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PEARY'S ADVANCE MESSAGE OF HIS DASH TO THE POLE

Gives Dates of Progress to the Top of the World and Back and
Records the Drowning of Professor Marvin,
the Meteorologist

Commander Peary is still at Battle Harbor slowly moving southward toward North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and thence to Atlantic ports. No further word has come from him to any quarter concerning the momentous controversy which has aroused Europe and America by his challenge of Dr. Cook's claims.

Dr. Cook is still at Copenhagen, the centre of marked attention from dignitaries of the scientific world, but with diminishing prestige, owing to the cloud overcasting his glory since Peary's announcement, and his dramatic challenge of Cook's exploit.

What the corroborative data is on which the two explorers base their positions is still withheld, from Cook because of his determination to hold his own time in presenting his evidence, from Peary because he is still beyond the range of ready communication and of detailed knowledge of the various claims and confusions.

Foreign comment as expressed by the London and other metropolitan journals, while still highly wrought with mingled enthusiasm and doubt, is beginning to be tinged with diffidence and scorn.

COMMENT AGAINST COOK.

The trend of this foreign comment appears to be against Cook, the prevailing view being that judgment goes against him by default, in not presenting his corroborative evidence. On the other hand, his champions insist that all this will be forthcoming in due course and at the proper time. Concerning Peary, the foreign attitude appears to be one of accepting without question his announcement of reaching the Pole, although there is still a reserve of judgment on his accusation as to Cook's claim of having now become a vital factor in the controversy, and in anticipation of the issues involved. Dr. Cook has announced that he will equip an expedition to Greenland at his own expense to find these men and bring them to civilization to record their testimony.

London, Sept. 9.—The following is an official report of Peary's expedition as published in a London newspaper:

"The Roosevelt left New York on July 6, 1908. Left Sydney July 23, and reached Cape York, Greenland, Aug. 1. Left Etah, Greenland, Aug. 8, arrived at Cape Sheridan, Grant Island, Sept. 1, and wintered at Cape Sheridan. The sledging expedition left Feb. 15, 1909, and started north of Cape Columbia, March 1. It passed the British record on March 11, and was delayed by open water, March 2 and 3. 'Was blocked by open water from March 4 to March 11, crossed the 84th parallel March 11, and encountered an open lead March 15; crossed the 85th parallel on March 15, the 86th parallel March 22, and met an open lead March 23, passed the 87th parallel March 23, the Italian record March 24, and encountered an open lead March 26; crossed the 87th parallel March 27, passed the American record March 28, and encountered a lead March 28; held up by open water March 29; crossed the 88th parallel April 2, crossed the 89th parallel April 4, and reached the North Pole April 6.

"On returning we left the Pole April 7, reached Cape Columbia April 23, arriving on board the Roosevelt April 27. The Roosevelt left Cape Sheridan July 18, passed Cape Sabine Aug. 8, left Cape York, Aug. 26, and arrived at Indian Harbor."

Marvin's Death.

Elmhurst, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Realizing the grief that it would cause, Commander Peary went to much trouble to break as gently as possible the sad news of the death of his meteorologist, who accompanied him into the far north and who lost his life in the polar regions.

Last night L. C. Remond, of Ithaca, a member of the Peary relief expedition, of 1901, received the following message from Battle Harbor: "Break news of Marvin's death to his mother immediately before she sees it in the papers. Drowned April 10, forty-five miles north of Cape Columbia, while returning from 85-39 north latitude. Great loss to me and to the expedition. Every member sends deepest sympathy. (Signed) PEARY."

Through friends in this city the message was conveyed to Mr. Marvin's mother.

TO OBSERVE "BLACK FAST"

Enjoined for Catholics of the Dominion for Friday, Sept. 10.

Tomorrow a "black fast" for the success of the first plenary council of Canada will be observed by the Catholics of the Dominion. The council assemblies at Quebec on Sept. 16, and the solemn opening will take place on the 19th.

