

Captain Robert Scott Plants Union Jack at the South Pole

CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN MAKES THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRITISH EXPLORER CONQUERED ANTARCTIC

Britisher Wins the Great Race With the Norwegians for the Last Honors of the South Polar Seas.

JAPS, GERMANS, AUSTRALIANS ALSO STRIVING FOR THE PRIZE

Englishman With Ponies and Motor Sledges Defeats Norwegian, Who Depended On Dogs and Skis In Dash to the Ultimate South.

Wellington, N. Z., March 7.—Captain R. Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, states that Captain Scott, the British explorer, reached the South Pole.

London, March 7.—The first message with the definite statement from Amundsen that Scott had reached the South Pole, was received from Wellington, New Zealand, by the Daily Express.

London, March 7.—Mrs. Scott, the wife of the British explorer, has not received any direct news of her husband's reported success. She says this morning that she is unable to imagine how Captain Amundsen can know, declaring: "I hope the news is true, but at present I do not dare to believe it."

Lieutenant Evans, the London secretary of the Scott expedition, authorizes the statement that no news whatever of Captain Scott's success had reached the local headquarters beyond the newspaper dispatches.

PEARY PLEASED.

Washington, D. C., March 7.—Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, and discoverer of the North Pole, who has followed with considerable interest the movements of the several expeditions now in the Antarctic, today said he was very glad to hear that Captain Scott of the British expedition, was the first man to succeed in reaching the South Pole. Admiral Peary said he might say more when he heard the details of Captain Scott's successful exploit.

The keenest interest has been excited by the strivings of ex-

Captain Scott a Polar Hero

Capt. Robert F. Scott is an officer of the British navy, the son of a famous English naval family. He commanded the "Discovery" expedition in the Antarctic regions, 1902-1904, planting the British flag at 82 degrees 17 minutes south. Ernest Shackleton, who in 1908-09 reached the "farthest south"—111 miles from the pole, was a member of Scott's first expedition. Scott's latest polar expedition has cost over \$200,000 subscribed by British people and Government. He sailed from London on the Terra Nova June 1, 1910, stopping at New Zealand on his way to Ross Sea in the Antarctic regions. The Terra Nova is the largest and strongest of the old Scottish whalers. She was built at Dundee in 1884; 137 feet long and 32 ft beam. Since 1903 the Terra Nova has been engaged in polar trips, having been in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, March 7.—An argument over a girl between two Italians, Francesco Medati and Dave Gounatti, has resulted in the former being found guilty by an assize jury here of attempted murder. Medati bought a revolver with this intention of killing his rival, but his aim was poor, none of the six shots fired at Gounatti striking him.

Facts About the South Pole

This picture shows an explorer photographing aurora light.



They also maintain that the Pole is never at the same place for two consecutive years, that the earth wobbles around considerable each twelve months.

The South Pole is situated on an Antarctic continent larger than the United States and with an area of 5,000,000 miles. The Pole is on a tableland about 30,000 feet above sea level.

The great ice barrier is a glacier 700 miles wide and hundreds of miles broad in places; it varies from 100 to 300 feet in height.

The breaking off of portions of this ice barrier each summer produces the greatest crop of icebergs in the world.

Mount Erebus belches steam and lava within the circle of eternal ice.

It is probable that the South Pole itself is buried under ice 5,000 feet thick.

Vegetation in the Antarctic continent consists entirely of moss; the land animal life is limited to a species of wingless insect very primitive in form.

The only human beings in the Antarctic continent are explorers; no traces of native inhabitants have ever been discovered.

Penguins, great, awkward birds, exist along the coast in some parts.

There is little snow on the lower plateau, necessitating carrying tents; the surface is smooth ice.

Deep crevices in the Beardmore glacier render travel up it perilous.

Scientists claim that centuries ago the South Pole was a tropical region filled with plant and animal life.

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LONDON PAPERS ASK KING TO MEDIATE IN BIG STRIKE

Growing Paralysis of Railways, Increasing Prices of Food and Thousands Thrown Out of Employment Causes Dailies to Appeal to Monarch to Bring Coal Struggle to an End.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 7.—The morning papers print an appeal to King George to bring the coal strike to an end. The London Express says: "Only one

man, it is now evident, can bring immediate peace in the coal war, and rescue the state from its troubles, and that man is the King. Ministers have failed, Parliament is impotent, and the customary channels of industrial arbitration are blocked. But the King can save the situation.

"It may be objected that as the King is a constitutional monarch, he must act through his constitutional advisers, but that is not a valid objection in this great national crisis. The King is the father of his people, and as such he may without a breach of the constitution, through his advisers, offer himself as mediator.

"Such a course would have the enthusiastic approval of the whole nation. Will the King's advisers stand in the way?"

