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MANY EXPLORES SUPPORT PEARY

COMMANDER HAS PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGE

Scientific Arbitration Proposed By French Geographical Society.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Sydney, N. S., Sept. 13.—Plenty of evidence designed to back up his statement that Dr. Cook did not reach the north pole, is in the hands of Commander Peary, according to assertions made here to-day. This view is taken by a large number of explorers, scientists and others who are here to greet the explorer.

"Commander Peary will have with him incontestable proof to support every statement he has made in connection with Dr. Cook's trip to the Artic," Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary club said. "Every one who knows Peary realizes he never makes statements unless he can prove them absolutely. When the proper time comes, and that will be when Dr. Cook has made his statement over his signature, the truth will be forthcoming.

"I agree with President Hubbard, of the Peary Club, that Dr. Cook might have learned weeks ago in Greenland of Commander Peary's discovery and that in the interim he wove the story of his discovery of the north pole. News, you know, travels fast among the Eskimos, and it is quite likely Dr. Cook heard of what Peary had done."

Proposes Commission.

Paris, Sept. 13.—Throughout France a cry for scientific arbitration of the difficulties of Commander Peary and Dr. Cook as to who discovered the north pole first is being heard to-day in echo of a statement published yesterday by Prince Roland Bonaparte, president of the Paris geographical society. Prince Bonaparte said:

"The recitals given are inconclusive. They contain plenty of literary effect, but small detail, and they lack exact information. Personally, I think both Commander Peary and Dr. Cook should be asked to produce their proofs, maps and diaries.

Until this is done, the scientific world has the right to entertain scientific doubt. This does not imply distrust, but it is proper a demonstration should be given. It is possible that both Dr. Cook and Commander Peary reached the pole, but why one rather than the other?

"I think all documents should be submitted to a commission composed of explorers, astronomers, navigators and polar experts. Every document should be produced in order that the conclusion may be definite. The commission should have the right to summon witnesses and cross-examine them.

"In the United States the scientists, according to their sympathies, are divided into Cookists and Pearyists. Therefore, and American verdict would convince no one. England should also be excluded as an arbitrator, as the two countries are bound by ties of blood. Besides, the English countrymen have displayed some jealousy."

SACRIFICES LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS

High School Girl Perishes in River—Companions Also Drown.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Sept. 13.—Her life sacrificed to save 11 children, whose ages ranged from 4 to 13 years, Cecelia Roach, a 17-year-old high school girl, is the heroine of Pittsburg to-day. Her body, with that of Bessie Timmons, aged 11, lies somewhere in the depths of the Monongahela river, at the foot of the Eighteenth street dam, where she met her death.

The tragedy that cost Miss Roach her life and almost resulted in the drowning of a dozen helpless children, occurred at sundown yesterday. Miss Roach was rowing the little ones on a mill pond above a 25-foot fall. Some one raised one of the wickets of the dam, creating an eddy on the smooth surface of the pond that irresistibly drew the frail skiff toward the falls. With rare courage and presence of mind the girl huddled her terrified charges into the stern of the boat, raising the prow clear of the water. She was able then to turn her craft against the rush of the current and delay its swift progress until other boats, manned by hardy river men, could hurry to the rescue.

Two boats reached the apparently doomed party about the same time. In transferring the little ones to the larger craft, one baby girl fell into the water. The other children, terrorized, leaped from the boat, but were rescued by the boatmen, several of whom plunged in after them. Meanwhile the skiff containing Miss Roach had approached perilously near the brink of the falls. The girl had been occupied handing the children in her charge to the men in the boats, and had ceased trying to stop the steady progress of her own craft.

Before a third boat that had put off from the shore could reach her, the little skiff had pitched over the dam into the swirling waters below. Bessie Timmons, who had fainted, had not been transferred to the larger boat, and she shared the fate of the older girl. Neither body was recovered.

SMELTER WILL BE ENLARGED

B. C. COPPER COMPANY MAKES CONTRACT

Has Secured Control of the Reorganized Dominion Company.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Boston, Sept. 13.—Control of the reorganized Dominion Copper Company has been secured in the open market by the British Columbia Copper Company.

A permanent board of directors has not yet been elected in the new Dominion, but when the reorganization is completed the British Columbia Company will be given full representation. Temporary directors are for the most part affiliated with the General Development Company and Adolph Lewisohn, president of the latter company, is also director of the British Columbia Company. A contract between the British Columbia and the new Dominion companies will be made for the former to smelt the latter's ores, and the former will enlarge its smelting capacity.

ALL READY FOR THE FALL FAIR

FIRST EXHIBITS ARE EXPECTED WEDNESDAY

Preparations Practically Completed for Opening on Monday Next.

