

COOK'S STORY FLATLY DENIED HE KEPT IN SIGHT OF LAND

Peary Says the Explorer's Story Should Not Be Taken Too Seriously—Eskimo Companions Say He Was Not Out of Sight of Terra Firma.

London, Sept. 8.—The Reuter Telegram Company has received the following cable from Commander Peary, dated Indian Harbor, Labrador:

"Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The Eskimos who accompanied him went no distance north, and not out of sight of land. Other men of the tribe corroborate their statements."

SKETCHES OF COOK.

Commander Peary's dispatch today from Indian Harbor to the Associated Press gives his first expression concerning the claim of Dr. Cook that he had reached the North Pole almost a year prior to Peary on April 21, 1908.

Peary's latest telegram is hardly less notable than his first announcement which absorbed the attention of the entire world, as it gives concrete form to the issues already vaguely outlined in scientific quarters on the authenticity of Cook's announcement and the question of priority in reaching the Pole. At the same time it is the first expression of opinion from any one in a position to know the facts of the Arctic region on which Dr. Cook's claims are based. It contains a direct intimation that Cook never reached the Pole at all.

The dispatch from Peary came with such startling suddenness that the most urgent measures were immediately adopted to confirm its absolute authenticity.

This was quickly done, and the message traced to its source and verified.

At the same time an urgent dispatch was immediately sent to Commander Peary by cable to Halifax and thence by land lines by wireless to Indian Harbor, asking him for additional particulars and corroborative details and informing him that "Dr. Cook arrived at Copenhagen, Sept. 4, claiming to have reached the Pole, April 21, 1908."

This dispatch to Peary was sent within a few minutes of the receipt of Peary's first telegram announcing his achievement, and it was evidently the first word the explorer received on coming within the range of civilization that Cook had already set up the claim of being the first discoverer of the North Pole. Commander Peary's response therefore embodies his views on first hearing the news that his announcement of the Pole was disputed by Cook.

The attention of Europe and America continues to be centered on the announcements of the two North Pole explorers. Dr. Cook's lecture at Copenhagen last night, when he had ample opportunity to substantiate his claims, was received there without indications that it was accepted as conclusive and this view is again reflected today in the increasing skepticism reported from foreign capitals.

Commander Peary's ship the Roosevelt, sailed from Indian Harbor at noon today for Battle Harbor, Labrador, where it is expected tomorrow, when he proceeds to North Sydney.

Peary Sails for Sydney.

Indian Harbor, Labrador, via Cape Ray, Nfld., Sept. 8.—Commander Peary and his party sailed from here today for Sydney, N. S.

The Roosevelt arrived here Sunday night and has been detained until this morning by a heavy leak. On the arrival of the Roosevelt Mr. Peary and Capt. Bartlett came ashore and personally filed the dispatches, which were sent by wireless to the United States.

In Best Physical Condition.

Commander Peary expressed gratification at his successful completion of his life's work in his dispatch to the North Pole. He and Capt. Bartlett appeared to be in the best physical condition.

The Roosevelt is unimpaired from her long and arduous voyage through the ice packs of the polar seas.

Peary's Story Delayed.

Unless the Roosevelt stops at Red Bay, Labrador, to permit Commander Peary to file his dispatches, his successful exploration, it is not believed that his interesting story can reach the outside world for at least three days.

"Authoritative and Correct."

New York, Sept. 8.—The following dispatch was received here early today:

"Indian Harbor, Labrador, via wireless, via Cape Ray, Nfld., Sept. 8.—To the Editor of the Associated Press, New York: I have sailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole. This is authoritative and correct. "Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north and not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate their story. (Signed), Peary."

Cook Feared Peary.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—Last night Dr. Cook was the honored guest of the editor and staff of the Politiken. Tonight that paper prints in spaced type a story which purports to be an interview with Dr. Cook, in which he says he feared he might meet Peary at the pole, and was anxious to get back as soon as possible, for if Peary had met him Peary would certainly have shot him.

Suspicious of Cook.

London, Sept. 8.—The direct challenge to Dr. Cook's story that he reached the North Pole April 21, 1908, came from Indian Harbor by Commander Peary, has given a marked impetus to the growing tendency in scientific as well as popular circles to regard the claims of the earlier arrival from the polar regions with more than suspicion.

"This dramatic message from Commander Peary," says the Evening Standard, "which throws down in the most emphatic manner the fabric built up so elaborately by Dr. Cook, probably is the beginning of a dispute which will become historic."

The Westminster Gazette says: "Commander Peary's statement brings the whole dispute to an acute crisis, and the atmosphere of the North Pole is becoming decidedly sultry, with stormy complications," adding that Dr. Cook's lecture delivered at Copenhagen last night was not altogether convincing.

