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ASSISTED PEARY TO HOIST FLAG

COLORED LIEUTENANT TELLS OF JOURNEY

Hensen Says No Open Land is Visible From the North Pole.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Battle Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 15.—Matthew Henson, Commander Peary's colored lieutenant, according to his own story, is the only civilized man who ever reached the pole. He says four Eskimos accompanied Peary also. Henson assisted in raising the American flag.

"We arrived at the pole just before noon April 9th," said Henson, "the party consisting of the commander, myself, four Eskimos and 36 dogs, divided into two detachments, equal in number and headed respectively by Commander Peary and myself."

"We had left the last supporting party at 37 degrees 35 minutes, where we separated from Capt. Bartlett, who was on a task of reaching the pole. Our first task on reaching the pole was to build two igloos, as the weather was hazy and prevented taking accurate observations to confirm the distance travelled from Cape Columbia. Having completed the snow houses, we had dinner, which included tea made on our alcohol stove, and then retired to rest. This sleeping room was shining when I awoke and found the commander already up. There was only wind enough to blow out the small flags. The engines were hoisted two feet from tent poles and tied with fish lines."

"We had figured out the distance pretty close, and did not go beyond the pole. The flags were up about midday April 7th, and were not moved until late that evening. The haze cleared away early in the morning, and we made observations. We made three close together."

"When we first raised the American flag its position was behind the igloos, which, according to our initial observations, was the position of the pole, but on taking subsequent observations the Stars and Stripes were moved and placed 150 yards west of the first position. The difference in the observations being due, perhaps, to the moving ice."

"When the flag was placed, Commander Peary exclaimed in English: 'We will plant the Stars and Stripes at the North Pole.' In the native language I proposed three cheers, which were given in the Eskimos own tongue."

"Commander Peary shook hands all around and had a more liberal dinner than usual, each man eating as much as he pleased. The Eskimos danced about and showed great pleasure that the pole at last was reached. For years the Eskimos had been trying to reach that spot, but it came always with them 'tiguigh,' which translated means 'get so far and no closer.'"

Henson, who reached the farthest north with Peary three years ago, said that conditions were about the same at the pole as elsewhere in the Arctic circle. All was a level sea of ice, with a two-foot lead of open water two miles from the pole.

"The report is absolutely untrue that I did not go to the pole," said Henson. "I was there with the commander."

"At the pole," continued Henson, "we could see no open land and we went no distance beyond the flags. The ice near the igloos was at least ten feet high, and the flags were placed on a hummock twenty feet in height."

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MORE STRIKE RIOTS FEARED

CAR PLANT EMPLOYEES ARE ROUGHLY HANDLED

Strikers Surround Mills and In- timidate Men on Way to Work.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—With the Pressed Steel Car plant surrounded by 5,000 dissatisfied workmen, the scenes of violence which characterized the two months' strike settled only last week are being renewed to-day. When the 7 o'clock whistle blew this morning the strikers surrounded every foot of the big mill, and when the workmen not in sympathy with the strikers attempted to enter the plant they were forcibly restrained. Several men were refused to listen to the demands of the strikers who were roughly handled.

The men who went out on the strike yesterday are practically the same that tied up the plant for two months. When the first strike was settled last week by the company granting every demand of the strikers, the workmen insisted that all strikebreakers be immediately discharged. This, according to the dissatisfied workmen, the officials promised to do. Instead, however, the employees charge that a number of the strikebreakers were put over them as bosses, and yesterday they again walked out.

Many of the strikers are to-day declaring that they were betrayed by the leaders of the first strike.

BARON UCHIDA TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON

Succeeds Baron Takahira as Ambassador to United States.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, Sept. 15.—It was decided today by the foreign office to appoint Baron Yasuya Uchida, at present Japanese ambassador to Austria, to succeed Baron Kogera Takahira, as the Japanese ambassador to the United States.

Takahira is now in Japan conferring with officials of the foreign office on the memorial of importance because of which he was called home.

Baron Uchida was formerly minister to China, and is one of the prominent diplomatists of Japan.

TAFT SUSTAINS SECRETARY BALLINGER

Orders Dismissal of Chief of Field Division of U. S. Land Office.

