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OPENING THE ICE CHEST.

Walter Wellman is now on the return trip from the north end of Spitzbergen. His program as outlined last week in a dirigible balloon, heading in the direction in which the pole is supposed to lie. Monsieur Bleriot, by a freak of weather crossed the English channel a few weeks ago in a ridiculous little aeroplane. But Wellman was not fortunate enough to find a breeze sufficiently favorable to carry him to the scene of one of nature's greatest ice-making industries. It might appear, even if he had been successful, that such a victory would be of little use even to science, for any other purpose than that of conferring on one particular individual the distinction of having reached the farthest north. But looking at the progress made in aviation during the past two years—really remarkable progress—no one should say that all the difficult explorations of the future may not be his the day.

But Mr. Wellman has not succeeded. Disaster has overtaken him almost at the beginning of his trip, but he is still in the ring and announces his intention to try again with a new and improved airship. The only other man in the world who has a hankering after balloon voyages to the pole, is Count Zeppelin, and he is too experienced to venture north in a 1909 model not constructed to meet the requirements of polar temperatures and meteorological disturbances.

Wellman and the Count are not, however, the only ones to whom this form of Arctic exploration has appealed. Twelve years ago August Andre, a Swede, sailed northward in a big balloon. Nothing has ever been heard from or of him. He had two companions who doubtless met the same fate as their intrepid chief, but what this was has never been revealed, for although reports of the murder of the party by Eskimos, of the finding of traces of the expedition have been received, none of these stories have ever been verified. Balloon voyages to the north have this in their favor, that the trip is liable to be brief, but lively while it lasts, that the end is not long in coming.

There are several other parties somewhere among the ice just now, the most notable being the Peary expedition. Commander Peary was to have left his ship, the Roosevelt, at Etah in May or June for a dash across the ice to the pole. He prefers the glacial shank-mare to the more aristocratic airship—and he intended returning to Etah whenever success warranted or necessity demanded. A relief ship has recently sailed for the north, and when it returns something at least will be known of this gallant and determined naval officer who has done so well in the past in Arctic exploration.

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consistently and persistently destroyed each others work. This will be in a measure overcome by the new method of control which the aldermen are, in a nervously hesitant manner, endeavoring to adopt. It is hoped that by the gradually approaching change the waste of past years may be to some extent prevented, and the money thus saved be more properly applied.

In the present movement much of the agitation appears to have had its origin among residents of one or two blocks on Germain street. Most of these citizens are men of wealth; no doubt the majority of them have shared in the blessings of our assessment system which in the past has made poverty bear the heavier end of the civic burden. These men, with expensive homes, costly furnishings, etc., naturally desire that the street on which they live shall be beautified and freed from dust and dirt. Under all the circumstances, and keeping in mind that Germain street needs permanent pavements less than almost any other street in St. John—it might not be an ungracious act for the property owners on that street to do the work and pay the bills themselves. They can select their own style of paving, and if it is recognized as reasonably good, the city would doubtless give permission for the work to be done. This is an easy way out of the difficulty, and in view of the benefits they would receive, to say nothing of the glory which would be theirs, those citizens would scarcely feel the expenditure.

JAMIE DOUGLAS.

(Author Unknown.)
It was in the days when Claverhouse was scouring moor and glen,
To charge with fire and bloody sword
The faith of Scottish men.

They had made a covenant with the Lord
Firm in their faith to bide,
Nor break to him their pledged word,
Whatever might betide.

The sun was well-nigh setting,
And o'er the heather wild,
And up the narrow mountain path,
Alone there walked a child.

He was a bonny, lonesome lad,
Sturdy and strong of limb;
A father's pride, a mother's love,
Were fast bound up in him.

His bright, blue eyes glanced fearless round,
His steps were firm and light;
What was it underneath his plaid
His little hands grasped tight?

It was hankies which, that very morn,
His mother made with care,
From out her scanty store of meal;
And now, with many a prayer,

Had sent her Jamie, her ane boy,
A trusty lad and brave,
To go and pastor Tamms Roy,
Now hid in yonder cave.