The Pall Mall Gazette remarks: "So far as Peary is concerned there is no question whatever of the accuracy of his statements. The veteran explorer is believed on his word. Everybody feels that he has merely succeeded in setting the crown of completeness to his great achievements."

HARRIMAN BETTER

World-Famous Railway Magnate Is on the Mend.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Dr. Lytle issued a signed statement this morning saying Mr. Harriman is better. It reads: "Mr. Harriman is better today." (Signed), Dr. W. G. Lytle.

FELL FROM A DERRICK SIXTY FEET HIGH

Fatal Accident at Tilbury on the Carr Farm—Boy Was Run Over and Crushed.

Tilbury, Ont., Sept. 8.—Fred Baller, an employee of the Volcanic Oil and Gas Company, was overcome by gas while pulling tubing from a well on the Carr farm, Tilbury East, yesterday afternoon, and fell from a derrick 60 feet high, and was instantly killed.

Baller was 21 years old and leaves a widow.

Boy Badly Crushed.

Tilbury, Ont., Sept. 8.—Sammy Clark, the six-year-old son of John W. Clark, Tilbury, was badly crushed by being run over by a loaded wagon on Tuesday morning.

WILL RETIRE FROM THE LEGISLATURE

It Is Reported That Hon. A. G. MacKay Will Tender His Resignation.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—Members of the Ontario Reform Association are here for the annual meeting. It is generally believed that Hon. A. G. MacKay, who is in attendance, will tender his resignation as leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, and will drop out of Ontario politics. It is also said that the name of a possible successor will be announced.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VISITED CORINTHIAN

The Work of the Third Degree Exemplified and Highly Commended.

The first official visit of R. Wor. Bro. J. W. Wallace, D. D. G. M., to a city lodge, was made last evening, when he visited Corinthian Lodge.

There was a large representation of the membership of the lodge present, and many visitors from city lodges, including the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Petrolia and other places.

The work of the third degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Tulett and his officers, and the excellence of the work received the commendation of the district deputy and the visitors.

After the lodge adjourned a banquet was tendered V. Wor. Bro. Wallace. The toast list was in charge of Wor. Master Bro. Tulett, who introduced the toast to the King and the craft.

Then followed the toast to "The Grand Lodge of Ontario," to which R. Wor. Bro. Wallace made an eloquent response. He pointed out the growth of Masonry in Canada, and hoped that the progress would be continuous.

"Visiting Brethren" brought responses from Wor. Bro. Hugh McPherson, King's; Wor. Bro. McCrecheon, Mount Olive Lodge, Thorndale; Wor. Bro. Reid, Petrolia; Wor. Bro. J. A. Cottam, Union Lodge, Wor. Bro. Fletcher, Nilestone Lodge, Wor. Houston, Toronto; Bro. Graucott, Toronto; Bro. Carleton, Nilestone, and Bro. J. H. Fowler, Kilwinning.

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HON. A. G. MACKAY,
Leader of the Opposition in the Legislature—It Is Reported He Is About to Retire.

CALLS COOK'S STORY A FAIRY TALE

London, Sept. 7.—Philip Gibbs sends the following to the Daily Chronicle from Copenhagen: Dr. Cook's lecture tonight before the King and a great audience proves conclusively that his claim to have reached the North Pole belongs to the realm of fairy tales. It was all so very quick. In his own phrase, he climbed the ladder of latitude with lightning rapidity, although on the downward journey he beat about the ice deserts in a bewildered way and put up for months in winter quarters in spite of the daily risk of starvation, for his provisions would be exhausted months before, but for convenient miracles.

There were many awkward pauses, and Cook stumbled badly over his figures. His face was flushed, his forehead beaded with perspiration, and he had the grim look of a man determined to be believed as he drove the Big Nail home with unconvincing emphasis.

I am in a position to state that the Danish Geographical Society in limiting his lecture to an hour have asked Cook to dilate especially on his travels near the pole and what work he did on that April day. But he did not do so tonight.

NELSON ST. CLOSED BEHIND HOSPITAL

City Council Carries Out Agreement With Provincial Board of Health.

Nelson street, at the rear of the Isolation Hospital will be closed.

For several meetings of the city council this has been a matter of controversy.

Large deputations for and against have been present, and several wordy battles have taken place.

Last night two deputations were on hand, but they were smaller than usual, but they were smaller than usual, but they were smaller than usual.

Neither one had an opportunity of discussing the question, as the bylaw was given two readings, before anybody knew what had happened.

The aldermen seemed to be of one mind on the subject, and consequently, it was not much trouble in settling it. It was practically an unanimous vote.