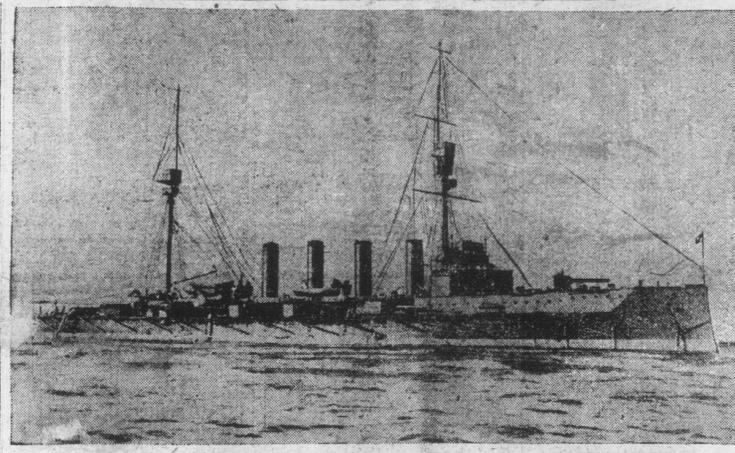
(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—In accordance with authority given him last night in a letter from President Taft, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today directed the dismissal of L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, with headquarters in Seattle, Wash. district.

The reason for the dismissal of Glavis is stated in Mr. Taft's letter to Ballinger as follows: "The filing of a disingenuous statement unjustly impeaching the official integrity of his superior officers."

In this letter President Taft exonerated Ballinger of charges made by Glavis against him in connection with the Cunningham coal land cases in Alaska.

President Taft also sustains the action of Ballinger regarding restoration and withdrawal of public lands, in connection with allegations regarding power sites and the so-called water power trust at the national irrigation congress at Spokane recently.

In view of the fact that the president sustains Ballinger, there is much speculation as to what the result will be regarding Chief Forester Pinchot. The chief forester has held that Ballinger had overthrown the Roosevelt policies of conservation, to which he (Pinchot) was devoted, and of which he was an ardent supporter.



Bristol class of cruiser which it is suggested will be type to be built by Canada.

EXHIBITS ARE BEING PLACED

FIRST ARRIVALS OF DISPLAYS FOR FAIR

Everything Now Ready for the Formal Opening on Monday.

Exhibits are now commencing to arrive at the buildings preparatory to the opening on Monday next of the great fall fair and horse show under the auspices of the Victoria Agricultural society, and there seems every assurance that a huge success will be achieved in every particular.

Judging will commence at 11 o'clock on Monday and in this connection great satisfaction prevails amongst exhibitors because of the fact that this year the list of judges includes some of the most eminent experts on the continent. Secretary Smart is congratulating himself on attracting such great attention throughout the world to-day. The Strohbe airship which is to be shown here in no sense a toy, but a large machine capable of supporting the weight of several men and making real flights without the aid of any special vice contrivances and support. Two flights will be made each day in full view of the grandstand.

There will be hand concerts both afternoon and evening and at 7 p.m. the great pyrotechnic display, illustrating the bombardment of Alexandria will be given. Secretary Smart authorizes the statement that this exhibit of fireworks is the finest ever shown at any fair in British Columbia. An area three hundred feet in length is utilized and the piece portrays nine battleships in the memorable action which won such renown for the British navy.

The famous guileless trotter will make his appearance on Tuesday. This event is sure to prove a great source of attraction to all visitors to the fair. Alone and unattended, the highly trained animal trots at full speed against time twice around the track, pulls up at the sound of a bell and makes a bow in front of the grand stand.

BOY SHOTS MAN "JUST TO SEE HIM FALL"

Remarkable Murder by Indian Lad Reported From Alaska.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seward, Alaska, Sept. 15.—A remarkable crime is reported to-day from Kodiak, where a 14-year-old Indian boy shot and killed an Indian without any apparent provocation whatever. At the inquest the boy calmly stated that he shot the man "just to see him fall." The real reason for the crime is believed, however, to be the receipt by the boy of a letter from a native who is now serving a term in the Washington state penitentiary on McNeill's Island, in which the writer says that he is having a good time in prison and likes the life. It is the theory of the authorities that the boy deliberately committed the murder so that he, too, could go to prison.

EXCHEQUER COURT SITTINGS IN WEST

Judge Cassels Will Come to the Coast Early Next Month.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Judge Cassels, of the Exchequer court, will go west on October 1st to hold sittings of the court. The first sitting will be held at Winnipeg October 5th, and subsequent meetings that month at Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

DEATH OF FORMER CABINET MINISTER

Lord Tweedmouth, Who Had Distinguished Career, Passes Away.

London, Sept. 15.—Edward Marjoribanks, second Baron Tweedmouth, died last night.

NEWS RECEIVED FROM LEFFINGWELL

IS IN WINTER QUARTERS ON FLAXMAN ISLAND

Intends to Make Several Trips Into Arctic Regions.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 15.—Ernest de Koven Leffingwell, the Arctic explorer, has gone into winter quarters on Flaxman Island near the mouth of the McKenzie river, according to a statement to-day by his father, the Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, of this city. He has established a base of supplies on the island, and in company with First Mate Storgesen and a party of Eskimos, will make several long trips into the Polar regions in search of fossils and geological specimens.