Referring to the fast the Catholic Register and Canadian Extension says:

The solemn fast enjoined with other prayers as a preparation for the council and a means of imploping God's blessing on its deliberations is really what is called vulgarly a "black fast." It is enjoined for Friday, Sept. 10. The council assemblies on the 16th and has its solemn opening on the 19th. This fast only permits one meal—at mid-day, naturally—and no "white meats," i.e., eggs, butter, milk, etc. But the custom of the country which is tolerant of a piece of bread—two ounces or thereabouts—in the morning, a full meal is permitted at noon and 8 ounces in the evening. It is black because milk is withheld and the other white meats mentioned. Bread, vegetables, fruit, fish, etc., are permitted."

FAIR ATTRACTIONS

Acts Will Be as Advertised, and Put on First Day.

Mr. Carrothers, of Chicago, who represents the firm who are this year responsible for the large part of the special attractions, was in the city this morning looking over the ground. He has assured the management that there will be no hitch, but that all the features as advertised will be on hand promptly Monday morning. The performances will open that day. This morning also arrangements were completed for another attraction which promises to be one of unusual merit. This is the Holland Family Equestrian. They have four wonderfully-trained horses. They will perform in the ring before the grandstand.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WERE SENT TO PASTEUR

Two Residents of Near Shakespeare Were Bitten By a Mad Dog.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Sept. 8.—Mrs. John Riddell and daughter Mrs. Charles Stock, of near Shakespeare, were sent to the Pasteur Institute, New York, yesterday, having been bitten by a mad dog. Mr. Riddell was also bitten by the same canine, but has not gone to New York, believing that there is no fear of the dread disease developing.

Mr. Moses Keffer, a prominent farmer of this vicinity met with what might have proved a fatal accident. He fell from the over-layers to the barn floor, but as luck had it he landed in a wagon load of peas, which broke his fall. The shock rendered him unconscious, and being alone on the farm, he lay in that state for several hours.

Two lads were arraigned before Magistrate O'Leone today on the charge of stealing two cabbages and a number of carrots from a local grower's plot. They pleaded guilty, and were freed on suspended sentence.

DR. GEORGE A. FRITCH WAS OXFORD FARMER

Well Known in Woodstock—
Man Who Sent Millman
Money Found.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, Sept. 9.—Dr. George A. Fritch arrested in Detroit charged with the murder of Mabel Millman, the baby-sitter, who was killed by her father and brother last night. He is about 43 years of age. Until eight years ago he lived at Drumbo, where he worked on his father's farm. He is a resident there he bore an excellent reputation. He has made frequent visits to his old home since his removal.

Sent Money to Mabel. Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9.—Early today Sheriff Gaston received word from Postmaster Pretorius at Ant Arber revealing the name of a young man in Detroit who sent money in a letter to Miss Mabel Millman, whose body was found in a ditch near the city.

An arrest of the man suspected of the crime is expected today. His name was immediately connected with the case last night. Dr. Fritch was a resident there he bore an excellent reputation. He has made frequent visits to his old home since his removal.

COMMAND OF SEVENTH

Official Notification of Appointment of Major Campbell Expected.

Official notification of the appointment of Major A. A. Campbell as colonel of the Seventh Regiment is expected any time now.

It is over a year since the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Reid was tendered the militia department, and since that time no promotions have been made.

Major Campbell commanded the regiment during the past winter, and has been in command this spring and summer.

There was some difficulty over the promotion owing to the objections, it was stated, of General Cotton. These difficulties have now been removed, and nothing remains but to officially announce the appointment.

The delay in the matter has held up several promotions. Capt. H. Campbell Becher is next in line for the junior majorship, and Capt. Gordon Ingram has not been officially gazetted as adjutant of the regiment. There are appointments of other officers held up, and the regiment does not feel pleased with the delay.

However, it is expected that the appointments will be made in time for fall drill.

