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Dr. Fred Cook Begins His Narrative of Polar Search

WHY THE GOOD SHIP BRADLEY SAILED AWAY WITHOUT THE "USUAL PUBLIC BOMBAST"

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TRANSCRIBED STORY FROM COOK'S FAMOUS NOTEBOOK

Interesting Sidelights on Eskimo Life—The Strange Story of the Widow Manee and Her Children

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When Dr. Frederick A. Cook sailed to the North Pole, he was accompanied by a party of men, including his brother-in-law, James Robinson, who was arrested by his brother-in-law, James Robinson, and taken to the Warrens.

It is worthy of note that Commander Peary's impressions of the pole are, like those of Dr. Cook, disappointing. There was nothing striking to be seen, nothing to stimulate enthusiasm; but they had pierced the boreal centre.

When Dr. Cook's story was made public, the world, thrilled by the narration, hailed him as a discoverer. But a few newspapers and partisans of the other Arctic enterprise denied its truth, altho they accept without question the equally marvellous story furnished later by Commander Robert E. Peary.

These critics said no man could make fifteen miles a day beyond the eightieth parallel. But Commander Peary has done more than that.

They scoffed at dancing horizons and mirages that turned things topsy-turvy. But Commander Peary makes corroborating allusion to the same curious atmospheric effects created in higher latitudes by the diffused light which seemed to come from all directions at once.

Other critics have declared that Dr. Cook was unprepared, whereas facts furnished by his backer and friend, John R. Bradley, in July, 1908, show that the expedition was carefully planned and thoroly equipped with dogs, sleds, pemmican and other necessities of polar exploration.

With this brief summary, The World presents to-day the beginning of Dr. Cook's remarkable story of his conquest of the north, written while a prisoner in the snow and ice, and will continue its publication in chapters on alternate days, thus placing him before the world, which, in his case, is the jury that will declare upon his claim that he preceded Commander Peary to boreal centre, and is, therefore, the discoverer of the North Pole.

"THE CONQUEST OF THE POLE." (By Dr. Frederick A. Cook.) FIRST INSTALLMENT. The expedition was equipped at Gloucester, Mass. All was ready on the evening of July 3, 1907. Ashore, boys were testing their fire-works for the morrow of celebration, but aboard, as our vessel, the John R. Bradley, withdrew from the pier, all was quiet. There were no visiting crowds of curiosity-seekers; no tooting whistles signalled our departure.

An Arctic expedition had been born without the usual public bombast. There was indeed, no excuse for clamor. Neither the help of the government nor the contributions of a private individual had been sought. The project was quietly given life, and its expenses were paid by John R. Bradley. Its destiny was shaped by the writer. Mr. Bradley was interested in game animals of the north. I was interested in the game of the polar question. For the time being, the business concerned us only. If the venture proved successful, there would be time enough to raise the banner of victory. If it failed, none had the privilege of heaping upon us the unmerited abuse which usually comes to the returning polar traveller.

As we headed for the boreal wilds and plowed with satisfying force toward the northern waters, there was time to re-examine the equipment and review prospective contingencies of the campaign. In a brief month, all had been prepared for the peculiar mission. We had purchased a strong Gloucester fishing schooner fitted with a motor, covered for ice and loaded down with suitable supplies for a prolonged period.

One morning the hold cliffs of Cape York were dimly outlined in the gray mist which screened the land. A storm had carried so much ice against the coast that a near approach was impossible, and continued winds kept us at sea and made it equally difficult to land on the NORTH STAR BAY.

ANXIOUS to meet the natives at Cape York, we were forced to turn and set a course for the next village, at North Star Bay. At noon the sooty clouds separated, and, in the north, thru the narrow breaks, we saw the steep slopes and warm color of crimson cliffs resting on the



Dr. Frederick Cook as Costumed for Arctic Exploration.

CAUGHT AFTER MONTH'S CHASE

James Robinson of Warren Arrested by Brother-in-Law—Wanted for Infanticide.

WARREN, Ont., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—James Robinson, wanted for infanticide, was captured at his home to-day by his brother-in-law, James Matheson.