Save for the attention to be given to a mass of details, everything is now practically in readiness for the opening of the Forty-ninth Annual Exhibition under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association on Monday next. The exhibitors have made their entries in all the various classes, the grounds and buildings are in shape for the reception of display of goods and live stock, the programmes for the horse show and the racing meet are in the hands of the printers and a large staff of clerks are engaged in Secretary Smart's office checking things up preparatory to the opening.

Mr. Smart returned from Vancouver on Saturday evening and proceeded to Seattle again this morning, his visits to the two cities being for the purpose of arranging the details of the race meet with the horsemen there, who have promised to come over in large numbers.

Among the exhibitors of horses and cattle is George R. Tamboline, of Westham Island, who this year will have a splendid showing, prominent amongst which will be a number of fine shorthorn cattle and Clydesdales.

It is anticipated that the first exhibits will commence to arrive on Wednesday next.

The Poultry Show.

The poultry show this year will be a prominent feature. All arrangements have been completed for the housing of the exhibits, which in number exceed those entered last year. The best known of the local breeders as well as a good representation of outside fanciers have signified their intention of showing their birds.

Among the local exhibitors will be Wm. Baylis, S. Y. Wootton, H. D. Reid, W. A. Nachtrieb, J. Woods and F. Middleton, while J. J. Shepherd, of Cobble Hill, and MacIntosh and Goddard, of Vancouver, will also have large exhibits.

In pigeons there is a long list of entries. The birds are all in good condition this year, as the weather this season has been favorable.

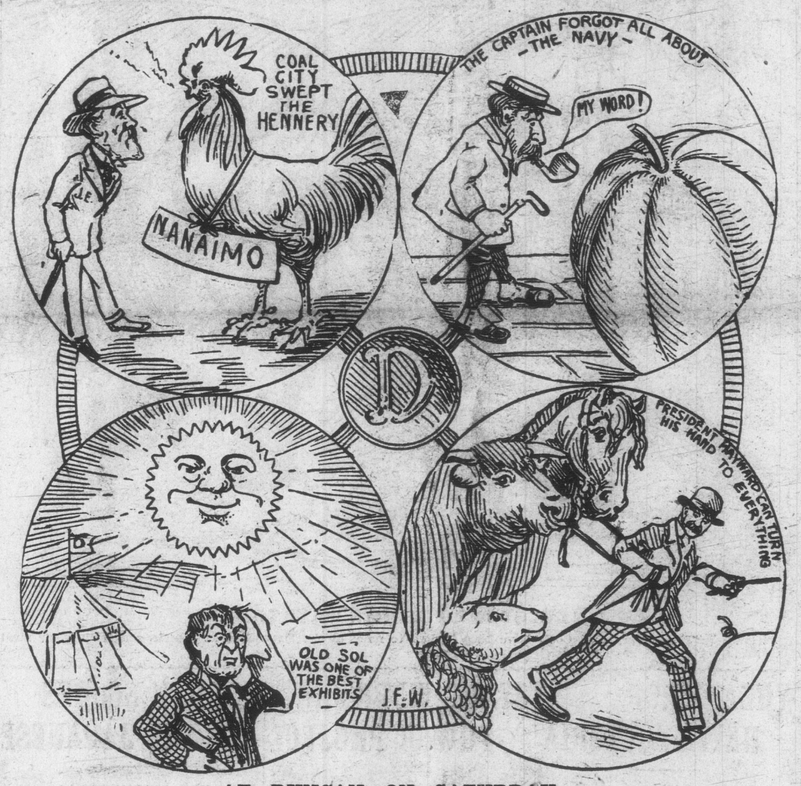
The Women's Building.

Great interest centres around the women's building and the exhibits which will be housed there. It is stated that never before have the ladies of the city shown such activity in connection with the fall fair, and that as a consequence the display will be a large and excellent one. The various women's societies of the city are actively at work in the scheme by which they hope to be able to defray a large part of the initial cost of the building.

The Limerick contest now in progress and which closes on Wednesday next is likely to prove a great financial success, as very many people are sending in replies. The Limerick for which a missing line must be supplied is as follows:

"Be sure you attend the Fall Fair,
For the Women's New Building is there.
Art, Music you'll find,
Food for body and mind
....

Three prizes are offered for the best line—1st, $25; 2nd, $15; 3rd, $10. The result of the contest will be announced at 5 p.m., on the opening day of the fair at the reception given by Mrs. Dunsmuir in the women's building. Those who desire to compete in this contest should send their completed limerick accompanied with 25 cents, addressed to "The Limerick Manager," care M. W. Waitt & Co.



