

# BOTH FOUND NORTH POLE.

### Capt. Bernier Thinks Cook and Peary Were There.

### Cook Wrote Him Telling Him He Reached It April 22.

### Bernier Planted Union Jack on Several Islands.

Quebec, Oct. 5.—The Government steamer Arctic arrived this morning at 8 o'clock. She steamed up the harbor, looking as neat and trim as the day she sailed from the port of Quebec, fourteen months ago. As soon as the little vessel came alongside the King's wharf and a gangway was placed in position a number of relatives of the crew hastened aboard, and for a time all was confusion on the ship's deck. Captain Bernier and every member of the crew looked the picture of health, and were in the best of spirits.

#### A TALK WITH THE PRESS.

A number of newspapermen from various parts of Canada were among those who crowded on board the Arctic after she was securely moored. They surrounded Captain Bernier and bombarded him with a multitude of questions. At first he was reluctant to speak, until Mr. Beaud, Quebec agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, came to the vessel, papermen's rescue and told the captain he was at liberty to tell his story to the scribes. Captain Bernier needed no second bidding; nevertheless, it was evident that he was cautious, and kept back something which he determined the Minister of Marine and Fisheries should hear first. It was also evident that Captain Bernier believes in Dr. Cook, though he does not discredit the veracity of Commander Peary. He said he believed that both Dr. Cook and Commander Peary reached the pole, or very near it, but was of the opinion that the member of the New York Arctic Club, Dr. Cook, reached the goal first. He said the pole was 90 degrees north, and according to Dr. Cook's statement, he reached 89.49-56, which made it clear that he was within a couple of miles of the actual pole.

#### WOULD HAVE LIKED DASH.

Capt. Bernier regretted deeply that he was not allowed to go to the pole. His orders were imperative that he was only to proceed to Etah and leave stores there for Dr. Cook, which he carried out, and left the stores in care of Mr. Harry Whitney.

"Yes," he continued, "the Americans have the honor of locating the pole. I wish it had been a Canadian instead, and would have liked to be afforded the opportunity." Captain Bernier found it strange that while Dr. Cook passed and saw Crocker's Land, and other lands north, as also did Peary, he never landed to leave records there. However, there was no doubt in his mind that both Cook and Peary reached the pole or very near it.

#### THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE.

Continuing, Captain Bernier said: "For the first time in sixty years the Northwest passage has been conquered. Third Mate C. W. Green, of the Arctic, in the month of May in the present year, made the passage in a sled, enduring terrible hardships before regaining the vessel which was lying at winter quarters at Winter Bay, the spot where Lieut. Peary wintered in 1819-20.

"The party under Green, who is a Newfoundland, set out on May 1st with five sailors, the pick of the crew, a sled and a single dog team. For three weeks they travelled to the westward in the Etah parallel, taking observations and setting up flags, and finally reached Cape Hays. Then the slender stock of provisions they had carried with them gave out, and a quick return dash was made. Dog after dog was killed to furnish food, and at last, after suffering terrible hardships, the little party reached Winter Bay without a single dog and dragging their sled after them."

#### CAPTAIN BERNIER'S VOYAGE.

Captain Bernier did not get as far north as first reported from Point Amour. After entering the northern sea he proceeded to Etah, and then to the westward. Etah was this most northerly point of call. He pushed through Lancaster Sound, passed Bealy Island and Melville Island, to winter quarters in the Miquelon Straits. The Canadian flag was planted on a large number of islands in the vicinity of Melville, especially to the westward and north, where, as yet, few explorers have penetrated. The chief attention in the past having been paid to the more easterly lands.

#### IN WINTER QUARTERS.

In winter quarters Captain Bernier was two hundred miles west of the regular run of the whalers, from whom he was expected to collect dues, and although any statement of the fact cannot be obtained, still it is understood that this part of his mission to the north did not take up any great amount of his time. He maintained the strictest silence regarding the results of his mission. How many islands he had discovered, he said, was a matter for his report to the Government. A similar answer was given to questions as to the distance west he had penetrated.

#### GAVE SUPPLIES TO WHITNEY.

"The supplies I carried at the instance of Dr. Cook's friends I gave to Mr. Whitney," said Captain Bernier. "It was well that I did not give them into Murphy's care. I was only going for him what Americans have done for Canadians."

