

THE WEATHER.

Local rains Wednesday, Thursday fair and colder; moderate south and southwest winds.

THE MORNING STAR

WILMINGTON, N. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 9, 1910.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS.

Mr. Dooley says it occasionally smashes in the door—take a look over the Business Local columns of today's paper.

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RALEIGH MOURNS JUDGE SHEPHERD

Remains of Lamented Jurist Laid to Rest Yesterday Afternoon.

TRIBUTE BY SUPREME COURT New Enterprises Incorporated—Rev. Alvin Betts' Death—Work of Farmers' Institutes—Other Raleigh News of Day.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—The funeral of the lamented James E. Shepherd, former chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, held this afternoon from the Church of the Good Shepherd, was attended by a great throng of people sorrowfully paying a last tribute of respect to an honored and most useful citizen.

The remains arrived last midnight from Baltimore and were carried to the Shepherd residence, on North Wilmington street, where hundreds of citizens called during the forenoon to manifest their sympathy for the grief-stricken widow and other members of the family. Innumerable floral tributes, mutes and very beautiful testimonials to the love and sympathy of hosts of friends, were in evidence at the home, during the funeral service at the church and at the grave in Oakwood cemetery. Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire and Dr. I. McK. Pittinger, the rector, conducted the service. The following were the honorary pall-bearers:

Chief Justice Walter Clark and Associate Justices W. A. Hoke, Platt D. Walker, James S. Manning, of the Supreme Court; Attorney General T. W. Bickett, Hon. Franklin McNeill, Corporation Commissioner; Hon. R. H. Battle, Col. Thomas S. Kenan, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Dr. Hubert Haywood, Col. Chas. E. Johnson, Col. Jno. W. Hindsdale, Col. A. B. Andrews, Judge W. A. Montgomery, Armistead Jones, R. T. Gray, C. B. Aycock, J. J. Thomas, Ed. Chambers, Smith, F. H. Briggs, Thomas Ruffin, Dr. R. P. Battle, J. W. Bailey.

The active pall-bearers were: B. S. Jernan, H. C. Brown, R. D. W. Connor, G. L. Jones, H. H. Carr, Ewert Strong, Victor Boyden and Julian Timberlake.

Official announcement of the death of Judge Shepherd was made to the Supreme Court this morning immediately after the court convened for the day, the announcement being by Attorney General Bickett in most fitting words. Chief Justice Clark, speaking for the court, expressed the sorrow of the court at the passing of this distinguished jurist and announced that the court would sit until 2 o'clock to hear appeals, first district cases being up and that there would be no conference of the court this afternoon out of respect for the former chief justice and in order that the members of the court could attend the funeral.

New drug corporations having the same stockholders were chartered today, one being the Roanoke Pharmacy Co., Roanoke Rapids, capital \$10,000 by S. B. Pearce and others and the other the Rosemary Drug Co., Halifax county, capital \$10,000.

Other charters are to The Burgaw Grocery Co., Burgaw, Pender county, capital \$10,000 by A. B. Croom and others, and the Manhattan Tea and Timber Co., Cherryville, Gaston county, capital \$125,000 by W. H. Felder and others.

Rev. Alvin Betts, a widely known retired Baptist minister, died here Sunday and the funeral was conducted yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from the Tabernacle Baptist church. He was born in Harnett county in 1838 and was for many years an active and efficient minister in the Raleigh Baptist Association. He is survived by four children, Mrs. H. J. Dowell, Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Rev. S. J. Betts, and W. F. Betts, also two brothers, Rev. A. D. Betts, Greensboro, and Archie Betts, Harnett county.

The winter series of farmers' institutes held through the counties in the eastern section of the State, has just closed and the institute workers are back in their offices. T. B. Parker, director of the institutes, says that there was a gratifying increase in attendance and in the degree of interest manifested. Nearly half the counties in the State were visited. The central and then the western counties will be visited for institute purposes later in the Spring and Summer.

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSIONS.

Delegates to Panama Canal Celebration—Hospital Trustee Named. (Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 8.—Governor Kitchin commissioned seven citizens in various sections of the State to represent North Carolina at the Panama Canal Celebration, Tampa, Fla., Feb. 12th to 26th. Among them are: J. E. Robinson, Goldsboro; H. L. Stevens, Warsaw; D. L. Gore, Wilmington; A. J. Barbour, Clayton; J. F. Alston, Pittsboro; S. B. Hassell, Williamson; J. H. McMullen, Eden; H. M. Rowe, Wilson; H. G. Hunter, Carthage.