AT DUNCAN ON SATURDAY.

FUNERAL OF E. H. HARRIMAN

SIMPLE RITES MARK INTERMENT AT ARDEN

Only Personal Friends of the Family Present at the Service.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 13.—The body of Edward H. Harriman, the great financier, was laid in its last resting place on the Arden hillside yesterday.

The funeral was private, and only those who were personal friends of the family and had received invitations from Mrs. Harriman were admitted.

The first service was holy communion celebration at 10 a.m. by Rev. J. Holmes McGuiness, for Mrs. Harriman and her children, at their home on Tower Hill. At 11 o'clock came a public memorial service at St. John's church for the employees of the farm and parishioners, who, on account of lack of space, were unable to attend the funeral service later. The Harriman pews were left vacant. Mrs. Chas. D. Simons, Mr. Harriman's sister, her husband, two daughters, and Orlando H. Harriman, a brother, were the only relatives present.

Harriman's Will.

New York, Sept. 13.—It is currently reported to-day that the will of the late E. H. Harriman, was read to the members of the family last night but that its contents will not be made public until it is filed for probate, which will probably be in a week or so.

There is much speculation as to whether the late financier makes J. P. Morgan a trustee of his holdings of Union Pacific stock.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S LONG JOURNEY

Will Start To-morrow on Trip Which Covers Over 12,000 Miles.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 13.—President Taft will to-morrow begin his long trip over the country. He will motor into Boston to-morrow afternoon to be the guest of the chamber of commerce at dinner. On Wednesday morning he will leave on the first stage of his long journey, the first stopping place being at Chicago. Leading through thirty states and both of the far southwestern territories, the president's trip will reach its climax at El Paso on October 16th, where he will meet President Diaz of Mexico.

The president's trip will cover an itinerary of 12,759 miles. The revised schedule of the principal stops to be made by the president after he leaves Salt Lake is as follows:

Sept., 26th, Pocatello, Idaho, brief night visit; Sept. 28th, Spokane, Wash., all day; Sept. 29th, North Yakima, forenoon; Seattle, evening; Sept. 30th, Seattle; Oct. 1st Seattle, morning, Tacoma afternoon and evening; Oct. 2nd and 3rd, Portland; Oct. 14th, The grand Canyon; Oct. 15th, Albuquerque; Oct. 16th, El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

GIRL SLAIN BY BLACK HAND

BODY IS FOUND LYING IN CULVERT

Two of Victim's Companions Are Suffering From Bullet Wounds.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 13.—"Come on, he is my god-father." The invitation extended to several small children by Teresa Percopia, who had been accosted by a strange man, led to the death of Teresa, the fatal injury of little Ferddie Infusino, aged three years, and the serious wounding of his sister, Fannie, aged six years, who was shot through the arm.

The little forms of the children were found this morning by a milkman in a culvert after an all-night search for them by 1,500 Italians. Although enduring great agony, Fannie told the following story to-day to the police in broken sentences:

"We were playing in front of our house late yesterday when a man commenced to talk to Teresa. After he had given Teresa some money she called out: 'Come on with me; this man is my god-father.'

"The man took us to the outskirts of the city, when he suddenly turned on Teresa, and with an oath, shot her. Freddie and myself were unable to move. I begged him not to do it, but he took Freddie, and holding him in his arms shot him. Freddie groaned and the man threw him on the ground beside Teresa.

"After he had shot Freddie the man turned his revolver on me. He shot me through the arm, and I fell to the ground, too. Then he put the revolver in his pocket and ran away. Although I spoke time and again to Teresa and Freddie they would not answer me. Then I fell asleep and do not remember anything more until I was awakened by another strange man."

When questioned by the police today the milkman stated that he noticed the three children lying, apparently asleep, in the culvert. Upon making an investigation he found that Teresa was dead and the other two children were seriously injured.

When the children failed to return to their homes in time for supper last night, Ercola Infusino, the father of Freddie and Fannie, notified the police. The police were joined in the search by 1,500 friends of the Infusino and Percola families. The search was kept up all night and ended this morning, when the children were found by the milkman.

Infusino keeps a small store, and he is sure that the children were kidnapped by members of the black hand, who had threatened him. The Percola family lived above the store.

Nearly every Italian store in the vicinity was closed this morning, and the clerks, in addition to the entire police department and three blood hounds, are working on the case. Two suspects have been arrested and are being sweated.

Violence is likely in the event that the crime is fastened on any one.

The families of the children are wealthy and are leaders in the Italian colony.