Speaking of the hardships of Dr. Cook's winter, he said: "If Cook had known what I knew he would have passed the winter comfortably. Near him were provisions for sixty men for 208 days. I had studied conditions in that region for years, and knew where to look for caches."

One of the most valuable results of Captain Bernier's trip is his discovery of Peary's records in the vicinity of Winter Bay. That valiant explorer fought his way to the entrance of the Northwest Passage as early as 1819, and during that winter stayed at Winter Bay. "I am certain that they are Peary's records," declared Captain Bernier. "I found them in a cache. I kept twenty years ago that they were there. I will hand them over to the Government."

#### THANKS FROM DR. COOK.

Another interesting document brought back by Captain Bernier was a letter received from Dr. Cook while in polar

seas. It was dated Upernavik, May 23 last, and reads in part as follows: "My Dear Captain Bernier.—I hasten to write to you the first letter after being sealed behind icy barriers for two years. The unexpected arrival of the Arctic makes a suitable climax to our long run of hard adventures. It was the supplies which you so thoughtfully left in charge of Mr. Whitney which enabled me to come to Upernavik. All my other property has been taken by Peary under the guise of a relief station for Dr. Cook. Mr. Murphy, the man in charge of the station, however, was instructed not to engage in any relief efforts nor to allow the Eskimos to cross until March of the following year—1909—when, of course, all relief efforts would be useless.

"My large store of supplies and my station were, therefore, used for barter with natives to satisfy Peary's commercial greed. The splendid assistance which you have given me and the liberality of your Government in sending the ship is a happy contrast to the hindrance and injustice of one of my own countrymen. I, therefore, extend to you and your people such a gratitude as one must offer for help in the dire hour of need. Fortunately we were able to win out our problem without relief efforts except such as you offered."

## TIMES PATTERNS.



BOY'S BLOUSE.

No. 8555.—The illustration shows a blouse for the growing boy, cut on easy comfortable lines, and adapted to the washable suitings, such as linen and percale. The sleeves are made in the regulation way and the neck is finished by the popular turn-down collar attached to a band. The pattern is cut in 4 sizes, 6 to 12 years. The 8-year size requires 2 yards of 36-inch material.

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## TO FORM KINGDOM.

### 31 Hungarians Convicted on a Treason Charge.

Vienna, Oct. 5.—The trial of 53 persons, charged with treason, which has occupied the court at Agram for seven months, and awakened intense interest, as well as the bitterest racial and partisan feelings, in Austria-Hungary and the surrounding countries, ended to-day in the conviction of 31 and the acquittal of 22. The accused are mostly school teachers and priests, with a few tradesmen. They were charged with conspiring to promote sovereign separatism in Croatia, Slavonia, Dalmatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the view of severing those provinces from Hungary and uniting them with Serbia and Montenegro into a great Serb kingdom under King Peter.

Some of the so-called evidence given by witnesses, including persons who were more than suspected of being paid informers, was absurdly trivial, and the conduct of the trial was severely criticized. Two of the alleged leaders of the alleged leaders of the conspiracy, Adam Prbicevic and Valerian Prbicevic, whose death the public prosecutor demanded, escaped that doom owing to a lack of unanimity among the judges. They were sentenced to 12 years' rigorous imprisonment. The others convicted received sentences ranging from seven to four years' rigorous imprisonment. All gave notice of appeal, as did also the public prosecutor.

## MODERN LOCHINVAR

### Boston Youth Stole His Sweetheart From Her Home.

Boston, Oct. 5.—Chloroforming his sweetest, another, Mrs. Florence V. Higgins, while she was asleep, lifting the sixteen-year-old girl bodily from the same bed and carrying her off, and taking from the house \$230 in cash, are the charges which the police are making against John H. Burnham, 22 years old. Neither Burnham nor the young woman has yet been located. He had known her for some time, but had been forbidden by her parents to visit their home in the Jamaica Plain district.

### Whiskey Haul at Cobalt.

Cobalt, Ont., Oct. 5.—A wagon load of whiskey, estimated to be worth \$350, was seized by the Provincial police here at the house of a man named Matheson, living in French Town. Matheson has two teams, and it is believed he has been acting as wholesale agent for the "blind pigs" in town.

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# THIRTY MEN DIE IN MINE.

