

Great Britain Disappointed Not Hearing From Scott First But Praise Amundsen's Feat

Still Inclined to Think "Terra Nova" Expedition May Have Been at Pole, But is Making Complete Observations Which Will Be of Value to Science.

LONDON, March 9.—While naturally there is bitter disappointment everywhere over the fact that Capt. Robert Scott, head of the British Antarctic expedition, has yet to report on his quest for the South Pole, there is no where anything but praise for the achievement of Capt. Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, in locating the southern axis of the earth.

Not even an inkling of the present whereabouts of Scott and his steamer, the "Terra Nova," has reached London, but the Englishman's agent in New Zealand is of the opinion that he is still engaged in exploring and scientific work, and that he probably may not be heard from for several weeks.

That Amundsen had reached the Pole and planted the Norwegian colors there was confirmed yesterday in despatches sent by him to Christiansia. One of these despatches was addressed to King Haakon. The contents of it was not made known, but another said: "Pole reached, fourteen-seventeenth December."

The two dates were taken to mean that Amundsen had reached the point he sought Dec. 14, and remained there four days, and those who know the explorer well, especially Prof. Mohr, the famous Norwegian meteorologist, expressed the belief that Amundsen during this period, had made such observations and calculations as would render impossible a controversy similar to that which arose out of the Cook-Pearry North Pole discovery.

On learning of the success of his subject, King Haakon sent a telegram of congratulation to Amundsen on behalf of himself and the Queen, and consented to the use of his name and that of his wife on the maps of the new territory of Norway in the Antarctic.

Capt. Amundsen and the Fram are still at Hobart, Tasmania, but the explorer has telegraphed here that he would submit his charts and all information concerning the discovery of the South Pole as soon as possible.

The Norwegian public and scientists, and even the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain have accepted unqualifiedly the statement of Amundsen that he had gained the pole, and that he was the first man to do so. Some of the local geographers declared that it was possible that both Amundsen and Scott might have been within a mile of each other at the earth's axis, and yet not know of the presence of each other. When Amundsen was asked yesterday by a local newspaper correspondent at Hobart whether Scott touched the pole, the correspondent says the explorer declined to answer the question, yes or no. Englishmen have not yet given up the hope that their intrepid compatriot also was successful in his quest, and they will hold to their belief in his ability until he reports.

Stayed Up to Hear News. The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes the first instalment of Capt. Roald Amundsen's account of his discovery of the South Pole. The interest excited by the news of this great feat was sufficient to keep thousands of people out of bed until copies of the Daily Chronicle could be secured early this morning. There was no spirit apparent of distrust in the account of Capt. Amundsen's claim. In the clubs men familiar with the Antarctic regions pointed to his clear, connected narrative and his exact description of the care with which the observations at the pole were taken as abundant proof of the truthfulness of his claim.

Amundsen started on his dash to the pole on Oct. 20, and returned to his quarters on Jan. 21. The party consisted of five men, four sledges and 90 dogs.

Amundsen's full story of his stirring achievement leaves no room for doubt that he reached the South Pole on Dec. 14. He does not, however, make any reference to Scott, and the judgment of experts here as to the value of the Norwegian's expedition is suspended until the English explorer's story can be told, and the truth can be known whether both rivals were at the pole, and who was there first. The Central News will have a copyright of Scott's story when it comes.

Amundsen's narrative, as published in the Daily Chronicle, will be mainly interesting as bearing upon the matches of two explorers for the same goal. No light has yet been thrown on this central fact. All the world wants to know whether Scott reached the pole at all and if he did whether he reached it before December 14. If he reached it later the Norwegian can claim the conquest of the pole, but if before Dec. 14, and two or three miles separated the parties, then England can claim the prize.

Sir Ernest Shackleton says if Scott has reached the pole at the same time or before Amundsen there is possibility that if claims made by the respective explorers to indicate the attainment of their object were not more than six or eight feet high, either party might miss the other's mark.

Plateau Already Named. Amundsen, in taking possession and in planting the Norwegian flag at the South Pole and naming the plateau after King Haakon, was presumably unaware that Shackleton had named the same plateau after King Edward VII. Thus there was an error on his part in nomenclature, which he will no doubt remedy when he becomes aware of the true facts of the case.

In determining his exact position at the pole, Amundsen used a sextant and artificial horizon which, in the high latitude, is not absolutely accurate as a theodolite, but Shackleton admits that if Amundsen located his position with no more possible error than two or three miles one way or the other he has certainly left footprints on that point from which everything bears north.