To succeed B. W. Edwards, of Snow Hill, resigned as trustee of the East Hospital for the colored insane at Goldsboro, Governor Kitchin commissioned J. G. Anderson, of Snow Hill.

STIR IN NEW YORK SENATE

Banker Charges Its Majority Leader With Accepting Money For Influencing Legislation—Senator Platt Mentioned.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The man "who handled the money" was brought before the State Senate today by Senator Ben Conger to confirm Conger's charges that Jotham P. Aids, its majority leader, accepted \$1,000 for influencing legislation. He proved to be Hiram G. Moe, veteran ex-bank cashier of Groton, where Conger lives, and he declared positively that on April 23rd, 1901, he had handed Senator Aids an envelope containing \$1,000 at the capitol.

The purpose for which the alleged transfer of money occurred did not appear in the direct testimony today, but Senator Conger filed an affidavit in which he declared that payment was made to Aids upon Aids' demand "in the interests of the American Bridge Company."

The rattle of dead men's bones added a mysterious interest to the hearing this afternoon. For Moe declared that on the same day he paid Aids \$1,000 he gave to another legislator \$4,000 and to another \$1,000. The tense anxiety displayed by both sides to guard the identity of the alleged recipients of these sums was explained when Senator Brackett rose and pleaded with these contestants not to smirch the names of those who could not possibly appear to defend themselves.

The man who Moe sent to Albany with this \$6,000 to distribute to three legislative leaders also is dead. He was Frank Conger, brother of the Senator and at the time these events occurred was vice president of the Bridge company. The only other witness today was William A. Smith, editor of the Owego Times (Tioga county). Owego was the home of former United States Senator Thomas C. Platt. Smith testified that in 1901 the Owego Bridge Company was threatening to move its plant when certain legislation became a law. The witness appealed to Senator Platt and received the following reply:

"According to Aids' statement the bill that passed is not objectionable to the bridge people, provided the bill is held. There is no doubt the other bill will remain in the committee."

There is an impression here tonight that the introduction of Platt into the controversy is welcome by the defense and that it opens a way for Senator Aids to plead that in regard to this highly technical legislation he followed the instructions of the former Republican leader of the Senate.

KING GUSTAVE IMPROVING.

Operation for Appendicitis Was Successful—Passed Quiet Day.

Stockholm, Feb. 8.—The condition of King Gustave, who was operated on for appendicitis last evening, was reported as entirely satisfactory tonight. The following bulletin was issued at 9:30 this evening by the physicians in attendance on King Gustave:

"The King passed a quiet day and slept well. Anodynes have been unnecessary. Pulse 56, temperature 98.3. The wound presents no unfavorable symptoms. His majesty's general health is satisfactory."

The Queen left Karlsruhe this evening for Stockholm.

In discussing the case the surgeons said today that the inflammation around the appendix was in a very advanced state, and that a few hours delay in operating might have proved fatal through the breaking down of the organ. When his majesty was informed that an operation was necessary he consented without the slightest hesitation, and ordered that all his relatives then in the city should be summoned to his side. The King was under the influence of the anæsthetic for a little more than an hour. When he awoke he lay in bed for two days, and today was in excellent spirits.

NEW YORK RACE EVENTS

Schedule To Prevent Clash in Dates Announced Last Night.

New York, Feb. 8.—In the parlance of the track "They're off" for tonight after many postponements, the Jockey Club gave out the dates of running race meetings in the Metropolitan district for the season.

The schedule is one that will appeal strongly to the followers of the horses. Following April 15th and closing November 15th, every track has dates assigned, and the season promises to be the best since the anti-betting crusade began two years ago.

Aqueduct, as in the old days, opens and closes the season Brighton Beach comes in the fold with 14 days in July with no Fall days. Empire City starts earlier this year than usual, commencing July 21 and ending August 3; and therefore there will be no clash in dates between the Yonkers course and Saratoga.

ROBBER HER HUSBAND

Identifies Picture of Man Killed While Robbing Postoffice.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Jerry McAuley, of McKeesport, today was shown a picture of a man killed two weeks ago while robbing the postoffice at Tallahassee, Fla., and identified it as that of her husband who had been missing from this city for a year.