### A Disaster at Extension Mine on Vancouver Island.

### Explosion Caused by Miners Striking Pocket of Gas.

### Eight Bodies Had Been Recovered From Mine Last Evening.

**BODIES TAKEN OUT.**  
T. THOMAS.  
J. MOLINEAUX.  
ANDREW MOFFATT.  
A. MONTAGUE.  
THOMAS O'CONNELL.  
W. DAVIDSON.  
E. DUNN.  
ONE UNIDENTIFIED.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 5.—An explosion this morning at No. 2 mine, Extension, one of the coal mines of the Wellington Colliery Company wiped out the lives of thirty men employed on the shift at that time. The explosion took place about 9 in the morning, and all day the rescuers attempted to reach the imprisoned men. The mine, however, was filled with fatal after-damp, and although there was no fire, this prevented the rescuers from reaching the victims. At 3 this afternoon five bodies were brought out: Thomas O'Connell, Robert White, James Molineaux, D. Irving, and a man named McGuire. There are believed to be still twenty-five in the mine. There is practically no hope of any of these being alive.

Only meagre accounts are still to hand, as the Extension is ten miles inland from Ladysmith, where the miners live, and to which they come out by miners' train daily. The cause is reported to have been the striking of a pocket of gas while moving coal. This particular locality is free of gas and worked with ordinary pit lights, so that when the gas was released the explosion occurred. Following this the dreaded after-damp of miners followed, completely shutting off that section of the mine. Those nearer the main entrance escaped, but twenty men in the inner workings of the slope were cut off from all escape. As far as can be learned there is no cutlet from the upper end of the slope to any of the other workings, and the miners must remain imprisoned until relief comes from the outside. A strong force is at work doing all that can be done to release the imprisoned men. The relief party report the after-damp as being exceedingly heavy. The mines are owned by Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir. It is hoped that all the bodies will be recovered before morning.

A miner quitting work brought the news to Nanaimo. He had reached the main tunnel when the explosion occurred in the place he had left. The shock was terrific, the stoppings being blown out and the doors unhinged. The effects were confined to the slope where the explosion occurred.

#### INDICATIONS OF A FIRE.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 5.—The latest reports say thirty miners are unaccounted for. There are indications that a fire is in progress. O'Connell, whose body was recovered, was a well-known footballer. The company's officials are in the mine fighting to reach the entombed men. Jim Shaw, brother of the mine boss, was badly spent in the work of rescue.

One man, talking with a press representative, said he was employed in No. 4 block when the explosion occurred. He threw himself on the floor. The concussion lasted a long time. When they had passed he made for the slope. He reached Nos. 2 and 3, and found them full of smoke and dreadfully hot. He struggled on and got through.

Another man with some others was out on the level leading strings on a car when the explosion occurred. Their lights were blown out. Dust and debris fell all round. The rush of wind nearly carried them off their feet. Along with others, he made for the counter level. But before they got up an outside shaft, but they tried to get out. They were in front about 100 feet. "Get back; you can't come any farther." The five, Alex. McLennan, Robt. White, Fred Ingham, John I. Master and William Steel, he never saw again. The air was so hot it burned his throat to breathe. He turned and made his way back to the lower level. He stayed there until rescued.

#### TWENTY-FIVE RESCUED.

Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 5.—The explosion occurred at 9 a.m. at the Extension mine. Of fifty men known to be in the mine, twenty-five have been rescued, but all are injured. If the flames die now, it may be possible to reach the entombed men, who are believed to number twenty-four, late tonight, but at present there are no indications of the fire being extinguished. Foreman Alexander Shaw, brother of the inland Revenue agent here, previously reported missing, is now on the surface, directing rescue operations. It appears that the explosion was caused by fire damp, the timbers in two levels catching fire at once. The wives and relatives of the miners are naturally in a state of hysterical grief, but none of the residents of Nanaimo are permitted to go to Extension, only the rescuing miners and officials being at the scene.

The miner who reached Ladysmith at noon said he was leaving the mine with his father, when a terrific explosion occurred, unbinding the doors and blowing out the stoppings.

Later advice says the mine is clear of gas, and the bodies are being brought out. The effects of the explosion were confined to the slope where it occurred, and the men in the other slopes and levels escaped.

#### THIRTY MEN KILLED.

7.30 p. m.—Thirty men are now known to be dead as the result of the explosion of No. 2 mine, at Extension, this morning. Up to 7 o'clock this evening eight bodies have been recovered, namely: T. Thomas, J. Molineaux, Andrew Moffatt, A. Montague, Thomas O'Connell, W. Davidson, E. Dunn and one unidentified.