CURTISS WINS MORE PRIZES

TAKES TWO EVENTS AT AVIATION MEET

American Allows Rougier to Capture the Altitude Contest.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Brescia, Italy, Sept. 13.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, added further honors to his brilliant record by capturing the grand prize in the aviation meet here yesterday. Curtiss made his flight on Saturday, covering 31.05 miles, or five times around the course, in 49 minutes 24 seconds. His share of the $10,000 prize is $6,000.

Rougier, the French aviator, also competed for the grand prize, making a flight of 31 miles in one hour 10 minutes 18 seconds, winning second prize.

Curtiss also won the prize for quick starting, his time being 8 1-5 seconds.

Bleriot made several brilliant flights, not in competition for the grand prize, after which Curtiss entered for the altitude prize. He ascended to a height of about 165 feet, thereby gaining second prize, while the first prize was awarded to Rougier, who danced around with delight, saying:

"Curtiss is a true gentleman. He might have gone higher than I, but he promised to leave me the first prize, and he has kept his word."

Lieut. Calderera was the winner of the passenger carrying event, for which a prize of $600 was offered. He made four rounds of the course with Lieut. Severa. He also captured the national speed prize, the distance being one lap. Curtiss added to his winnings by taking one of the daily speed contests, as well as one of the daily height contests.

SEVEN PERSONS PERISH IN TORNADO

La Paz, in Lower California, is in Ruins—Many Boats Wrecked.

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Louis, Sept. 13.—A special from La Paz, lower California, says:

La Paz, the oldest settlement of the Californias, is in ruins. The most terrific storm ever known here has wrought havoc in and about the old Pueblo. Seven lives already are known to be lost, and the shore is strewn with wreckage from ships and boats in the roadstead.

In many places the water is four feet deep in the streets and some thoroughfares are channels for raging torrents. Houses have crumbled into the flood and many others are badly damaged.

Great suffering exists, especially among the poor. From the country districts the news comes slowly, indicating devastation there has been great.

It was without warning that the tornado swept upon the "place of peace," accompanied by rains which deluged the streets and nearby hills. Many boats along the shore and anchored in the bay were battered to pieces in collisions or thrown upon the beach.

CANADA CLAIMS THE NORTH POLE

BERNIER'S WORK ESTABLISHES IT

This Country Appropriates All Land Where it is Possible to Nail a Flag.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—Canada claims all land directly north of the American continent as far as the North Pole, upon which it would be possible to nail a flag. This position will be taken, it was semi-officially stated, in reply to a question asked in the British House of Commons as to the ownership of the North Pole soon after the result of Dr. Cook's and Commander Peary's explorations became known. The question was referred to Canada for reply.

Canada's answer in effect will be that all territory between the American boundary and the North Pole must be recognized as Canada's land. The islands, it is maintained, have been formally taken possession of by Capt. Bernier, Canada's Arctic explorer.

GETS SETTLERS FOR ISLAND

GOOD WORK BY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Farmers From Oregon and Big Party From Edmonton Coming.

That the work of the Vancouver Island Development League in advertising the resources and advantages of the Island is commencing to bear fruit is demonstrated by the fact that nearly every day Secretary McGaffey is in receipt of enquiries from distant points from people who contemplate taking up residence here.

In a number of instances answers to these inquiries is followed by the arrival of a party who come as advance guards to "spy out the land," and if their reports are favorable their friends can come and join them. Secretary McGaffey mentioned two cases of this kind this morning. A few days ago a gentleman from Madras, Oregon, arrived and commenced to make investigation of the opening on the Island for a party of eight settlers. That this resulted to his satisfaction was shown by the fact that he said later that the party for whom he was acting would come on at once.

From Edmonton, a large party of 18 will come and settle on Vancouver Island. They sent two of their number ahead of them, and the latter are now in the city, and as the report which they will send back will be favorable, the original party of 18 may be followed by others.

Mr. McGaffey is constantly receiving inquiries from distant parts of the world, showing that a wide area is being covered in the advertising programme which is being followed by the league.

LOST IN DEATH VALLEY.

Wealthy Easterner Believed to Have Died From Thirst.

Tonopah, Nev., Sept. 13.—Searching parties now scouring the desert for a trace of Dave Eldridge, a son of a well known sewing machine manufacturer, who left Greenwater August 24th for his mining claims in the Panamint range, have thus far been unsuccessful in their hunt for the man. Belief that Eldridge has met a horrible death from thirst is gaining stronger credence with each succeeding hour.

No part of the desert between Death Valley Junction and Greenwater will be left unexplored by the parties now looking for the wealthy easterner.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

Two Women Who Returned to Building for Jewels Are Reported Missing.