UP IN THE AIR

King of Saxony Take a Trip in Zeppelin's Airship.

Fredericksbafen, Sept. 9.—Count Zeppelin took up the King of Saxony for an hour's run in his airship today. The trip was uneventful and the King expressed himself as delighted.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.

Tomorrow, Sept. 9-8 a.m.

Moderate to fresh easterly winds; mostly fair, with some local showers, chiefly during the night and on Friday.

TEMPERATURES.

Today Yesterday

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low. High.

London 58 46 47 78

Calgary 48 36 40 62

Winnipeg 40 30 35 50

Port Arthur 52 48 48 64

Perry Sound 50 40 45 60

Toronto 50 42 47 76

Quebec 52 42 38 70

Montreal 52 42 38 70

Dawson 40 30 35 50

Alton 46 36 40 56

Port Simpson 46 36 40 56

Victoria 54 48 45 68

Vancouver 58 48 45 68

Kamloops 58 48 45 68

Edmonton 58 48 45 68

Battleford 58 48 45 68

Prince Albert 58 48 45 68

Mooselaw 58 48 45 68

U'Appelle 58 48 45 68

St. John 58 48 45 68

Halifax 58 48 45 68

HON. MR. MURPHY REPROVES GLOBE

Criticises That Paper's Action in Several Recent Instances.

PARTY AND THE PRESS

Mr. Ewan, of the Globe, Replies—Says the Globe Will Be Conducted as It Sees Fit to Conduct Itself.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—Nominally, Hon. Charles Murphy, the secretary of state for the Dominion of Canada, talked to the General Reform Association yesterday, but in reality he talked to the press of Canada in general and to the Toronto Globe in particular. The public he was greatly esteemed for his kind and courteous treatment. Last night Conductor Miller took the Eastern Flyer into Toronto, and after going to the Walker House, where he always stayed while in Toronto, was stricken with apoplexy. He never recovered and died soon after midnight in Grace Hospital. Conductor Miller was about 60 years old, and had been with the G. T. R. for 35 years. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Word was at once sent to his home at Windsor, Ont.

NO VESTIGE REMAINS OF FINE VILLAGES

Story of Disastrous Floods in Mexico Told by Priests Who Escaped.

Monterrey, Mexico, Sept. 9.—A number of village priests, after making journeys over miles of devastated country, have arrived here, bringing the first news of the destruction wrought by the recent floods in the outlying districts. Their stories indicate that the havoc is more widespread and terrible than was first believed.

The priest of Aramberi has informed Archbishop Lenares that Aramberi was destroyed and today his people are wandering over the country in search of food. The destruction of the roads has made it impossible to send in relief supplies.

The story brought in by the priest of La Ascension is to the effect that this town and its population of 2,000 souls have entirely disappeared. He does not know where the people are. They may have taken to the hills, or they may have perished.

"Not a stone was left upon a stone in La Ascension," the village priest said. "Where there were once rich farms, there is now nothing but water."

Another priest from Allende says that place also has disappeared with a large loss of life and that the neighboring fields have been converted into lakes. The priests were more than a week in making their way into Monterrey. They described the destruction as the most awful that ever has been experienced in Mexico. Aid is urgently needed in these outlying districts, particularly as the authorities are busy with Monterrey and its vicinity.

Bustamante and La Escondida have been added to the list of destroyed villages.

Letters Bombard City Hall Officials But They Are Unsigned, and No Attention is Paid to Them.

LETTERS BOMBARD CITY HALL OFFICIALS

Anonymous letters form a considerable portion of the daily mail to city officials at the city hall, and on that score there are many complaints.

City Engineer Graydon, Inspector McCallum, the Charities Organization Society officers, and others, receive such pestles daily.

And how they complain! Every letter tells the official something about somebodys' affairs, and that something is not always to the good of humanity and the welfare of the city.

These letters all find their way into the waste-paper basket.