The work of rescue still continues, but it is not expected that any more bodies will be recovered before morning, as the portion of the mine where the explosion occurred is badly wrecked, the brattice being torn down and the rescuers are very badly hampered by gas. The majority of the men killed are old residents of the district and well-known.

Lieut.-Governor James Dunsmuir, head of the company of the Extension

mine, said this afternoon: "I know nothing of the details of the explosion. I regret to learn of this catastrophe. I shall go to the mine tomorrow. Until then I can make no statement whatsoever."

## THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.

### EXPORT BUREAU.

The Department of Trade and Commerce desires to announce its intention of compiling an index of Canadian manufacturers, exporters and producers generally, who desire to extend their trade abroad, for this purpose the attached form should be executed and forwarded in the enclosed envelope to the Department without delay.

It would assist the Department materially if the details under "Articles Manufactured or Produced" be entered in alphabetical order.

The list compiled by the Department will be given the preference at all times when the names of such Canadian firms are required by intending purchasers abroad.

As the information is received at the Department it will be forwarded to all the various parts of the world, and be systematically indexed and be readily available in their respective offices.

F. C. T. O'HARA,  
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## NIGHT'S GAMBLING.

### Young Pittsburg Man Lost Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Pittsburg, Oct. 5.—Through the loss on last Friday night of \$60,000 by one of the younger members of the Pittsburg club in the gambling den on lower Penn avenue here by the gambling syndicate, Pittsburg will probably have another political shake-up even greater than that caused by the councilman graft investigation.

Four members of the Pittsburg Club went to the gambling hall to "buck the tiger." Before they left one of the young men had dropped \$18,000 in cash and cheques and had left \$42,000 in I. O. U. Reports of the game reached A. Leo Weil, head of the Voters' League, who immediately started an investigation and ascertained that one man controls the gambling privileges of Pittsburg, another sells all the beer in the "red light" district, the third has the clothing privileges there, while the fourth controls the diamond business. The hunt is on for "the man higher up."

## MONTREAL STATION.

### Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Approves the Plans.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy approved to-day of the plans of the C. P. R. Windsor Station extension, which will come up for executive consideration at the annual meeting to-morrow, and which, it is understood, will cost something like \$1,500,000.

The new structure, which will give some hundreds of additional rooms so far as office accommodation is concerned, will unquestionably be a great architectural ornament to the city. With the fall in the elevation in St. Antoine street the main building will rise to seven storeys at that end, and the lower tower, about a hundred feet from the St. Antoine street end, will be at the height of twelve storeys from the street level, all devoted to additional office accommodation.

One of the most important features of the enlarged structure will be the magnificent waiting-room and concourse, which will follow the general lines of the South Shore Station at Boston, generally conceded to be the finest passenger terminal in the United States.

## 351 SO FAR JAILED.

### Compulsory Feeding of Suffragettes Described as "Horrible."

London, Oct. 5.—Laura Ainsworth, one of the Suffragettes who were fed forcibly in the Birmingham jail, was released to-day. She is the first of those imprisoned to get her freedom. She describes the compulsory feeding as "horrible," saying that it causes nausea and headache. On the first occasion, she says, she was held down in a chair by female wardens while milk from a feeding cup was poured down her throat.

At another time five female wardens held her down while a physician prodded her mouth open and inserted the end of a tube two feet long. Through this tube extract of meat was administered.

A parliamentary paper just issued says that 351 militant Suffragettes have been committed since the beginning of the movement. Of these 197 were committed for assaulting the police or breaking windows.

## CASTORIA.

### REFUSED TO HAUL DOWN FLAG.

Mr. McGrath Was Therefore Lodged in the Military Barracks.

London, Aug. 5.—In honor of the visit of Capt. Edward O'Meara Condon to Connel to-day a saloonkeeper of the name of McGrath hung out a large American flag from his place. The police ordered three times that the flag be removed. McGrath refused, and the police removed the flag and informed McGrath that it would be prosecuted and confined in the military barracks in view of to-night's demonstration and reception in honor of Condon.

## GOOD SHORT STORIES.

### George stopped rowing, ostensibly to rest.

"Gladys," he said, with an elaborate affectation of nonchalance to the young woman sitting in the stern of the boat, "there's a friend of mine that's lead over heels—head over ear, I mean—love with a beautiful girl, and as good as she is beautiful. He has known her ever so many years, and he has been going to see her a long time, but he's too big a coward—that's what he says—to ask her, you know, if—"

Here his voice trembled a little, and he paused to wipe his perspiring brow.

