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FIFTIETH YEAR

## HARRIMAN IS DISCUSSION DEAD AT ARDEN

### NEWS OF DEATH OF AMERICA'S GREATEST RAILROAD KING COMES AFTER CLOSE MARKET IN NEW YORK

### HAD BEEN ILL FOR A LONG TIME

### DEATH FOLLOWED VAIN SEARCH FOR HEALTH AFTER BREAKDOWN CAUSED BY OVERWORK—EFFECT ON STOCKS

New York, Sept. 9.—Edwin Henry Harriman, America's greatest railroad king, died at 11:10 this morning, after a long illness.

Following a variety of conflicting rumors respecting the great financier's condition, confirmation of the report of his death at 8:35 this afternoon sent the New York Stock Exchange members into a fever of excitement seldom experienced. The Exchange had closed but prices had been fluctuating and panicky all day owing to persistent rumors from Arden that Harriman would not survive the railroad magnate was dead.

Mr. Harriman passed away late in the afternoon after having spent the night in a vain search for health. All the members of his immediate family were at his bedside when he died. The great financier was pitifully weak physically and life simply flickered out like a dying spark.

Private information of Harriman's condition reached the Exchange this morning and rumors were flying. It was generally supposed that the financier was dead. The news was confirmed by the death of a messenger who was sent from Wall street to the mansion at Arden.

At noon the rumors of the financier's death began circulating on Wall street and New York newspapers called Arden on the phone and made special inquiries. A positive denial that the Wall street report was given and it was made clear by members of Mr. Harriman's household that the denial could not be expressed too strongly.

### THE NEWS OF TODAY

- Harriman household decide to post bulletins on financier's condition.
- Dutch cruiser for Hudson-Fulton celebration reaches New York.
- Glena H. Curfiss wins another prize in Italy.
- Hon. Chas. Murphy accuses Liberal Press of falling to support party.
- Shah leaves Teheran for practical exile in Russia.
- King of Saxony goes aviating.
- British Government agrees to Newfoundland mod vivendi pro tem.
- Crown Prince of Germany sees Orville Wright fly.
- Edwin H. Harriman dead.
- Chinese arrested in Vancouver while trying to smuggle in opium.
- Toronto man arrested charged with fraud.

### SHAH LEAVES FOR EXILE

Teheran, Sept. 9.—The deposed Shah of Persia left the city of his birth yesterday afternoon and started on his journey to Russia. He is to live in practical exile, probably at Odessa.

### PEARY OUT OF COMMUNICATION, AND COOK KEEPS SILENT, BUT FRIENDS OF BOTH GIVE THE LIE

### GOVERNMENT SURVEY OFFERS TO ARBITRATE

### DENMARK CONTINUES TO HONOR DR. COOK, WHO IS CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN PROVE ALL HIS ASSERTIONS

Commodore Peary is still at Battle Harbor, slowly moving southward toward North Sydney, N. B., and thence to United States port of origin. His work has come from him 40 any quarter concerning the momentous controversy which has aroused Europe and America. The English and American claims of Cook's claim. Dr. Cook is still at Copenhagen, the centre of marked attention from dignitaries of the official and scientific world, but with diminishing prestige owing to the cloud overcasting his victory 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 live his own time in presenting his evidence, and from Peary because he is still beyond the range of ready communication and of detailed knowledge of the various claims and conflicts.

Foreign comment at present is by the London and other newspapers, while still highly wrought with mingled enthusiasm and doubt, is beginning to be tinged with flippancy and scorn. 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 corroboration. On the other hand, the champions insist that all this will be forthcoming in due course of time and at the proper time.

Concerning Peary, the foreign attitude appears to be one of acceptance without question his announcement of reaching the pole, although the North Pole expedition is on his accusation as to Cook's claim of having reached there also.

The two Eskimos who accompanied Cook have now become vital factors 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.

### Will Arbitrate the Peary-Cook Tangle

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—The Coast and Geodetic survey will undertake to arbitrate the Peary-Cook controversy, providing Dr. Cook requests that it should do so. In view of the fact that Peary has announced the abolition of the expedition of the survey it will become the duty of that institution to compare his notes without request from any one and the acting superintendent said today that if Cook should so desire, the survey would go over his papers also.