The passing of the bylaw merely carries out the agreement made by the city with the provincial board of health when they allowed the hospital to be built on this present site.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 8.—8 a.m. Moderate east and south winds today and on Thursday with stationary or a little higher temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
Today Yesterday
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Low High
London 58 46 50 73
Calgary 46 30 40 50
Winnipeg 46 30 40 50
Port Arthur 46 30 40 50
Windsor 46 30 40 50
Toronto 46 30 40 50
Ottawa 46 30 40 50
Montreal 46 30 40 50
Quebec 46 30 40 50
Father Point 46 30 40 50
Dawson 46 30 40 50
Atlin 46 30 40 50
Victoria 46 30 40 50
Vancouver 46 30 40 50
Kamloops 46 30 40 50
Edmonton 46 30 40 50
Prince Albert 46 30 40 50
Moose Jaw 46 30 40 50
Regina 46 30 40 50
St. John 46 30 40 50
Halifax 46 30 40 50

WEATHER NOTES.
Fine weather prevails throughout the Dominion—warm in the east and comparatively cool from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

THE CITY MAY HAVE A WIRELESS STATION

Company Asks the Council to Contribute Towards Its Erection.

The council will have a definite proposition regarding a wireless telegraph station to deal with at its next meeting.

Last evening at the council meeting a communication was read from the Lepel Wireless Company offering to install and operate a wireless station in London for \$2,500.

It was the purpose of the company, the circular stated, to parallel the lines of the present telegraph companies throughout Canada.

It would cost from \$1,500 to \$2,500 to install a proper plant, and they would do so provided the city would pay \$2,500 for the cost of installation. No money need be paid over until the plant had been in operation at least thirty days.

The tariff proposed by the company was a cent a word for twenty-five words, and above that 1 cent for two words.

The finance committee will take charge of the business.

WINDOW CLEANER DROPS TWO FLOORS

Falls Backward But Makes Cat Like Turn and Lands on His Feet.

James Bennett, a young Englishman living at 225 Clarence street, had a close call from being killed this morning at the corner of Bathurst and Richmond streets.

When he lost his footing, and fell to the ground, Bennett had only started to work today, and was cleaning the windows on the south side, when the accident happened. It is stated that he fell straight backwards, and those who saw him falling expected to see him alight on his head. In some way he managed to turn himself around, and reached the ground doubled up on his hands and feet. He was unable to move, and some persons who witnessed the occurrence picked him up and carried him into a livery stable at the corner of Bathurst and Richmond streets. Dr. Teasdale was called and found upon examination that Bennett had sustained a fractured wrist, a sprained ankle and several ribs broken. He was also badly shaken up and had a cut in the forehead. It is not expected that his injuries will result seriously, although he is suffering a great deal with the pain.

In the list of names of relatives of the late Mrs. McClary that of Mr. Fred Davey, a brother of Mrs. McClary, was omitted in yesterday's edition.

GUN PLAY ON THE MUNCEY RESERVE

Isaiah Nicholas Is Said To Have Fired Upon Cornelius Logan.

THREE REVOLVER SHOTS

Bad Blood Said to Have Been Between Pair for Some Time Back.

There was a shooting affray on the Muncey Reserve, Caradoc Township, yesterday and as a result Isaiah Nicholas, an Indian, is confined in the jail charged with shooting with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

There has been bad blood between Nicholas and another Indian named Cornelius Logan for some time, and yesterday, it is alleged, when Nicholas, who was standing at an upstairs window saw Logan passing the house he drew a heavy revolver and fired three times at the passing man. Fortunately none of the bullets took effect. As yet the details of the case are very meagre.

A definite motive for the shooting, too, is not yet known, though there are very strong suspicions. The man appeared before Squire A. P. McDougall, who forwarded the man to Squire Chittick. Nicholas was remanded till the 15th.

STOLE A VALISE GAVE HIMSELF UP

And Young Australian's Excuse Was That He Needed the Money.

Peter Brown, a young man who says he came to Canada from Australia, a short time ago, was found guilty by Magistrate Love this morning of stealing a valise from the Grand Trunk depot yesterday. The valise belonged to R. H. Lawrance, a Walkerville traveler, and was left in the waiting-room for a few minutes. When Mr. Lawrance returned his property was missing. The detectives were notified and were considerably surprised last night when Brown walked into the station and gave himself up. He said he had seen the valise and needed the money, and took it. This morning he elected trial before Magistrate Love, and on pleading guilty was remanded a week for sentence pending an investigation into his past by the police.

VOTE OF THE PEOPLE ON SAUNBY MILL

Either That or a Special Act of Legislature Is Required.

It is now thought that the Saunby matter will have to be settled by a vote of the people.

At the present time steps are being taken to expropriate the property and it is probable that within a reasonable time a definite proposition will be considered.

The money to purchase the plant will have to be granted by a special act of the Legislature or by a vote of the people. The latter alternative seems to be the reasonable one.