This appeal is issued as a result of more futile conferences between cabinet ministers, the miners, and the owners, the growing paralysis of the railways, the increase of the price of food and many more thousands of men thrown out of employment, marking another day of drift.

Both owners and men predicted last night that the strike would continue a fortnight or longer.

Telegrams from all parts show great havoc is being wrought in every industry, and among all classes. Millions of dollars are being lost every day.

Festivities Off.

Society is beginning to feel the depression. Many hostesses are considering the postponement of festivities until brighter times, and it is even rumored that the courts will be postponed, but this is unlikely unless the strike takes a much more alarming aspect.

The strike will certainly affect the race meetings, and it is considered probable that the Grand National week will fall through unless conditions improve, the railway companies in many cases refusing to transport horses.

The Government is becoming concerned regarding illuminants, and is inquiring of gas and electric light companies what amount of gas and coal per pound they have stored. So far as London is concerned, there is no immediate danger of the city being plunged into darkness. Hundreds of towns, however, are reducing the hours of lighting.

Reports printed here to the effect that the Admiralty is turning to the United States for coal supplies are discredited in well-informed quarters. From an authoritative source it is learned that ever since the possibilities of a strike came under discussion the Admiralty has been laying in huge supplies, and now possesses at its naval depots stock sufficient to last for three months, even in the event of war.

Prayers Ordered.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has addressed a letter to all the bishops of England and Wales, recommending that next Sunday the prayers of all congregations shall be specially invited for a blessing on the efforts of those who are endeavoring to bring the strike to an end.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—LIGHT SNOW.

Forecasts.

London, March 7.—8 a.m.

Today—Easterly winds; fair.

Friday—Cloudy, with light snowfalls.

Temperature.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

London.....29.5.....42.....Cloudy

Victoria.....29.....42.....Cloudy

Calgary.....22.....—2.....Clear

Winnipeg.....24.....2.....Clear

Port Arthur.....22.....8.....Cloudy

Toronto.....26.....18.....Clear

Ottawa.....16.....12.....Cloudy

Montreal.....16.....4.....Cloudy

Quebec.....16.....0.....Cloudy

Father Point.....24.....0.....Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

An area of low barometer now off the middle Atlantic coast is likely to cause much and strong winds in the Maritime Provinces, while the high area over the Western Provinces will spread eastward, accompanied by unseasonably low temperatures.

Today's Pros.

Western Ontario—Moderate winds, fair, much the same temperature.

Maritime Provinces—Increasing easterly winds; cloudy, with some falls of snow.

A REQUEST OF \$75,000 FOR NEW ST. JAMES' CHURCH FROM LATE THOMAS KENT

Estate of About \$100,000 Goes to Churches and Charity, and St. James' Money Will Be Used to Further Missions.

Y. M. C. A., WEST. ONT. BIBLE SOCIETY ORPHANS' HOME AND OTHERS INCLUDED

Late Financier's Last Will and Testament Shows Him to Have Thoughtfully Gone Over the Deserving Organizations of the City.



THE LATE THOS. KENT.

The will of Mr. Thomas Kent, who died a few days ago, and which has now been made public, although not yet entered in the surrogate court for probate, has created somewhat of a sensation, the greater portion of the \$100,000 estate being bequeathed to churches and charities, especially New St. James' Presbyterian Church, the moderator and session of which are made the residuary legatees to the extent of approximately \$75,000.

This money is to be held in trust by the moderator and session, and is to be devoted to domestic and foreign mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In London Loan Company.

Mr. Kent was one of the founders of the London Loan Company, and was for many years president and director of that institution. A great deal of stock was, therefore, held by him, and shares are distributed among many institutions.

There is a possibility of difficulty in carrying out one clause of the will which is to the effect that ten shares of London Loan stock, which is worth \$50 a share, be bequeathed to "the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union." There is no organization bearing such name so far as the executors are officially aware, but two

other local organizations may lay claim. They are the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Young Women's Christian Association.

The Bequests.

Among the bequests made by the deceased are the following:

To the Western Ontario Bible Society ten shares of London Loan stock.

Women's Christian Association and the Woman's Refuge and Children's Home, 15 shares.

Young Men's Christian Association, 10 shares.

Protestant Orphans' Home, 10 shares.

Convalescent Home, \$200.

Victoria Home for Incubables, 10 shares.

Children's Aid Society, 10 shares.

Victoria Hospital, London, 20 shares.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 20 shares, to be devoted to home and foreign mission work.

First Methodist Church, 20 shares, for the same purpose.

St. James' Presbyterian Church, \$1,000, to be applied to the church debt, and to Tabor Street Baptist Church for foreign missions, 10 shares.

Mr. Kent's residence, "Fribrae," on Central avenue, is to be sold, and the proceeds given to the British and Foreign Bible Society of London, Eng.