New York, Sept. 13.—Sixty guests narrowly escaped death early to-day when the fashionable Holmeshurst Inn, at Edgemore, Long Island, was completely destroyed by fire.

While it is believed that all of the guests escaped, firemen say that they saw two women return to the burning building for their jewels. These women have not been seen since and a search of the ruins is being made today. The Holmeshurst Inn was a four story building.

INVESTING MILLIONS.

Wealthy Americans Are Buying Land In Bow River Valley.

Calgary, Sept. 13.—Between ten and fifteen million dollars will ultimately be invested in this district by Americans who have acquired land in the Bow River Valley since the first of the year. No other district in Western Canada has this year experienced such an influx of wealth as Bow valley. This results from the fact that all who acquire land in the valley are the better class of land-buyers, not homesteaders.

WORDY WAR IS BECOMING WARMER

NEW SENSATION IN NORTH POLE CONTROVERSY

Cook's Version of Trouble With Peary Over Supplies.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Copenhagen, Sept. 13.—A new sensation in the North Pole controversy was sprung to-day by the publication in the Politken of a letter written by Dr. Norman Hansen, a prominent Danish physician, who gives Dr. Frederick A. Cook's version of the trouble with Commander Peary over supplies.

Dr. Cook told practically the same story to one of his closest American friends just a week ago, before Commander Peary re-appeared upon the scene, but said he did not intend to make it public because it might lead to unpleasantness.

Dr. Hansen was with Dr. Cook for some time in Greenland, and returned with him on the Danish government steamer Hans Egde.

"Now that Dr. Cook has gone," he writes, "I am no longer under any obligation to keep silent, and will exercise my right to publish the story about the house in Annatook, a story which Dr. Cook himself had too much delicacy to relate to the world. I write it from memory, as Dr. Cook told me, and I am fully convinced that in no details are my recollections wrong.

"Dr. Cook had built his house for stores in Annatook, north of Etah, and it was this depot which he started to reach in February, 1909, crossing Smith Sound. It was a pretty large house, the walls being built of heavily packed provision boxes, so Dr. Cook knew that when this important point was reached everything was safe. He had before the start given permission to a young friend named Whitney to use the house while hunting musk oxen for sport in the winter of 1908-09.

"When Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos, exhausted and half-starved, came within a short distance of the house in Annatook, young Whitney came out to bid them welcome, but inside the house was a stranger, a giant Newfoundland boatswain, on watch. This man had been placed in Dr. Cook's house by Peary, when the latter passed Etah with his ship, bound north. Peary had given the boatswain a written order, which commenced with the following words:

"'This house belongs to Dr. Frederick A. Cook, but Dr. Cook is long ago dead, and there is no use to search after him. Therefore, I, Commander Robert E. Peary, install my boatswain in this deserted house.'

"This paper the boatswain, who could neither read nor write, exhibited to Dr. Cook, and the latter took a copy.

"This copy, however, he does not intend to publish if Peary's course does not force him to do so. Dr. Cook gave me a lively account of how the young millionaire, Whitney, during the whole winter was treated like a dog by the boatswain, and how he had witnessed the sailor bartering Dr. Cook's provisions for fox and bearskins for himself. Dr. Cook also had to put a good face on the unpleasant situation. He had to beg to get in his house and had to make a compromise with the boatswain.

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CAPT. SCOTT WILL TRY TO REACH SOUTH POLE

Money Subscribed for Expedition Which Will Start Next Year.

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, Sept. 13.—Within a few hours after he had announced that he would discover the south pole if a certain amount of money was raised to outfit an expedition, $200,000 had been subscribed by Englishmen and turned over to Capt. Robert Scott to-day.

The British people who subscribed to the amount gave liberally because they feared that if the expedition did not leave in a hurry, that Dr. Charot, a Frenchman, who is now in the Antarctic region would announce the discovery of the pole.

Capt. Scott will start July 1st, and will have two supply bases. In addition to ponies, Capt. Scott will use motor sledges and dogs.

Capt. Scott was in command of the discovery expedition in 1901, when an unsuccessful dash was made for the Antarctic pole.

NEGRO MURDERER KILLED.

Moselle, Ala., Sept. 12.—Leroy Watts, a negro, was slain to-day by a posse who overtook him in the woods not far from here.

Watts, while crazed with whiskey, forced several wealthy planters to dance before a crowd of plantation hands, after which he shot and killed Ames Lewis, a 12-year-old white boy.

TWO KILLED IN RIOT.

Pittsburg, Sept. 13.—As the result of a riot last night, following a drinking bout, Mary Messela and Tony Surco are dead to-day and a dozen other Italians are wounded.