Dr. Leffingwell yesterday received a letter from the explorer, acquainting him with this plan. The letter denied the rumor that Leffingwell has been deserted by his whalers, stating that he found the season too late to carry out his whaling schemes and dismissed the party.

Leffingwell stated that he expects to secure data which will substantiate his theories concerning life in the Arctic in prehistoric ages.

MONTREAL MAYORALTY

(Special to the Times.)
Quebec, Sept. 15.—It is announced that Senator Choquette will be a candidate for mayor of the city at the elections on February 10th. The present incumbent, Sir George Carneau, will not run again. L. A. Cannon, an advocate, will oppose Choquette.

AUTO FATALITY

Buffalo, Sept. 15.—Mrs. H. F. Good, a daughter of the late J. H. Hoxie, of Chicago, was killed by the overturning of an automobile a few miles west of Buffalo last evening. Her mother, Mrs. J. H. Hoxie, of Chicago, had her arm broken, and her brother, John Hoxie, was bruised. The auto got beyond control on a steep hill.

ALDERMAN SUES

Action for Libel Arises Out of Montreal Civic Inquiry.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Montreal, Sept. 15.—An action for libel has been commenced by Alderman Emery Lariviere against W. McLean Walbank for \$25,000. The action arises out of evidence given before the royal commission by Walbank to the effect that Lariviere asked him for \$10,000 for election purposes for himself and other members of the council.

RAILWAY RATES

Complaints of Shippers Will Be Heard at Seattle Next Month.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S ILLNESS

Slight Improvement in Condition of Chief Executive of Minnesota.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 15.—Governor John A. Johnston, who was operated upon yesterday for intestinal trouble following an operation for appendicitis, is somewhat improved this afternoon, although his condition is still regarded as critical.

Late this afternoon Dr. McNevin, the house physician at St. Mary's hospital, issued the following statement: "Governor Johnson is resting fairly well this afternoon, although he still is suffering from some gaseous pains."

CALL TO WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—A cable was received yesterday from Rev. David Christie, of Glasgow, Scotland, to whom a call was issued by the congregation of Westminster church, asking that he fill the pulpit here, in which he thanked them for the honor, but did not state whether he would accept or decline the offer.

OLD QUESTION IS AGITATING SCIENTISTS

Director of Lick Observatory Declares Mars Lacks Life- Sustaining Elements.

(Times Leased Wire.)
San Jose, Cal., Sept. 15.—A wordy war among the astronomers of the globe, relative to the question of whether or not the planet Mars is inhabited, is expected to begin shortly following the announcement of Director W. W. Campbell, of the Lick observatory, that the planet Mars lacks water, vapor and other atmospheric constituents necessary to sustain life.

Recently Campbell headed a party which made a number of observations from the summit of Mount Whitney, where the water vapors of the earth were reduced to nil. There, according to their observations of the distant sphere, its atmosphere is diametrically opposite to the atmosphere credited it by Astronomer Sillpher, who studied the globe from a flagstaff.

As a result of Campbell's complete overthrow of the time-honored theories regarding the probable habitability of Mars, the group of scientists siding with Lowell and Sillpher and the believers in the canals are expected to question the deductions of Campbell and his colleagues and attempt to support their own views.

ELEVEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

DROWN AFTER LEAVING STRANDED STEAMER

Vessel Grounds During Fog and May Be a Total Loss.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Cape Town, Sept. 15.—Eleven passengers of the steamer Umhalla were drowned to-day when the vessel grounded in the fog at Cape Point. With the exception of five women and six men, the passengers were all landed safely. This party started for the shore in a boat which capsized, and the passengers went down before aid could be sent to them.

Four other boats filled with passengers were lost in the fog for several hours this morning, and it was with difficulty that they finally landed safely.

The Umhalla is pounding on the rocks and it is feared that the vessel will be a total loss.

PEARY WILL SEARCH FOR SOUTH POLE

Capt. Bartlett to Accompany Explorer to Antarctic Regions.

(Times Leased Wire.)
St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 15.—The mail boat from Labrador, which arrived at St. Johns last night, reports that Commander Peary and Capt. Bartlett have already settled on an expedition to the South Pole. They have on board the Roosevelt furs, sledges and other equipment necessary for such an expedition.

Capt. Scott's Expedition.
London, Sept. 15.—The report that Commander Peary has decided on a South Pole expedition is expected to create a great stir in geographical circles. Although Capt. Robert F. Scott's expedition was decided upon before the arrival of the news of the Peary and Cook expeditions, it admittedly was pressed forward with the intention to forestall a possible American expedition.