There are those who think that a dredge should be purchased rather than the property bought. It would cost from \$1,500 to \$2,500 to install a proper plant, and they would do so provided the city would pay \$2,500 for the cost of installation. No money need be paid over until the plant had been in operation at least thirty days.

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The finance committee will take charge of the business.

BURGLARY AT THAMESFORD

Kester & Sons' Store Entered and Robbed of Jewelry.

Thamesford, Sept. 8.—The store of Kester & Sons was broken into last night about 11:30. Entrance was made by breaking a plate glass door.

A quantity of jewelry was the only thing taken.

Two young fellows, who dropped off an eastbound C. P. R. freight and spent the day around the village are suspected, and the police of the surrounding towns and cities have been notified and are on the lookout for them.

DECLINES TO BE SHERIFF.
Brantford, Sept. 7.—The announcement was made today that P. D. Reville, recently appointed sheriff of this county, had declined the position, and that W. W. Ross, local insurance underwriter, had been appointed. Mr. Reville will continue as editor of the Brantford Courier. The new appointee came here a few years ago from Hamilton.

A WORDY BATTLE OVER PUMPING STATION

Chairman of Water Commission Insists Upon Seeing Mr. Beck's Contracts.

NOT NECESSARY SAYS THE LATTER

Has Carried Out His Agreement With City and Must First Have His Contract Signed.

There was a warm battle at the meeting of the water commissioners yesterday afternoon when the agreement between Hon. Adams Beck and the commissioners regarding the pumping plant was taken up.

The chief difficulty was over the apportionment of the cost of the power station in the combined plant. Mr. Jones insisted that Mr. Beck produce figures of the cost, while Mr. Beck insisted that he could not submit them until the contracts were signed. When that was done he would be glad to submit the contracts, and every other bit of information. He had a clause inserted in the agreement to the effect that he was not to be paid any money until the deeds of land, contracts and other information was at the disposal of the committee. As to the apportionment of cost, that could be left in the hands of the engineers who could apportion them as they saw best. It was the citizens' money, and the spending, and the proportion of the cost could be easily arranged.

Mr. Beck's Stand.

Mr. Beck's position was best summed up in this statement: "I gave you an estimate of the cost of the wells, pumping plant and land. I gave you an estimate of the cost of the building—\$14,600. I will guarantee to build these buildings for the sum mentioned. When the city council will make a decision on the matter, I will receive until these are in your hands and you are to have that power of control. I cannot give you the contracts until they have not been made. If the power committee tonight accepts my proposition for a joint station, I will immediately complete the tenders for the brickwork and when the tenders are received and the contracts signed, the city will have all the information they desire. More than that I cannot see what I can do."

Chairman Objects.

The battle started right after the committee met. Chairman Jones came prepared to refuse to sign the agreement that did not first contain a clause to compel Mr. Beck at once to give up all contracts.

"I agreed with everything that Mr. Beck suggested," said Mr. Jones. "When I asked him for the figures for the cost of the building and the share of the commission and the power committee were to bear, he refused to give them to me. I will not sign the contract until I do get them. If the board asks me to sign it I will refuse. The agreement will have to be made out in the engineer's name."

"There are no omissions in the contract save the acreage of the property purchased, and the date of the completion of the work," said Mr. Beck. "In all other respects the agreement is in accordance with the basis we arrived at some time ago. We can easily overcome the difficulty arising over the blank spaces in the agreement. As for the apportionment of the contract figures, I do not know what that has to do with the agreement. I bound myself to do a certain work for a certain sum of money. I am still willing to do that. I will submit vouchers for every cent, and show all accounts. If it costs less than the price mentioned in the bylaw you get the benefit. If more, I lose it."

"Have we not a right to be consulted as to these contracts?" continued Mr. Jones.

"I do not know what that has to do with the matter," retorted Mr. Beck. "I have contracts for the waterworks portion, and the rest of my contracts will be unit contracts, so it will be easy when the work is completed to apportion the costs. As for the filling in of the blanks for description of land acreage and the like, that can be easily accomplished. Mr. Meredith has the descriptions and other information and he can fill that in at his leisure."

"We are not delaying the signing of the agreement," continued Mr. Jones. "It is not filled in yet, and that is not our fault. We are not asking any favours. You have spent nothing except the time and we have not signed it until that. We want the contracts, and we are going to see them or know the reason why. This is not sentiment—it is business. We have a duty to perform to the citizens as well as you. We want a statement of the cost of lands, building, machinery and every thing else. We will not sign it until we do get that information. We have (Continued on Page Ten.)

NEW GOLD FIND.

Toronto, Sept. 7.—A gold-bearing vein at the 77th mile post on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway has been stripped, and has been found to yield \$150,000 to the ton. Thirty feet from where the original discovery was made the vein is five feet wide.