Amundsen's Speedy Trip. The most remarkable thing about

this whole journey has been the speed with which it was made. Amundsen returned to winter quarters safe and well, having experienced during the whole trip generally fair weather. A subsidiary party at work at King Edward Land brought back geological specimens, the arrival of which in the hands of experts will be eagerly awaited in the scientific world. For the summing up of the geographical results, Shackleton considers they are of the highest importance. Amundsen has covered entirely new ground throughout the whole journey. He has defined the limits of the great ice barrier which had been unknown to men until now. His work in science will not be so extensive as Scott's but his geographical work is undoubtedly of equal importance.

Not Fair Competition. The Times refers to the surprise with which Amundsen's change of plan to plant the South Pole instead of the North Pole was received, and says this change and the unnecessary secrecy with which it was surrounded were felt to be at variance with the spirit of fair competition and that the enterprise appeared in the light of a mere dash for the pole designed to forestall the British expedition. It adds that although British feeling would have been in sympathy with such an enterprise if it had been openly declared, the circumstances of its inception have produced a less favorable impression.

Inclined to Be Reticent. The Standard prints the following Copenhagen despatch:

"Nothing will afford the people of Denmark greater pleasure than the knowledge that the conquest of the South Pole has been achieved by a Scandinavian expedition, but in the absence of any official announcement of Amundsen's reported success, scientific and other authorities here are inclined to be reticent."

"They remember somewhat bitterly the arrival of Dr. Cook in September, 1893, and his claim to have discovered the North Pole. Amundsen's claim is perhaps too hastily accepted by the open-minded Danish. They are, therefore, inclined to be cautious in expressions of opinion. Their inclination is, however, to regard it as practically certain that Amundsen has reached the South Pole."

While freely admitting the possibility of Captain Scott's success and possibly a prior success, the general public, which some three years ago acclaimed Dr. Cook as an Arctic hero, is inclined to await further news."

According to C. A. Bang, a personal friend of Capt. Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer will not be satisfied as well as the south.

Mr. Bang says that in order to get funds for his Antarctic expedition Capt. Amundsen arranged everything he possessed, and that his father and Nansen, the explorer, also helped.

Who Will Get Credit. PARIS, March 9.—Danish Charcoal, when interviewed on Amundsen's feat, said:

"That were my feeling when I learned of the discovery of the South Pole. This was a foregone conclusion since Shackleton's return and the departure of men like Scott and Amundsen. For some days past I have been anxiously expecting the final announcement."

"This conviction that the South Pole was reached in all probability by both of these great explorers does not imply that they would not have to overcome tremendous difficulties or that they would not have to patiently await news of the two intrepid men and their companions with the information of the important discoveries which they are sure to have made."

"Assuming as highly probable that both reached the South Pole, the question of prior achievement is one of opinion only. If one wishes to be of little importance. If one wishes to be of greater importance, the preference must be given to the other, who surrounds this magnificent result with the greatest number of discoveries and scientific observations."

OTTAWA SUFFRAGETTES WANT MUNICIPAL VOTES

Mayor Hopewell Receives Communication Asking That He Take Same Course as Toronto.