Matheson was passing by the Robinson farm on a load of hay, when he glanced across a field, and there he beheld Robinson, the fugitive who has been at large since the 11th of August.

Matheson immediately dismounted from the hay wagon and unstrapped a strap from the harness. Robinson, being on the alert, took to the bush, and Matheson followed him. After running about a mile, Matheson drew up with the fugitive. A desperate fight ensued and Matheson finally overpowered Robinson.

In the course of a half an hour, Robinson was handed over to the authorities and lodged in the Warren jail. He was taken to Sudbury to-night and lodged in jail.

Robinson's crimes have been singularly repulsive. It is alleged that at least three children were born to him by three young daughters. The infants were smothered between mattresses.

RAILWAY BOARD CASES

B. and S. Must Put More Section Men on the Line.

OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The railway commission resumed its regular sittings this morning, Justice MacSee, who has just returned from a holiday trip to Europe, presided, with Commissioners Scott and Mills. Practically all of the sitting was occupied with operating cases.

In respect to a complaint of inadequate inspection by sectionmen of the Brandon and Saskatchewan Railway, the board ordered two men and a foreman to be put on each section, and intimated that an officer would be sent west next month to see that the order of the board is carried into effect.

The board heard the complaint of the forestry branch of the department of the interior that the Great Northern lines are not obeying the board's ruling in respect to providing screens for locomotives. The matter was allowed to stand over.

Allan Royce, on behalf of the Niagara and Western Railway Company, asked the board to approve a revised location line from Davenport station to Jane-street, Toronto. Objections were entered on behalf of the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk, and the matter stands over.

M'GUIGAN CO. TENDERS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Eleven tenders were opened to-day for the work of deepening and widening the aqueduct. F. H. McGuihan of Toronto is amongst the tenderers. The estimate of the city was \$1,200,000. The contract will be awarded next meeting.

Triumphal Arch for Cook

The Frederick A. Cook, Celebration Committee of One Hundred, composed of residents of the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, N.Y., have completed preliminary arrangements for the reception of Dr. Cook when he returns. So far over \$3500 has been pledged.

It is planned to erect a beautiful triumphal arch over Bushwick-avenue at the intersection of Myrtle and Willoughby-avenues, opposite Dr. Cook's home, No. 670 Bushwick-ave.

UNCONSCIOUS AN HOUR AFTER DUCKING IN LAKE

Miss Jessie MacLean Falls From Boat and Prompt Action Saves Her Life.

Falling from a rowboat off Sunny-side during the electrical storm last night, Miss Jessie MacLean, 31 Springhurst-avenue, narrowly escaped death by drowning. Patrol Sgt. Taylor and P. C. McKnight worked over the unconscious girl for half an hour, until the arrival of Dr. Rowe, who brought her around in 15 minutes, and had her removed in Craig & Sons' ambulance to her home.

The young lady, who was steering, made an attempt to change her position and in some way lost her balance and fell out of the boat. Her companion, Harry McElheren, 10 Montague-place, managed to pull her out of the water and get her into the boat again. He endeavored to restore her to consciousness, shouting to the shore for help. A number of men put out and brought the boat to shore.

Miss MacLean was unconscious for nearly half an hour before the doctor arrived, and it was nearly 15 minutes later before he succeeded in restoring consciousness.

Dr. Rowe gives the greatest praise to the policemen, without whose untiring and skillful efforts at resuscitation, he said the young lady's life might have been sacrificed.

PHONE CO AFTER TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The American Telephone Co., has renewed negotiations for control of the Western Union Telegraph Co. The deal is expected to be concluded.

Back to Montreal.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The City of Montreal is thronged with "visitors for the old home week. The visitors come from a far removed point as Dawson to the north and Cape Town to the south.

H. J. MacDonald Wtd.

OTTAWA, Sept. 14.—Hugh John MacDonald, barrister of Toronto, was married this evening to Florence H. Chubbuck, daughter of C. E. D. Chubbuck of the department of railways and canals.