And for whom the bloody Claverhouse
Had hunted long in vain,
And swore they would not leave that
Rock.

So Jamie Douglas went his way
With heart that knew no fear;
He turned the great curve in the road,
Nor dreamed that death was near.

And there were bloody Claverhouse men,
Who laughed aloud with glee,
When, trembling now within their power,
The frightened child they see.

He turns to flee, but all in vain,
They drag him back apace;
To where their cruel leader stands,
And set them face to face.

The cakes concealed beneath his plaid
Took tell the story plain—
"It's old Tam Roy the cakes are for,"
Exclaimed the angry man.

"Now guide me to his hiding place,
And I will let him live;
But Jamie shook his yellow curls,
And stoutly answered, 'No!'"

"I'll drop you down the mountain side,
And there upon the stones
The great red wheel and cartons crowd
Shall battle for your bones."

And in his bravery, strong right hand
He lifted up the child,
And held him where the clefted rocks
Formed a chasm deep and wild.

So deep it was, the trees below
Like statues stood in fright;
Poor Jamie looked in frightened gaze,
It seemed some horrid dream.

He looked up at the blue sky above,
Then at the men near by;
Had they no little boys at home,
That they could let him die?

But no one spoke and no one stirred,
Or lifted hand to save,
From such a fearful, frightful death,
The little lad so brave.

"It is woeful deep," he shuddering cried,
"But O, I cannot tell,
It is nae so deep as hell!"

A childish scream, a faint, dull sound,
Of Jamie Douglas true,
Long, long within that lonely cave
Shall Tam Roy wait for you.

Long for your welcome coming
Waits the mother on the moor,
And watches and calls, "Come, Jamie,
lad."

Through the half-open door,
No more adown the rocky path
You come with fearless tread,
Or on moor or mountain, take
The good man's daily bread.

But up in heaven the shining ones
A wondrous story tell
Of a child snatched up from a rocky gulf
That is nae so deep as hell.

And there before the great white throne,
Forever blessed and glad,
His mother dear and old Tam Roy
Shall meet their bonny lad.

KILLS SON'S BRIDE, ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

James Cavanaugh Was Angered Because
Young Man Married Sister of Girl
Selected for Him.

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., Aug. 26.—Infuriated because his son had eloped with the sister of the bride he had selected for him, James Cavanaugh, a retired brass worker, shot and killed his pretty daughter-in-law today and then fired a shot into his own head from which he died in a few minutes.

The murder and suicide took place in the presence of Mrs. Peter Barry and Miss Mary Cavanaugh, the step-daughter of the dead man. There has been bitterness in the Cavanaugh home ever since James Cavanaugh, Jr., came home with his wife. He had abandoned Sarah Fitzgerald for Nellie Fitzgerald, who was younger and prettier. The father resented this change of heart, and he and his new daughter-in-law had frequent quarrels. Today the girl, Cavanaugh declared his intention of cutting off his son and daughter in his will and of driving them out of his house.

"I'm satisfied as long as I've got Jim," replied the bride, and at that he shot her twice in the head. She fell dead.

"I'm glad I did it, but this is no place for me now," remarked the murderer, and while Mrs. Barry and step-daughter ran screaming from the house he fired a bullet through his brain. The dead man was sixty years old and his victim twenty-six.

PALLAGRA SPREADS DEATH IN ALABAMA

Hundred Cases, With Many Deaths, in One
Commonly—Five Deaths in
Butler County.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 26.—With pellagra almost epidemic in three or four Alabama counties the State Health Board is at its wit's end for means of relief. The doctors, however, are reported in Clark County, with several deaths, while Butler county, just south of the capital, has had twenty-five hundred people, three reported dying and five other cases are under observation.

Dr. E. M. Mason, head of the bacteriological department of the State, has been rushing to Clark county, which is on the Gulf coast, and such relief as can be rendered will be sent to Greenville.

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Physicians and scientists are now busy studying the plague called pellagra, which is raging in Alabama, and it is declared, is caused by eating corn affected by mold.

The disease has been determined in eruptions on the back of the hands and on the face, the skin blisters and peeling off, much as if it had been scalded.