Capt. Scott's expedition still depends upon the raising of the necessary funds, at least \$200,000 being required. A considerable portion of this already has been promised, and there is little doubt that the Peary report will stimulate the public and hasten the subscription of the remainder. It is likely the government will assist the enterprise financially.

CALIFORNIA OIL WELLS ARE BURNING

Forest Fires Spreading in Sev- eral Sections of Southern States.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Oxnard, Cal., Sept. 15.—Two forest fires that have been raging in the mountains near here, met early to-day on the crest of the Escondido and are sweeping down Balcombe canyon. Scores of fire fighters, weary from their exertions of the last three days, have been rushed to the new danger zone, and are making an apparently futile stand against the advance of the flames.

The Escondido oil wells property of the Union Oil Company, which lay directly in the path of the flames, are burning, according to reports brought here. The loss will be considerable. Several men were overcome by heat and exhaustion and were brought here for medical treatment.

Under Control.
San Diego, Sept. 15.—Forest fires that have been raging near Escondido and Delms, San Diego county, since early yesterday are reported to-day to be under control. Several square miles have been fire-swept and it is thought the damage done will amount to several thousand dollars.

The menacing fire that has followed the bed of the Sweet Water river has been turned and the fighters believe the danger in that section is passed.

MURDERED MAN'S WIFE ARRESTED

MRS. CARLSON HELD BY POLICE OF NANAIMO

Was Taken Into Custody at the Close of the In- quest

(Times Leased Wire.)
Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 15.—As a result of the inquest held last night into the death of Gus Carlson, who was murdered in his own house on Monday night, his wife was arrested immediately after the inquiry and lodged in the local jail. The story of Mrs. Carlson never altered or became confused even when she was subjected to a merciless cross-examination. The police produced three pillowslips, two of which were badly splashed with blood. The third was also slightly stained.

The medical evidence had revealed that Carlson's skull was badly fractured, and the theory is that the man was struck in bed, the rope wound round his neck, and then that he was dragged into the room where he was found. The blow on the head would have caused death in about ten hours in any case. The appearance of the room and the way the body was lying, together with the discovery of the pillowslips with their bloody evidence of guilt all strengthen the theory that the man was first rendered insensible and afterwards dragged to where his body was found.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was as follows: "We, your jury empaneled to inquire into the causes resulting in the death of August Carlson, find that he came to his death on the night of Monday by the hand or hands of a party or parties unknown."

Last Monday night neighbors were attracted to the Carlson cottage by the screams of Mrs. Carlson, who was found tied to her bed. She declared that her husband had gotten out of bed to investigate a noise in another room, and shortly thereafter two men had entered her bedroom and after robbing her of all the money in the house, had bound and gagged her. She succeeded in removing the gag soon after 11 o'clock this morning, when the alleged robbers departed, she claimed, and had then called for assistance. Her husband's body was found in an adjoining room with a "nose about" in his neck, supposedly the victim of burglars.

TAFT'S JOURNEY

President Visits Chicago, Where He Receives Hearty Welcome.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The first lap of President Taft's Western trip was reached when he arrived at Chicago shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. When the presidential train pulled into the La Salle street station, thousands of people had gathered to greet the chief executive of the nation, and as he stepped from the train he received an ovation.

A spectacular feature of the reception was an automobile parade. At Washington Park 200,000 school children had gathered, and as the president and his escort passed the children joined in the strain of "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."

Following the parade the president was taken to the Grand Hotel, where he had luncheon. This afternoon the president will be present at a baseball match.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS CHICAGO TRAGEDY

Two Women Dead in Apart- ment House—Reported Con- fession of Murderer.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Chicago, Sept. 15.—The police have so far to-day failed to throw any additional light on the mystery that surrounds certain features of the killings of Mrs. Julius Tripp and Mrs. Jacob Silvers, who are dead as the result of what is supposed to have been a pistol and knife duel in the former's apartments in a fashionable district of this city. There were ten bullet wounds and one cut on the body of Mrs. Tripp while Mrs. Silvers suffered a bullet wound in the chest and several knife slashes. Only one revolver was found in the apartments and from this fact it is believed that the weapon must have been re-loaded during the struggle.

Mrs. Tripp was not dead when found and confessed, it is said, before she died, that she had murdered Mrs. Silvers after a desperate struggle and then made sure of her own death. Mrs. Silvers had been staying at the Tripp home for some time, and the two women are said to have quarreled over the division of the household duties.

The police believe a third person was involved in the tragedy because the fact that the knife with which the stabbing was done could not be found in the apartments and the appearance almost simultaneously of the two women at different entrances, each screaming for help and each declaring that she was being murdered.