U.S. FOOD SUPPLY GROWN BY DEMANDS

J. J. Hill Utters a Serious Warning at Annual Meeting of the American Bankers' Association.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 14.—"The idea that we feed the world is being corrected; and unless we can increase the production per acre, our home food supply will be insufficient for our own needs; within ten years, possibly less, we are likely to become a wheat-importing nation; the percentage of the population engaged in agriculture and the wheat product per acre, are both falling; at the same time the cost of living is raised everywhere by this relative scarcity of bread, by artificial increase in the price of all manufacturing articles, and by a habit of extravagance which has enlarged the view of both rich and poor of what are to be considered the necessities of life.

These plain facts should disturb and arouse, not only the economic student, but the men who are mostly intimately related to the wealth of the nation, and most concerned that it shall not suffer loss or decrease."

Mr. Hill declared that never yet has enhanced cost of living when due to agricultural decline and inability to supply national needs, failed to end in national disaster.

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HOLDING BACK FIGURES FOR PROVINCIAL MINE

But Twenty Parcels Sold Realize a Total of Over \$110,000.

On account of the difficulty of arriving at a decision with regard to the disposal of the provincial mine, the details of sale of 20 parcels in the Gilles Limit were not announced by the government yesterday.

Mr. Hon. F. Cochrane, minister of lands, forests and mines, stated to the world yesterday that the amount received for the province for one twenty parcels, not including the provincial mine, would be \$110,137.50. Five parcels would remain unsold on account of the bids not being high enough.

LIGHTNING STRUCK STABLES

Big Hendrie Barns Ablaze—All Horses Gotten Out.

The west wing of the big Hendrie stables at the foot of John-street, caught fire at 1 o'clock this morning, presumably struck by lightning.

Dogs barking called the attention of the watchman and an alarm was rung in. The 150 horses were driven out in safety.

The fire traveled with great rapidity. Soon the whole wing was ablaze. A second call was turned in and engines were soon on the scene and were assisting the weak stream provided by the waterworks.

At the time of going to press it was thought that the whole building would go up in smoke.

About a year ago the same stables were burned.

MONTREAL PROBE IS ENDED

Mark Workman and Ald. Gadbois Enter Denials to Evidence Given.

MONTREAL, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—The royal commission, which has been probing into the civic administration of Montreal for the best part of the summer, finished its investigation to-day. Judge Cannon will now make his report to the attorney-general of Quebec.

Mark Workman, who was accused before the royal commission yesterday by Ald. Clerhousie of having offered him \$3000 for his vote on a contract to the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., declared before the judge to-day that the statement was false.

Ald. Gadbois denied the evidence that he had received \$100 for his vote on a stable permit and that he had demanded as high as \$1000.

MRS. SCOTT'S TORTURE.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Scott, now in jail, says that the murder of her father-in-law in Missouri Township, places her only for hours at a time. She has only recovered from a severe illness.

FALLS FROM FAST TRAIN WITH CHILD IN HIS ARMS

Michigan Man Has a Remarkable Adventure Near North Bay—Child Seriously Hurt.

NORTH BAY, Ont., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—A peculiar accident happened near Hesquaga station, on the Indian reserve, nine miles west of North Bay, on the C. P. R.

A man named Mitchell, with his wife and family, from Calumet, Mich., were passengers on the Soo express, en route to England, and while the train was in motion, Mitchell endeavored to pass from one car to another with his three-year-old son in his arms.

He states that he lost his balance and fell from the swiftly-moving train, striking heavily on the ground, but fortunately rolling clear of the train. When he came to his senses he saw lights in a house nearby, and picking up his child asked for assistance, which was refused.

This has not been corroborated, as the houses are few in this vicinity, and the scottionmen disclaim any knowledge of the occurrence.

However, Mitchell states he wandered around trying vainly to secure a piece of refuge, finally crawling into a box car where he spent the night with his child as best he could, waiting for the morning, where he was given medical attention with child, which was found to be suffering from fractured thigh-bone, and was placed in the hospital. Mitchell's injuries were confined to bruises and are not serious.