The picture had been forwarded to the McKeesport police. A slip of paper found in the pockets of the dead man bore the name McKeesport and a further clue was given in the continual muttering of "McKeesport" by the dying man.

DEATH MYSTERY IS BEING SOLVED

Inquest Over Body of Late Millionaire at Kansas City Yesterday.

GAVE STRYCHNINE DOSE Sensational Testimony of Nurse—Those Apparently Concerned in Plot to Take the Man's Life.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8.—With the testimony of Miss Pearl Keller as nurse, Dr. Ludwig Hekeion, Mrs. Logan H. Swope and Dr. Frank Hall in the inquest over the body of the late Col. Swope in Independence today came developments of the mystery of the millionaire's death of more consequence apparently than any heretofore produced.

Miss Keller's detailed story of the last moments of Col. Swope's life produced a sensation. Miss Keller testified that immediately following the death of Colonel Thomas Moss Hunt, Dr. B. C. Hyde asked her to use her influence with Col. Swope to have him appointed administrator of the Swope estate. Mr. Hunter had been the administrator.

On the morning of Col. Swope's death, she testified, she gave him a three grain capsule supposed to contain dyspepsia medicine. This, she said, she did at the direction of Dr. Hyde. Twenty minutes later Colonel Swope was in a convulsion. His death soon followed.

Miss Keller also said that five minutes later Dr. Hyde appeared with Attorney John G. Paxton, secured Col. Swope's will from his vest pocket. Dr. Hekeion testified that one-sixth of a grain of strychnine was found in one-seventh part of Col. Swope's liver. He believed there might be a grain in the entire organ. A half grain would cause death. Traces of strychnine were found in the stomach. He said he did not believe the taking of medicine containing strychnine would leave as much as a grain of poison in the liver.

Mrs. Swope testified that Dr. Hyde knew Col. Swope's intention to give \$150,000 to charity and of his plan to change his will to this effect. She also said that Col. Swope had told Dr. Hyde he had planned to give Thomas Swope the largest part of his estate. She denied she entertained any ill feeling against Dr. Hyde.

Dr. Frank Hall said he was also lured certain Col. Swope did not die from cerebral hemorrhages. Miss Keller told in detail of Col. Swope's death, how she gave the capsule and how he passed into convulsions.

"Oh, my God! I wish I had not taken that medicine! I wish that I were dead," he cried, according to Miss Keller.

She also said that Dr. Hyde suggested to her that she ought to charge \$35 instead of \$25 a week for her services.

"Do you know of anything that might have caused Col. Swope's death other than that capsule?" Coroner Zwart asked.

"No," she replied.

NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS.

Pageants of Comus and Rex Brought Event to a Close.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—With the Mardi Gras balls and pageants of Comus and Rex, the carnival season was brought to a close in New Orleans tonight. The identity of Rex as the Merry Monarch, who in mask has reigned over the city for two days, was revealed tonight. He was Hunter C. Leak, general agent of the Illinois Central Railroad. The Queen was Miss Amelia Baldwin.

Three "Jack Johnsons" among the maskers were arrested during the day for disorderly conduct and an impersonator of ex-President Roosevelt was given a free ride in the patrol wagon when he engaged in a fight with "ex-President Zelaya" who escaped.

FIERCE FIGHT IN CHURCH.

Mountaineer Fined \$50 and Given Six Months—Women Panic Stricken.

Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Will Blevins, a stalwart mountaineer, was fined \$50 and sentenced to six months in jail by a magistrate at Damascus, Va., today as the result of a fight which he started in a church near Damascus last Sunday, which resulted in injury to several members of the congregation after the services had been broken up and panic stricken women and children had fled from the edifice. Blevins grew furious and was subdued only after half a dozen men seized him and tied his hands with the church bell cord.

POLICEMEN ON TRIAL

Charge of House Breaking Preferred Against Substitutes in Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—Charges of house breaking preferred against substitute policemen Williams, Hall, Dunn and Phelps, of Portsmouth, by Deputy Sheriff Huxbert, of Norfolk county, were dismissed today following a lengthy investigation by Mayor Reed of Portsmouth. Each of the defendants, however, was fined \$2 and cost for trespass. The mayor directed that substitute policemen cease alleged interference with regulars.