This is accompanied by inflammation of the mouth and difficulty in swallowing. The system becomes deteriorated and the mind becomes affected. Emaciation ensues and insanity follows, sometimes a violent form.

Cases are said to be on record where death brought relief only after years of suffering.

Physicians agree that the disease is preventable and also curable, change of food and proper nourishment being the chief remedies.

A VITAL QUESTION.
Little Eugene, aged three, is the baby of the family. One night after having had his supper and being put to bed, he propounded to his mother the question, "What's the use of my supper for me when you was little?"

THE IRRITABLE DINER.
Gentlemen—"You don't mean to say you eat the fattest stuff extant soup, waiter?"
Waiter—"Yesir, I take it out and let the ox dip his tail in it two or three more times."

THREE REASONS
Each with Two Legs and Ten Fingers
A Boston woman who is a fond mother writes an amusing article about her experience feeding her boys.

Among other things she says: "Three chubby, gray-checked boys, Bob, Jack and Dick, aged 6, 4 and 2 years respectively, are three of our reasons for saving and recommending the food, Grape-Nuts, for these youngsters have been fed on Grape-Nuts since infancy, and often between meals when their children would have been given candy."

"I gave a package of Grape-Nuts to a neighbor whose 3 year old child was a weaned little thing. In half the time, The little tot ate the Grape-Nuts and cream greedily and the mother continued the good work and it was not long before a truly wonderful change manifested itself in the child's face and body. The results were remarkable, even for Grape-Nuts."

Both husband and I use Grape-Nuts every day and keep strong and well and have three of the finest, healthiest boys you can find in a day's march."

Many mothers instead of destroying their children's stomachs with candy and cake give the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when they are beginning for something in the way of sweets. The result is soon shown in greatly increased health, strength and mental activity.

"There's a Reason."
Look in pigs for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

FREE SPEECH VENDOR GETS A NEW TRIAL

Jury Disagreed; Were Equally
Divided.

Judge Tells Them They are a Disgrace to
the City—Second Trial Commences Today.

After an hour's deliberation over the evidence taken in the case of the King vs. George Merriam, the Greek charged with selling Free Speech, the jury returned to the courtroom yesterday afternoon.

Although His Honor Judge Forbes charged against the defendant, six jurors stood for conviction and six for acquittal.

Great surprise at the jury's decision was expressed from the bench and the Greek will be placed on a second trial this afternoon at 2:30 before a new jury.

Direct examination of the defendant Merriam was on the evening of July 31. He heard of the controversy before the jury returned.

Witnesses denied threatening to roast Mr. Golding for refusing to tell him the name of his new ticket collector at the Nickel Theatre.

Cross examined by Mr. Hasen he stated the average weekly sale of Free Speech was 2,000 copies, for which he paid McDougal three cents a copy.

Witness denied being able to write English, but upon being asked to write a statement he admitted having copied it from one written by his friend Roy.

Witnesses had lived in St. John for four years. Had worked on Water, King, and Main streets.

Had been running the shoe shine on Union street since February last.

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MASONS' HOME AT
WINDSOR DEDICATED

WINDSOR, N. S., Aug. 26.—Attended by several hundreds of persons, the ceremonies in connection with the dedication of the handsome Masonic Home passed off most successfully this afternoon.

The speaker of the occasion was C. B. Smith, K. G., of Amherst, Justice Longley and Bishop Worrell dealt with the great questions of the order.

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HANDSOME CUP FOR ST. JOHN RUNNER

Special Prize Won at Chatham—Planning
Big Series of Sports for
Sept. 1st.

CHEATHAM, N. B., Aug. 26.—The two cups which were awarded A. B. Smith and Bernard Cripps as special prizes in the seven mile race held here July 26 have arrived. They are handsome pieces of silverware. Each cup stands about eight inches high and are of very pretty design and suitably engraved.

Secretary MacDonald will forward Mr. Smith's cup to St. John. Preparations are being completed for big sports here on Sept. 1st and indications point to its being the biggest event of the season. Already a good list of entries has been received and as some of the best men in the provinces are to be here not only the long distance events but the dashes and jumps will be most keenly contested.

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