### SEEKING NEW LAND IN BEAUFORT SEA

Explorer Leffingwell Still Confident of Existence of Promised Land—Reindeer Herds Multiply

That Ernest Leffingwell, who served as lieutenant in the Mikelsen expedition to the Polar sea and now heads his own exploration party bound into the fastnesses of the frozen North Sea, is still convinced of the existence of a mysterious continent beyond the Beaufort sea, and that he proposes to return again to civilization, to lead his own expedition to the world's geography, is the word brought to Victoria this morning by Capt. Porter, a veteran commander of the diminished whaling fleet of the Arctic, reaching Victoria this morning, twelve days from Nome. Mr. Leffingwell was fallen in with at Point Barrow, where Capt. Porter picked up the U. S. A. S. Thetis, by which he secured transportation to Nome. The scientist was at that time awaiting the arrival of supplies and anxious to

## "The Father of the Dreadnoughts" Visits Esquimalt and Dock Sites



### ESQUIMALT'S CLAIMS ARE PARAMOUNT

Having devoted several hours yesterday to a thorough and systematic examination of Esquimalt harbor, the existing dock, and the several alternative suggested sites for a new dock capable of accommodating the most modern types of vessels of war or of commerce, Sir William White, K. C. B., the eminent British naval authority and "father of the Dreadnoughts," can see no reason for revisiting his previously formed opinion that Esquimalt should never have been abandoned as a naval base, and is today the eligible site for the proposed new Imperial dock for the Pacific.

"One of the reasons given for the reduction," said Sir William, "was on the grounds of economy. For the operation of war, ships, trained men, strategy, and naval bases are necessary. In the days of falcon the ships were self-contained. When partially dismantled they could effect their own repairs. They were often aloft for a year without putting into any port. Now these conditions are totally changed. Steam vessels are employed for warfare and steam vessels have to coal. The advent of steam has led to the development of naval bases.

"I have said that one of the reasons for these reductions was that of limiting expense. Another was the policy of concentration in home waters. An idea is prevalent that the scene of the next great naval war will be the North Sea. But you cannot locate war. Once set war going and it may spread all over the world. On this account I consider that the abandonment of so many desirable naval bases was a grievous error.

### REYES RETURNS LAY RAILS FROM MONTEREY TO WELINGTON THIS WEEK

Political Situation in Mexico Grows Intense and Political Spite Has Even Colored the Flood Relief Work

Monterey, Sept. 9.—General Bernardo Reyes arrived in this city last night, coming direct from El Porvenir on horseback, accompanied by about six persons, including his aides and the mayor of Monterey, Dr. Pedro C. Martinez, who rode out to meet him. With his arrival the political situation grows more serious. In addition to the contract for the preliminary work from Cameron lake to the western terminus of the new line is expected to be awarded any day. The time for the reception of tenders has expired and the firm, which will be entrusted with the carrying through of the heaviest part of the project, is being estimated that it will entail an outlay of a million dollars, will be known at an early date.

### OFFICIAL NEWS OF HARRIMAN NOW

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Dr. W. G. Lyle issued the following bulletin concerning the condition of E. H. Harriman at 9:15 a. m. today: Condition unchanged. (Signed) W. G. Lyle.

Dr. Lyle's bulletin indicated a disposition on the part of the household on Tower Hill to abandon the policy of silence hitherto maintained and to issue daily reports regarding Mr. Harriman's condition. The wild rumors of the past forty-eight hours during which the master of Arden House has been reported dead a dozen times, it is believed have convinced those around him that official information alone can prevent the circulation of such rumors by irresponsible persons for the purpose of influencing the financial market.