Relatives Remembered.

In all Mr. Kent was possessed of about 655 shares of London Loan stock, and these, together with various sums of money, are to be divided among certain relatives. The executors refused to permit publication of these items, on the ground that they are not of public interest.

The residue of the estate is then to go to the moderator and session of New St. James' Church, as stated.

While the matter has not yet been definitely prepared for probate, various semi-official approximations place the sum at \$95,000 to \$90,000. Seventy-five thousand dollars is believed to be the correct amount.

STILL IN THE DARK

Helena Costume Company Are Figuring Out the Franchise Offered Them by the City.

The Helena Costume Company have not decided whether or not they will accept the proposition offered them by the city council on Monday night for an extension of their heating franchise. It will take some time before a decision can be arrived at.

"I have looked at the proposition from every standpoint," Mr. C. D. Burdick, manager of the company, stated to The Advertiser, "and I cannot make out just where we stand. I will allow it to sleep for a couple of days more before making an announcement. Much will depend, I fancy, on what City Solicitor Meredith says the motion means."

THE UNREPENTANT FAIR ONES RETURN TO THE ATTACK

The Suffragettes Resume Their Window-Smashing Campaign.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 7.—The suffragettes resumed their window-smashing operations early today. A number of them assembled in the neighborhood of the large

drygoods establishments in the west end soon after dawn, and as soon as the shutters were taken down they attacked the plate glass with hammers which they carried concealed beneath their clothes. The women selected the largest windows in all London for their demonstration.

Passers-by who witnessed the demonstration did not allow the suffragettes to escape, but detained them until the police arrived on the scene. Six of them were arrested.

COUNCIL MAY CINCH SURPLUS BY CUTTING COST OF LIGHTING

Commissioners From Waterworks Will Have a Surplus of \$80,000.

At the meeting of the water commissioners this afternoon the estimates for the year will be considered. It is expected.

Last year the waterworks handed over a surplus of \$77,985 to the city, which after the sinking fund, interest, etc., on the debentures were deducted left the council a net revenue of \$25,184.

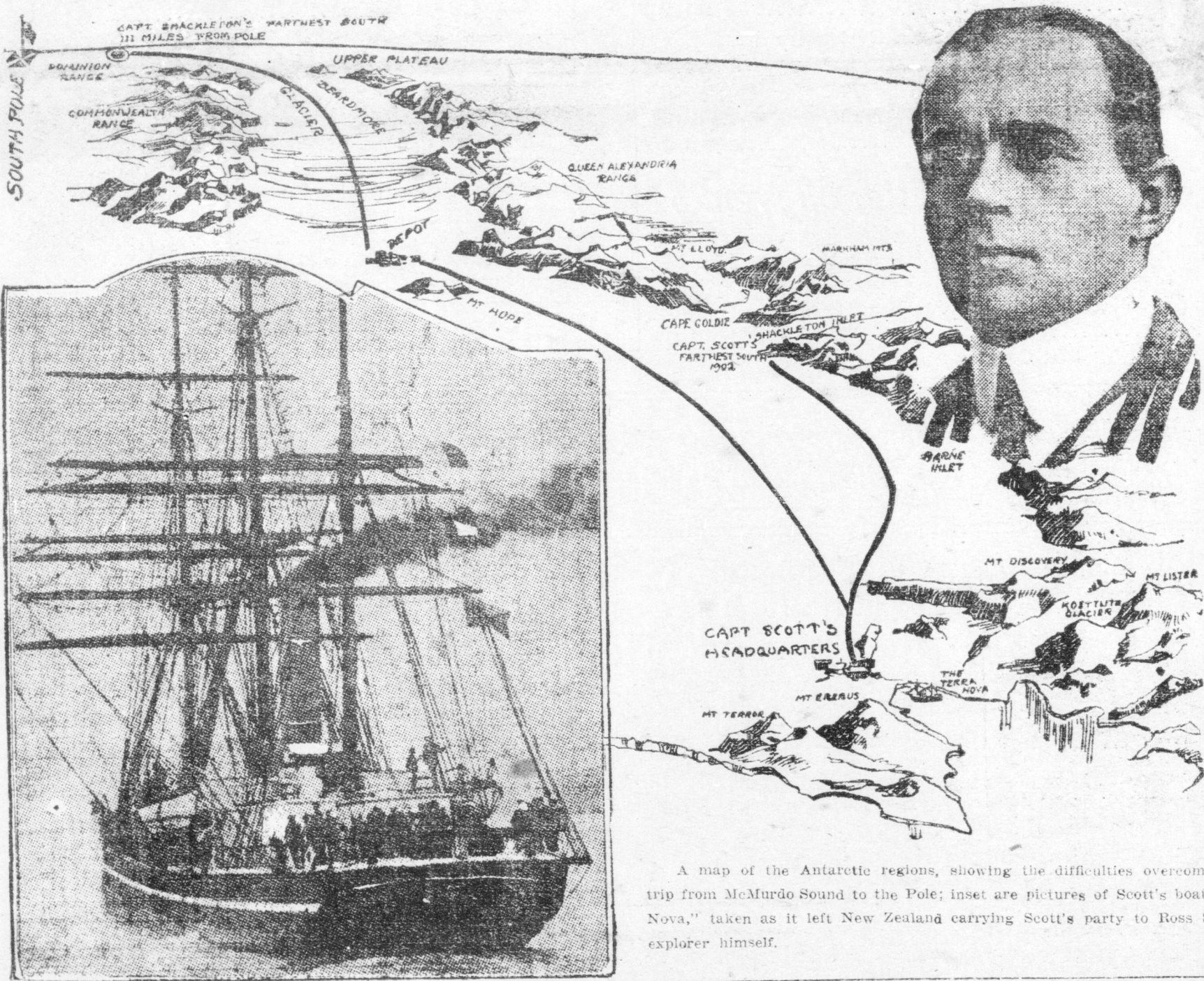
It is understood that the surplus estimated for 1912 will be \$80,000, leaving a net surplus of \$27,500 after all debenture debt has been provided for.