Mr. Graydon and Inspector McCallum have repeatedly stated that no attention will be paid to anonymous communications, nor will any attention be paid to the complaints found therein.

Some time ago Inspector Sanders issued instructions that no attention would be paid to such communications. This was done after he had been pursuing some false clues.

The letter-writer is pursuing different tactics with this department at the present time.

The letters continue to come, but are not unsigned as of yore. Instead of a blank, the letters are signed, "Mrs. Brown," "Mrs. Jones," "Mr. Smith."

No address is given, nor other mark of identification.

INJURY AND INSULT

Gang of Young Rowdies Rob Orchards and Abuse Owners.

A great many complaints have been coming from West London lately regarding the actions of a number of young rowdies, and the police intend taking some action to put a stop to their conduct. On several occasions they have warned them, and fined the ring leaders. Late the youths have been amusing themselves by robbing fruit trees, and not content with doing this, they have in many cases destroyed the trees. A great many complaints of this sort of thing have been made, and also of insolent language used to owners of trees.

CONDUCTOR TOM MILLER MAKES HIS LAST RUN

Well-Known G. T. R. Railwayman Passes Away Suddenly at Toronto.

Railroad men heard with widespread regret this morning of the death in Grace Hospital, Toronto, at midnight of Conductor Tom Miller. Ever since the International Limited and Eastern Flyer were put on by the Grand Trunk Conductor Miller ran alternately on those trains. He was looked upon by the company as one of its most trusted employees, and by the travelling public he was greatly esteemed for his kind and courteous treatment. Last night Conductor Miller took the Eastern Flyer into Toronto, and after going to the Walker House, where he always stayed while in Toronto, was stricken with apoplexy. He never recovered and died soon after midnight in Grace Hospital. Conductor Miller was about 60 years old, and had been with the G. T. R. for 35 years. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made. Word was at once sent to his home at Windsor, Ont.

MIKE HOOK DEAD AT DETROIT, MICH.

Former Well-Known London Hotelman Called By Death.

Mike Hook is dead. A dispatch from Detroit contains the information that the former London boniface passed away in Detroit yesterday.

He was a well-known character about London, and was known far and wide throughout Canada, and the United States.

Some ten years ago he came to the city and took the management of the Tecumseh House.

Mr. Chas. Davis, the former proprietor, died some time previous, in Buffalo, and Mrs. Davis sent for Hook to manage the hotel. After a time, he married Mrs. Davis, who was a former sweetheart of his before she married Davis.

Hook managed the Tecumseh House, until three years ago when he retired, going to Detroit to live. A year ago Mrs. Hook died, and since that time Hook has not been caring for himself, and as a result passed away yesterday.

Once Managed Theatre. Prior to coming to London he was manager of a large theatre in Cleveland, and was known to the theatrical profession intimately. He was personally acquainted with all the stars of other decades, and was on friendly terms with many of them. George Primrose and Mr. Hook were close friends.

He always manifested a great interest in actors, and many broken-down members of the profession were helped by him. Many interesting stories were told about his experiences with thespians in hard luck.

Mrs. Hook left considerable property on her death, and Mike has been spending it recklessly.

Three or four months ago he came to London, and, with the aid of such such as he could find, he had the poor commissioners of Detroit had him locked up. He made several escapes from the institution, and he was not long before he was back in his exploits.

Since that time he has been given an income, and has not been heard of by the court from spending his money as formerly.

The Detroit Journal has the following to say of his death: "Mike Hook, the gay widower who went about town presenting his friends with money and diamonds out of the estate of his wife, died in St. Joseph's retreat. He had a wild time since his wife died, leaving an estate valued at \$10,000 and over, and his escapades from that time have made him a good deal of newspaper notoriety. The poor commissioners finally took action to have him declared incompetent to manage his own affairs, but when he appeared in the probate court to answer to these proceedings Judge Durfee told him he was too drunk to know what he was doing and had him sent to the retreat."

