEECHES DELIVERED AT SUSSEX FAIR

Hon. D. V. Landry, M. W. Doherty, Percy J. Shaw And Andrew Elliot Important Contributors To Agriculture.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., Sept. 9.—There was a good attendance at the exhibition despite the fact that the total passing the gates will not equal in numbers that of last year. This is largely attributed to the fact that the exhibition is being held in the midst of hay and farmers are inclined to take full advantage of their opportunity to get the crops under cover.

Afternoon Proceedings. This afternoon's proceedings were varied by the presence of delegates to the Teachers' Convention of Kings and Queens counties. There was a good number of school masters and marmas and they came here with the avowed object of getting pointers on agricultural subjects. For their meeting the big tent enclosure at the rear of the main building was used and it was admirably adapted for the purpose.

Dr. Landry Presided. Hon. D. V. Landry, Commissioner of Agriculture presided and gave an address at the opening of the meeting which was listened to very carefully. He impressed his hearers throughout with his earnest desire to advance the interests of agriculture and make a strong plea for the co-operation of the teachers of the public schools.

Practical Agriculture. His discourse was one that took up the subject of agriculture practically and he impressed upon his audience the great importance of this greatest of all industries. He showed how much the movement can be assisted by school work and gave some interesting facts to teachers.

Dr. Landry was not what might be termed a set speech, but was rather an inspiration to all to lend their solaces to a forward movement in the direction indicated.

He was followed by M. W. Doherty, manager of the Sussex Manufacturing Company, and former of the Guelph College staff. Mr. Doherty took as his subject the Forest Problems of New Brunswick, and suggested to teachers the value of this great industry and the prime importance of its conservation. His remarks like those of Dr. Landry were practical and he gave valuable information in connection with his subject.

School Gardens. Percy J. Shaw, of Nova Scotia Agriculture College, spoke on school gardens, and he too interested the assembly by following closely. Mr. Shaw showed his thorough knowledge of the work with which he dealt and his remarks cannot but prove of value.

Andrew Elliot, of Galt, Ont., who is here judging in the sheep classes was the last speaker and his address was somewhat short, owing to the lateness of the hour. He dealt with the influence of rural school training on agriculture and concluded with an interesting talk on soils.

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COBALT'S SANITATION WILL BE IMPROVED

Dr. Hodgetts Of The Ontario Provincial Health Department In Cobalt Superintending Work Of Cleaning Town.

Special to The Standard. Cobalt, Ont., Sept. 9.—Dr. Hodgetts of the Provincial Health Department, arrived here yesterday in response to a message from Hon. Mr. Hanna and has taken charge of the work of improving Cobalt's sanitary conditions and checking the typhoid epidemic. He has wired Toronto for three health inspectors and will at once inaugurate a movement to have the town cleaned off all surface sewage.

Hon. Mr. Hanna left the legislative party to return to Cobalt today to attend a meeting of the council and citizens. Two plots in town have been appropriated for dumping purposes and extra scavenging rigs will be added to the present force. Two new tents have been put up by the hospital authorities for the accommodation of typhoid patients, making five now in use. There are now 87 patients under treatment.

TO ASSEMBLE EARLY IN NOVEMBER. Montreal, Sept. 9.—Senator Choquette, who is in the city today states that he has Sir Wilfrid Laurier's word for saying that Parliament will assemble about the 15th to the 20th of November. He thinks the Liberal split in Montreal will be settled without any trouble before polling day.

Dr. Landry Makes Important Pronouncement at Sussex Before Teachers' Institute.

States That Bill Will Be Introduced at Next Session Providing For Pensions.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., Sept. 9.—The teachers' Institute held a public meeting here tonight in the High School building which was largely attended. In the absence of Mayor McLean, who was called out of town, Alderman Perry delivered an address of welcome to the assembled delegates, who received the freedom of the town during their stay. During the evening a cornet solo by A. Perkins and a piano duet by the Misses Brown was rendered.

Chief Supt. Carter spoke of matters of general interest to educators, noting the great advancement made in educational methods in recent years. He referred to the proposed pensions act which would provide better salaries for teachers.

Hon. D. V. Landry. Hon. D. V. Landry followed and dealt with the necessity for further instruction in agricultural subjects particularly in rural schools. He spoke very strongly in favor of better remuneration for teachers both by school districts and Government.

He also assured the teachers that at the next session of the Legislature a bill would be introduced to provide for pensions. Chancellor Jones spoke in the absence of Principal Bridges, particularly in rural schools, who was unable to be present. His address was in support of moral work in schools. Lack of training in this direction resulted in much of the stage fright which is often so much in evidence in adults.

A Common Policy. Inspector Steeves, L. B. Kindner and F. T. Atkinson, of Bloomfield, also spoke. The latter dealt with teachers' salaries and the lack of interest taken by ratepayers in the welfare of the schools. He also favored the organization of trustees into central boards at which all parishes should be represented.

enable the school trustees to formulate a common and more definite policy in school development. Tomorrow's session will be held in morning and evening.

BRAND MINISTRY TO CHECK EMIGRATION

New Administration In France Seeks To Discredit Canada In The Eyes Of Home Seekers.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 9.—The new Briand ministry in France is totally opposed to emigration from that country to Canada, as evidenced by a circular received here today and addressed to all the mayors and subprefects in the republic, asking them to do all in their power to prevent people from coming here.

Meet Hardships. The circular says clerks must with all kinds of hardships in Canada when they cannot speak English and manual labor of the rudest kind is the only work to be had. The climate of Canada is emphasized as being a redoubtable enemy to the agricultural class and the scarcity of roads and transportation facilities is dwelt upon. The circular urges that steps should be taken to stay the campaign being waged to induce French people to come to Canada.

WESTERN FARMER HAS PERFECTED AEROPLANE

Declares That He Has Solved Problem Of Equilibrium In Device Of Own Construction—Flies Near Edmonton.

Special to The Standard. Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 9.—An airship carrying a man was seen here hovering over the town yesterday, finally settling near the home of Reginald Hunt. Then it was discovered that Hunt was the aviator and the machine of his own designs and construction being the fruit of three years' study. Hunt, a carpenter by trade, declares he has watched all scientific machines and that what he calls a varying device to maintain equilibrium is entirely new.