There will be no surplus from the electrical department. In 1911 the city received \$6,000 from this source, but the Beck bill presented to the Legislature some time ago, provides that any surplus in the electrical department must be expended where the hydro-electric commission see fit.

The members of this body have placed themselves on record against returning any money to the city, and in consequence the council of 1912 will receive no financial assistance from that source. Of course the city council may still get at the surplus by cutting the bill for street lighting paid the commission.

Of course the interest and sinking fund on all debentures will have to be provided, but nothing more.

CAPT. SCOTT, HIS BOAT AND SOUTH POLAR REGIONS



A map of the Antarctic regions, showing the difficulties overcome by Scott's trip from McMurdo Sound to the Pole; inset are pictures of Scott's boat, the "Terra Nova," taken as it left New Zealand carrying Scott's party to Ross Sea, and the explorer himself.

plorers of five different nationalities to attain the South Pole. Captain Amundsen's arrival at Hobart, following quietly on the rumor that Captain Scott had been successful, has increased the suspense, as no details as to whether the expeditions have been successful or not have hitherto been obtainable.

Captain Amundsen and Captain Scott are close personal friends. They met just before they started the race for the pole, and when they parted, each to pursue his own plans, they wished each other success.

ADVANTAGE WITH AMUNDSEN.

Captain Amundsen, whose expedition was a smaller one than that of Captain Scott, had a slight advantage over Captain Scott, owing to his base of operations being about 80 miles nearer to the goal than that of his opponent. Their equipment varied in many respects, Captain Amundsen relying on dog transport and his men being equipped with skis, on which they expected to make great speed over the glacier ice, while Captain Scott took with him dogs, ponies and motor sledges.

Both explorers have had great experience of polar exploration, Captain Amundsen being the discoverer of the Northwest Passage, and Captain Scott having participated in a former expedition towards the South Pole. Captain Amundsen's party consists of but sixteen men, while that of Captain Scott numbers sixty.

STARTED IN NOVEMBER.

The cable dispatches from New Zealand announcing that Captain Scott had found the South Pole, comes as a startling climax to the race which five (Continued on Page Four.)

PARLOR DANCES CONDEMNED BY REV. H. T. CROSSLEY

Things Are Permitted at Such Affairs Which Would Be Denounced Elsewhere.

Rev. H. T. Crossley arraigned the parlor dancers in vigorous style in his sermon at Wellington Street Methodist Church Wednesday evening, declaring in effect that it is to take Christ into the dance halls.

"What shall I do, then, with Jesus, which is called Christ?" was his text, taken from Matthew xxvii, 22.

Rev. Mr. Crossley dealt chiefly with the impropriety of dancing, and cited facts to prove his assertions. If a gentleman were to stand about in a room with his arm about a young lady, it would be considered very improper, or if he were to assume such an attitude in walking about with her, the propriety would be questioned, but despite this, such conduct is not frowned upon in some quarters when the couple are on the floor dancing.

The particular harm in dancing rests in the fact, he said, that men would

not attend such gatherings if ladies were absent, and the ladies would not take such pleasure if the affairs were confined to their own sex.

STRATFORD MACHINIST ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Clothing Caught by Drill While at Work in G. T. R. Shops.

[Canada Press.]

Stratford, March 7.—Michael Schellenberger was instantly killed at the G. T. R. shops yesterday afternoon. While drilling a sheet of iron, his clothing became entangled with the drill.

He had worked on similar drills for 20 years, and was one of the oldest employees of the shops. He leaves a widow and family.