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Peary Arctic Expedition of 1896

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The Peary Arctic Expedition of 1896 had been arranged for, and the place and date of sailing had been fixed upon (Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia), perhaps as early as the evening of Sunday, July 12th. Some of the party had come to Sydney by Thursday, July 9th, and our immediate party had come from Baddeck, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, on the night of July 10th. Some of the baggage of this party had come to Sydney nearly a week before, on July 6th and 7th. Those of the party who came previously were Mr. Russell W. Porter, Jr., Mr. Putnam of Washington, D. C., of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, who had been detailed by the U. S. government to make pendulum observations; and Mr. Hugh Lee of Meriden, Conn., who had been with Lieut. Peary on a former trip.

The weather had been warm and the foliage of the country around Sydney was fully out, strawberries were in bearing, and the evergreens were dark. On Sunday the