"Now, the question arises whether Mrs. Hook left a will. It is alleged by some that she did, and several of her women friends claim to be beneficiaries under it. If this will does not exist or cannot be found, the estate would be divided between Hook and Mrs. Hook's sister, Mrs. Louise Cline, of Allentown, Pa., and now that Hook is dead his share would be divided between his two brothers and his sister. Thus the money made by a Canadian innkeeper passes to his wife, to her second husband in Detroit and then to other relatives of the latter, of whom the man who made the money had never heard."

Since that time practically nothing has been done towards elevating the tracks, although Mayor Stevely has had several interviews with the officials relative to the subject.

It is now claimed that the commission, tiring of the delay in the negotiations, will come to London the latter part of the month, or some time soon, and make an order for a bridge, assessing the cost as they think best.

However, Mayor Stevely has heard nothing of the proposed visit.

"I have heard nothing whatever about the matter," said his worship. "No communication has come to me as to when they will come, or whether they will come at all or not. The commissioners when they were here stated that the crossing was a dangerous one, and they delayed giving an order in view of the possibility of track elevation. Since that time no official communication has reached me on the subject, and I know nothing of it."

In city hall circles it is taken for granted that something will be done by the commissioners in a short time.

STEAMERS ARRIVED. Sept. 8.—Reported at New York—Adriatic, from Southampton.

At Manchester—Iberian, from Boston.

At Liverpool—Campania, from New York.

At Havre—Pomeranian, from Montreal.

At Father Point—Bray Head, from Ireland.

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A DRUMBO DOCTOR ARRESTED ON A SUSPICION OF MURDER

Believed To Be Implicated in Millman Mystery—Martha Henning the Girl's Chum, Is Also in Custody—Gave Up to Pressure of the Sweat-Box.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—On statements made by Miss Martha Henning, Dr. George A. Fritch was last night locked up at central police station on suspicion of the murder of Mabel Millman, the Ann Arbor girl whose dismembered body was found in Ecorse Creek.

On the order of Capt. James McDonnell, Miss Henning was detained at central station.

Sheriff Gaston returned to Detroit from Ann Arbor with Miss Henning early last evening and drove directly to the police headquarters from the Michigan Central depot. He escorted the young woman to Capt. McDonnell's private office, where she was given a severe session in the sweat-box.

After the girl had been in Capt. McDonnell's office half an hour, Detectives Parker and Allen hurriedly left the building. They returned to police headquarters with Dr. Fritch as their prisoner about half an hour after they left.

In Sweat-Box. Dr. Fritch was taken into Capt. McDonnell's office and given a session in the sweat-box along with the detectives. Later Capt. McDonnell and Sheriff Gaston brought Miss Henning into the private office where Dr. Fritch was. What took place there was not made known.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Capt. McDonnell announced that he had decided to hold Dr. Fritch on suspicion of the murder of Miss Millman.

"I cannot tell what evidence I have against Dr. Fritch, but I think it sufficient to warrant holding him, and I have ordered him locked up. I am not at liberty to tell what the evidence is, as we have not completed our investigations." Dr. Fritch was arrested a little over an hour after they left.

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TORONTO FAIR VISITORS OVERCOME BY GAS

Five Persons Were Prostrated but None of the Cases Were Fatal.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Sept. 9.—Five exhibition visitors were overcome by gas this morning, but none of the cases proved fatal.

Two of the men came from Fergus, and gave the names of McKinnon and Penning. A third came from Audubon, Ont., and gave his name as Moses Hossell. All three were staying at the New York Temperance Hotel.

Two other men, located at 236 John street, about 11 o'clock, were both unconscious.

The gas was turned on full, and the men are in a serious condition. In the pockets of one was found a return ticket to Port Huron, Ont., and some postcards addressed C. F. Lewis, Port Huron.

There is nothing to identify the second, and neither gave their names. Both were taken to Grace Hospital.

CHANGES AT VICTORIA