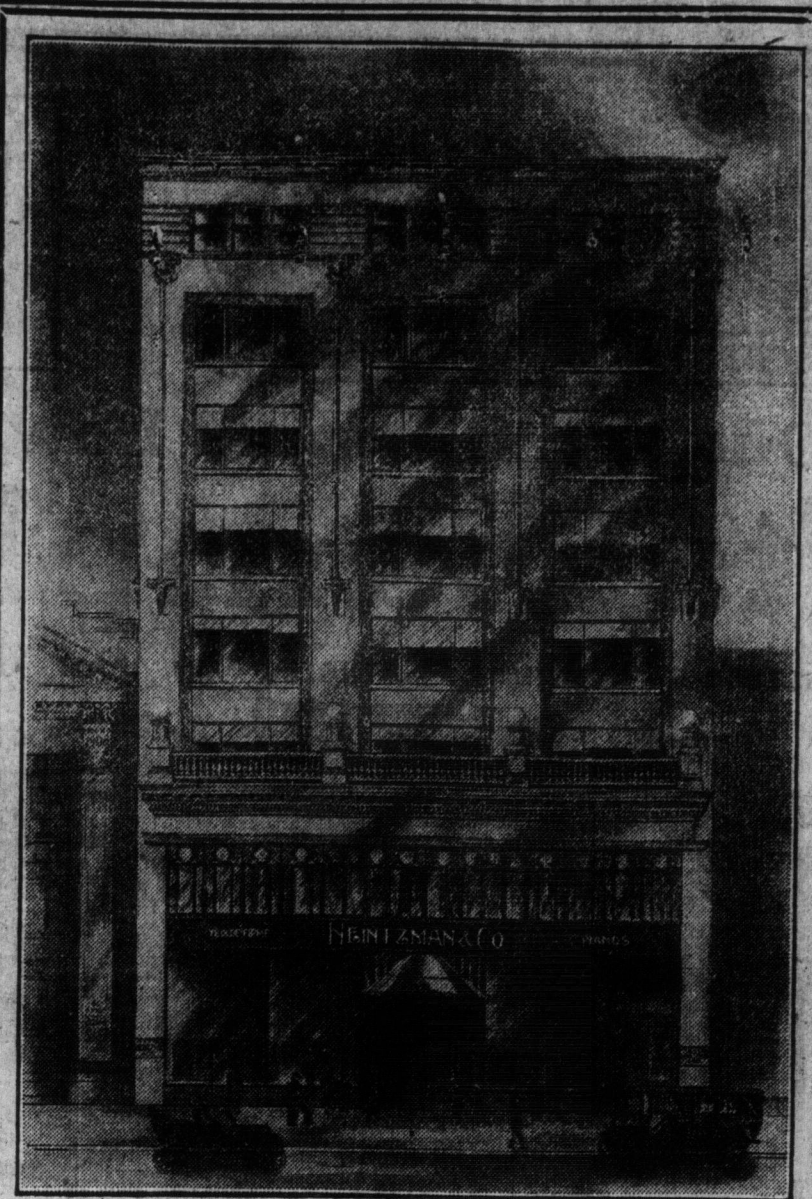
OTTAWA, March 9.—It appears to be the feeling of members of the Ottawa local council that married women who the ratepayers are not being treated fairly by the city.

Myra F. Cox, president of the Equal Suffrage Association, and Florence H. Edgar have written Mayor Hopewell on their behalf. They state "that the City of Toronto has forwarded to the legislature a resolution in favor of removing the disqualification resting on the married women of Ontario regarding the exercise of their municipal franchise, in respect of their own property or income, during the lifetime of their husbands, a franchise which they are entitled to exercise before marriage and after they become widows."

The times claim there is a feeling in Ottawa that this disqualification is unfair to women, and express the hope that the Ottawa City Council will take the same course the Toronto city legislators have. The local association asks them to send a resolution to the legislature similar to the one the Toronto City Council has sent that body.

Big Gymnasium for McGill. MONTREAL, March 9.—The announcement has been made by the principal of McGill University that plans have now been completed for the utilization of the land recently given to the institution by Sir William Macdonald.

It is proposed to erect a gigantic gymnasium, swimming bath, a new grand stand to accommodate 3000 people and a new dormitory, and to lay out a new soccer football grounds. The whole scheme is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$350,000.



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LEGISLATURE MUST HUSTLE TO GET THRU BY EASTER

Sir James Whitney has intimated that the legislature will have to get down to work—real hard work, and do it quickly if the session is going to end by Easter. Probably the fact that an election is just passed has something to do with the delay in the legislative machinery, but anyhow there have been an unusually large number of questions—many of them, unfortunately, insignificant—put to the ministry this session.

Day after day these "enquiries" keep coming in without any apparent purpose or usefulness, which is a question of priority which I mean to put over three weeks and Easter will be here.

Sir James Whitney drew the attention of the house to this fact on Thursday afternoon, and asked whether the members would be enthusiastic over the idea of coming back again after the holiday recess. Needless to say such a procedure would be voted down by a majority of about 102, but to avoid this there will be some tall hustling done from now on. The unfortunate illness of the provincial treasurer delayed the presentation of the budget, but Hon. L. St. Louis came to the rescue and actually himself very well. Some pessimists in the house can foresee a week's discussion brewing as a result of Dr. St. Louis' report on "bilingual" schools; others think that the tax reform bills may bring another clog in the progress of the session, but perhaps these questions can be dealt with summarily by one or two prominent and effective speakers on both sides, and eliminating the more or less tedious recital of back-benchers, who practically repeat what the leaders have already said.

But the opposition may help matters by confining any enquiries they wish to make to subjects of importance and not fill in a lot of unnecessary talk that cannot have any bearing one way or another.