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NEW HYDRO SECRETARY TO RELIEVE ADAM BECK

W. W. Pope of Grand Trunk Relieving Department Chosen by Cabinet.

To provide for the increasing amount of work entailed by the construction of the hydro-electric transmission line, it has been necessary to appoint a secretary with enlarged powers to relieve the chairman, Hon. Adam Beck.

Sir James Whitney claims to have found the right man in W. W. Pope of the Grand Trunk legal department at Montreal. As secretary, Mr. Pope will bring to the service of the commission a wealth of experience in matters pertaining to such an undertaking. He first became connected with the Grand Trunk Railway at Belleville some 20 years ago, and was later transferred to Montreal to assist W. H. Biggar, K.C., general counsel.

C. E. Settle, who has been acting secretary of the commission since its inception, will still be retained as assistant secretary.

"We expect splendid results from his appointment," said the premier in making the announcement.

A MIGHTY MERGER

Morgan is Allied With the Standard Oil Interests.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., was elected to-day to the late E. H. Harriman's place on the board of directors of the National City Bank. By Wall-street the election is regarded as one of the most significant of the week's financial developments, pre-eminently indicating that harmonious relations exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oil groups of financiers.

The National City Bank is the largest of the nation's financial institutions.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE.

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept. 14.—(C. A. P.)—The government has decided to erect the first naval college in Australia, to maintain a naval college to be built with half the Dreadnought fund.

GOVT. POWER LINE WON'T HURT FARMERS

Commission Doing Its Level Best to Give Fair Compensation For Any Privileges They May Require.

WELLAND, Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Thorold Township Hall was filled to overflowing last night when the council dealt with proposals from the hydro-electric commission for the transmission line and towers, to be erected in the township. The commission was represented by A. F. Lobb, K.C., solicitor; C. A. McCormick, purchasing agent; John Lawson, valuator, and Engineer Cassidy.

The conference was apparently entirely satisfactory to both parties, and cleared away many misunderstandings and a number of wild rumors that had been afloat. It was moved by Councillors Clark and McSherry that Reeve Sharpe arrange for the location of the pole line on the highway, and to valuate and supervise the trimming and cutting of trees upon the highway. The motion carried unanimously. It was originally designed that the pole line should pass close to a magnificent row of maples fronting the 300-acre farm of Fraser Guintar. By request, the line will be moved to the opposite side of the road.

Reeve Sharpe, in opening the meeting, announced that the commission had already made a start at work in the township, and it was time for a definite understanding. He was to do what was in his power to protect whatever rights of the ratepayers might be at stake, and to see that whatever damage was done was being compensated. As the commission had the right to go thru the township the council had no power to stop them, and all that remained was to agree upon the price.

Mr. Lobb explained in detail matters pertaining to the commission, its powers and its progress.

From Toronto to Niagara Falls it was necessary to cross 15 municipalities. From 11 of these, no objection whatever was heard. In the Township of Gainsboro a writ had been issued, and then the solicitor had dropped the whole proceedings. There had been individual differences. Mrs. Felker, in Gainsboro, had insisted that that, too, had been dropped. On Saturday Mr. Lane, in the same township, had seen fit to attack the workmen with a pitchfork. He had got no applause from his neighbors.

Not a Source of Danger. Considerable talk had arisen as to the damage from the line. A man could be killed just as easily by a break in 2200 volts as by one with 110,000. In many places in the Township of Thorold were to be seen poles marked: "O. C. P., 12,000," and "no one ever thought of any danger from that line. This only tended to show how little reason there was in the agitation. An engineer of national reputation had stated in the Toronto press that his own signature, that the danger to the resident of Toronto was, as to the danger of the resident in the country, as a million to one. What greater madness could there be than for a government to undertake the building of a line 225 miles long that had in it an element of danger to the people? A protective system was being installed at a cost of \$106,000. This a falling price was dead before it reached the ground. In the case of a break, the current was carried for the fraction of a second on a line on the telephone poles. This operated a switch and a magnet that momentary cut out the damaged or broken section.

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