## CONTINUOUS NEWSPAPERS ROADWAY DO NOT GIVE EAST SUPPORT

### Great Highway Through British Columbia to Join Coast and Middle West Crossing the Rockies

### HON. THOMAS TAYLOR OUTLINES GIANT SCHEME

### Minister of Public Works Returns From Tour of Inspection With Story of Provincial Progress

One continuous line of excellent roadway from Vancouver, through East Kootenay and over the Rockies by the Crow's Nest Pass, will be an actual fact before long. Hon. Thomas Taylor, Minister of Public Works, who returned from an extensive tour of the interior by way of Seattle this morning, announced that he was confident, after investigation, and as a result of the reports he has received from survey parties that have been at work for some months, that the project, seemingly colossal, can be easily accomplished. Already he has taken the initial steps towards the end and he expected that the Government would be able to declare the Pacific Coast its direct communication with the Middle West by wagon road in the not distant future.

"When I inspected closely the map of British Columbia some six months ago, with this idea in mind," the minister said, "conversing with a representative of the Post, 'it struck me that I was entertaining an impracticable scheme. The network of roads spreading throughout the Provincial districts, from the lower Mainland up through the interior, it appeared to me could be connected, hooked up, as it were, so that there would be formed one straight, and altogether admirable route, from the West to the eastern borders over into the prairies. And so I have proved that it can be done, at no great expense, and of course, with incalculable resulting benefit to settlers and the public at large."

### First Link Under Way

Next year, Hon. Mr. Taylor, the first link in this great transcontinental road—for it will be a continental road—will be possible to travel, once Alberta is reached to the remotest extremity of Nova Scotia—will be finished. The part referred to was that from the town of Creston, set on the Kootenay lake, in the centre of a section of East Kootenay that bears a national reputation for the excellency of the fruit it produces, over the mountains into the adjoining province. Workmen are engaged in connecting up the different roads, and they will be through some time in 1910, with the exception of the problem of running through the necessary connections in the lower country would be under consideration, and would be completed, satisfactorily solved.

### REVELSTOCK'S BRIDGE

The minister travelled for twelve days or more, making a tour of his constituency—the district adjacent to Revelstoke, Golden and the Columbia valley, and Fernie. At the former point he inspected the immense bridge which is being built by the government across the Columbia river between Revelstoke to a splendid agricultural country. This is the most important provincial public works under way and it is expected to do much for the section which Hon. Mr. Taylor represents as well as for British Columbia as a whole. It will cost about \$30,000 and should be completed and in use by next December. That Revelstoke is entitled to a new government building is the opinion the minister has formed after listening to the representations of the citizens and making a personal inspection of the present structure. He has decided, therefore, to ask for an appropriation for larger, more commodious and more modern buildings at the next session of the legislature.

### AGREES TO MODUS VIVENDI

London, Sept. 9.—The British government has agreed to a continuation of the Newfoundland land modus vivendi until the conclusion of the arbitration proceedings at the Hague.

### THE REMNANT COUNTER

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### Hon. Chas. Murphy, Secretary of State, Charges Liberal Press With Failure to Back Up the Party

### HON. THOMAS TAYLOR PLEAS INDEPENDENCE

### Newspaper Men Fail to Explain to Mr. Murphy's Satisfaction and He Quotes Specific Instances

Toronto, Sept. 9.—In a heart-to-heart talk with Liberals yesterday at the annual meeting of the General Reform Association of Ontario, the Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, expressed the opinion that the Liberal press did not give the same support to its party as did that of the opposition to the Conservative party, to the Conservative party.

"I have never heard," said Mr. Murphy, "any member of the Liberal press ask for support for any but the Liberal cause. Even after the charges had collapsed the campaign of misrepresentation was continued, falsehoods were not being met by the feeling that grew up out of those statements were allowed to go as to a certain extent, true."

### DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED

Twelve-Year-Old Buffalo Boy Shot By Playmate Who Has Disappeared—Believe it Was Accident.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Raymond Ryan, aged 12 years, was shot today by another boy whom the police claim was Raymond Harkell, aged 14 years. Ryan died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. According to the story told by Harkell, the Harkell and Ryan boys had been playing together. The Harkell boy went into the house and returned with a shot gun. A few minutes later there was a sound and Ryan fell to the ground, bleeding from wounds in his side and head. During the fight with the Harkell boy disappeared. So far as known there was no quarrel and it is believed that the boy did not know the gun was loaded.

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