A concrete example of this, to which Sir James Whitney drew attention to on Friday was afforded by the latest on query of the ministry, made by the member for Sturgeon Falls. Mr. Macdonald asked for a return of copies of all correspondence between any person and the government with respect to the construction of the Elk Lake branch of the T. and N. O., and wound up with the statement, "and all other papers or documents bearing upon the question of the construction of the said branch."

This is the sort of question that annoys Sir James Whitney. "Surely my hon. friend knows," said the prime minister, in reference to this clause, "that the government cannot keep tab on every paper or document that has a bearing on the question. Why, it would take a civil service official puzzling his brain for a month to see what has or has not a 'bearing' whatever that may mean, on the subject."

Anyhow, the session will likely end by Easter, in spite of all these little delays. That at least is the hope of every member of the house.



THE CALL OF THE PEOPLE.

CANADIAN-WEST INDIAN RECIPROCITY TREATY

Three Cabinet Ministers to Represent Government in Negotiations For Trade Treaty.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Hon. G. E. Foster, Hon. W. T. White and Hon. J. D. Reid will represent the Canadian Government in the negotiations which are to begin here on March 27, looking to a treaty of reciprocity between Canada and the British West Indies.

Particular interest in the subject is displayed in the United States, which is chagrined at Canada's rejection of reciprocity with that country. The present plan is being watched, particularly by American produce interests, as likely to interfere with trade between the States and the West Indies. It is probably fear of imperiling the commercial relations with the American people that has caused Jamaica to decline to be a party to the negotiations.

THE PRIEST AND THE HOME

Orange Sentinel Shows How Ne Temere Affects Protestants.

The current issue of The Sentinel, referring to the statements made by Archbishop Bruchet and others to the effect that the Ne Temere does not affect Protestants, makes reply by citing a few instances where Protestant homes were disrupted as a direct result of the Ne Temere. One, a case of a wife-deserted, whose father-in-law saved her from being thrust into the street, and secured for her the care of her child. The cause of the breakdown was the influence of a Roman Catholic priest over the weak husband.

Another case cited by The Sentinel is that of a well-educated young woman, in an excellent position, who left to marry the man of her choice, about three years ago. He had frequently accompanied the girl to church, but did not tell her he was a Roman Catholic, and until they stood at the altar she thought him of Protestant faith. Then, notwithstanding that he said he was a Roman Catholic, the license was produced and they were joined in marriage.

Rev. C. O. Johnston was the minister performing the ceremony, and the girl recently went to him and told him her painful tale. Her husband, under the influence of a priest, had one day declared to her that they were not married, and that he intended to leave her. She wished to know how her name would be declared in society, if she were a wife, or a widow. Mr. Johnston, notwithstanding that he said he was a Roman Catholic, the license was produced and they were joined in marriage.

There is thus ample proof," says The Sentinel, "that the Ne Temere does concern Protestants. 'Protestantism' should press this matter by petition and otherwise until the end is achieved, even the British North American Act has to be amended."

FIRE RECORD.

St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church, Detroit, damage \$60,000.
Freeman Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., loss \$100,000.
Clark-street lodging house, Chicago—three men killed, two injured.
Goleofevsky Arcade, Moscow, Russia, destroyed, damage \$200,000.

Russian Railway Magnate Sentenced. ST. PETERSBURG, March 8.—Dmitry Neratoff, ex-president of the Volga-Bugulma railroad and a brother of vice minister of foreign affairs, Neratoff, was sentenced today to two and a half years imprisonment on charges of irregularity in floating bonds in Paris for the construction of the railroad. Three of his associates received similar sentences.

Paper 175 inches wide, for newspaper use, is made at the rate of 650 feet per minute.

While passing in front of a wine shop in the Rue de Passy, in Paris, a well-dressed man slipped and fell, breaking a window of the wine-shop. The wine shop keeper rushed out and grabbed the clumsy individual by the collar. A heated dispute followed and a crowd quickly collected.

"Search him!" suddenly shouted some one in the crowd. The wine-shop keeper and a few helpers found the idea a good one and quickly went thru the man's pockets. In his possession was found a 500 franc note.

"My window cost 50 francs," said the wine-shop keeper. "There's 450 francs change. Now we're quits."

The man who had broken the window slipped away with a dejected air. Shortly afterwards the wine-shop keeper sent to the bank to change the 500 franc note. It was a bogus one.

The trick had been cleverly worked by the clumsy individual and the man in the crowd who had suggested searching him.

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