"Beautiful girl, is she?" queried the young woman, idly dipping her fingers into the water at the side of the boat.

"Loveliest in the world—that's what he says, I mean."

"What's her name?"

"He'd—he'd rather not have her name mentioned."

"Friend of yours, your say? Who is he?"

"Oh, I don't want to tell you who he is. He might not like it."

"Very much in love with her, is he?"

"Clean gone. He says it makes him fairly ache."

"And he's afraid to tell her so?"

"Yes. He—he says he can't guess from the way she treats him whether she'll like him or not. He's a coward—that's what he is."

"What are you telling me about him for?"

"Well, he he asked me what I thought he'd better do, and I couldn't advise him. I suppose I—I'd be just as big a coward as he is. That's why I'm asking you. Wh-wh do you think he ought to do? Tell her and run the risk?"

"I am sure I don't know."

George gasped swallowed and changed the subject.

"Isn't this water clear?" he said.

"You can see the sand and the stones at the bottom. How deep it is and yet how transparent!"

"Yes," she said. "So like you, George?"

"Dear girl," he whispered fifteen minutes later, as he stroked her hair caressingly, "how did you know I was telling you my own story?"

"Oh, you goose!"—New York Times.

## WISE WILLIAM.

When Justice Buffum opened court in a small town in southern Georgia, one morning last week, he called loudly, "Jones against Johnson!"

A dignified gentleman came to bar and said: "I am Doctor Jones, your Honor, the complaining witness. My chickens were stolen and found in the possession of one—"

"One moment, doctor," the Judge interrupted. "We must have the defendant at the bar. Jones against Johnson! Jones against Johnson! Is William Johnson in court?"

A tall and shambling negro shuffled to the bar, ducked his head, pulled his woolly forelock in token of respect, and grinned a propitiatory grin.

"Ah's Willyum Johns'n, please sub, Judge," he said. "Ah doan' know nuffin' 'bout no 'fendant, sub. Ah'm jes' de man wot took de chickens."

"Don't talk like that," the court warned William. "You ought to have a lawyer to speak for you. Where's your lawyer?"

"Ah ain't got no lawyer, Judge—"

"Very well, then," said His Honor. "I'll assign a lawyer to defend you."

"Oh, no, sub; no, sub! Pie-e-ase don' do dat!" William begged.

"Wot' you not?" asked the Judge. "It wot' cost you anything. Why don't you want a lawyer?"

"Well, ah'll tell yo' sub," said William, waving his tattered old hat confidently. "Hit's jes' dis-a-way—ah wot' tuh enjoy dem chickens' mase!"—Harper's Weekly.

## CLAIM EARTH IS FLAT.

Not Troubled by Pole Controversy, Because There is No Pole.

London, Oct. 5.—There is at least one body of people in Great Britain who are troubled by no doubts on the Cook-Peary controversy. The Zetic Society knows that neither explorer has reached the North Pole, for the best of all reasons, that there is no such thing as the North Pole.

The Zetic Society knows that the earth is flat, and so the talk of North Pole and South Pole is vain babbling. Lady Blount, the president of the Zeticists, has been lecturing at Bournemouth and explained this fully to her hearers. She ridiculed the contentions of both Cook and Peary, remarking:

Alas! for a phantom goal and the globeites' fancies rare!  
Alas! for earth's axial pole. Alas!  
for it isn't there!

The only poles of which Lady Blount admits the existence were "poles of the heavens and poles of the earth," but these were magnetic poles and not the poles of "a so-called sphere of land and water." She described experiments she had made which proved in a practical manner the flat earth theory of the Zeticists.

A sceptic in the audience asked the Zeticist president to explain the well-known phenomenon of the ship at sea whose topmasts come first in sight. Lady

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## LIVED ON RAW BLUBBER.

Hardships of Seven Members of a Norwegian Polar Expedition.

Copenhagen, Oct. 5.—A despatch from Tromsø says seven members of a Norwegian expedition who spent last winter at King Charles Land, but had been presumed to be dead, have arrived at Tromsø on a coal steamer from Spitzbergen. The men suffered tremendous hardships. They crossed on the ice from King Charles Land to Spitzbergen with extreme difficulty, living almost entirely on raw blubber.