DECIDE ON WATERWAYS BILL

Committee Fixes Appropriation for Fiscal Year at \$40,000,000—Will Cause Fight in House—Much Criticism.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Approximately \$40,000,000 will be carried in the Rivers and Harbors appropriation bill for the next fiscal year. This was conceded after today's prolonged session of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

The committee will meet tomorrow and Thursday, when it is expected the bill, which is distinctly an annual budget, though contemplating ultimate expenditures that are likely to reach \$600,000,000 will be finally adopted by the committee. This means a report to the House probably Friday.

The report is expected to precipitate a vigorous debate, as the feature will be disappointing to some interests as it will be pleasing to others, and it is also likely to draw the fire of some of those insisting upon a minimum of government expenditures.

Criticism for Myers. The fight in the naval committee of the House over the Meyer reorganization plan and the reported intention of Secretary Meyer to discipline Rear Admirals Capps and Rogers for testifying before the committee against his plan, continues to arouse feeling in the vicinity of the committee's rooms.

Rear Admiral Casper F. Goodrich, retired, was a witness before the committee today and while he did not directly attack the Meyer plan, he said he did not believe Secretary Meyer had given the Newberry plan sufficient trial before condemning and replacing it with another. He said the Newberry plan would have saved the Navy Department upwards of a million dollars annually.

A member of the committee commented today upon the proposed disciplining of Rear Admirals Rogers and Capps.

"They will not be fired as long as Congress is in session," he said. "Secretary Meyer will find out that he is not living in Russia and cannot chop off a subordinate's head whenever it pleases him to do so."

"Does he suppose that the government which trains a naval officer from boyhood at an expense of thousands of dollars, cannot, through one of its legislative bodies, ask that officer such questions as it wishes? It is ridiculous to think otherwise."

LIMBACH AT LAST KILLS SELF

Persecuted by Neighbors Since Assassination of McKinley.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 8.—Sending a bullet into his head today Caspar Limbach, a German decorator, put himself beyond the alleged persecution of his neighbors since the assassination of William McKinley. The shot that killed the German was heard by his wife in an adjoining room. She rushed to his aid, but he died with his head pillowed in her lap.

In September 1901, while McKinley lay mortally wounded at Buffalo, Limbach because of his alleged fiery remarks is said to have become the object of persecution in the various communities of the Southside. Repeatedly he was beaten, and driven from one town to another. Several times he was arrested to preserve the peace and let go on small fines.

On one occasion in Beltszovor a noose was thrown about his neck upon his refusal to retract remarks he was alleged to have made. Not until the rope was tightened and he saw his wife about to be joined in the air over the arm of a telegraph pole did he announce publicly his apologies.

Within the past few weeks Limbach's mind began to give way, and he became obsessed with a fear that his enemies would confine him to an asylum. He was released from a hospital but a short while ago.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Grant P. Trent, of Tennessee, a judge of the first instance, in the Philippine, was today appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, to succeed Justice Elliott, who has been made a member of the Philippine Commission.

OUTLINES.

Representative Macon, of Arkansas, assailed the Immigration Commission for their extravagances while investigation conditions aboard an addition to demanding an inquiry he bitterly attacked Representative Bennett, of New York.—The committee on Rivers and Harbors have decided upon an appropriation of \$40,000,000 for the fiscal year; it is expected to cause vigorous debate in the House.—By the consent of the National Geographic Society yesterday the expedition to the South Pole is assured, the proposition of Commander Peary having been accepted.

Representative Henry, of Texas, discussed the tariff act and the high prices in the House yesterday, and made a verified statement that 10,000 school children go habitually hungry in Chicago.—Commander Peary was awarded a check of \$10,000 in New York last night and he in turn gave the money to the South Pole Expedition.—A stir was caused in the New York State Senate yesterday when a banker stated its majority leader accepted money for influencing legislation.—New York markets: Money on call easy 2 1/2 to 3 1/4 per cent, ruling rate 2 1/2, closing bid 2 1/4, offered at 2 1/2; hour steady with small jobbing trade; wheat spot firm, No. 2 red 1.29 to 1.30 elevator domestic and 1.30 nominal f. o. b. export; corn firm No. 2 72 1/4 elevator domestic 72 3/4 delivered and 70 3/4 f. o. b. export; oats spot steady mixed nominal; rosin quiet, turpentine firm; spot cotton closed quiet 20 points lower, middling upland 15.00, middling gulf 5.25.

MACON RENEWED ATTACK IN HOUSE

Denounced Immigration Investigators For Their Extravagance.

OPENLY ASSAILS BENNETT Vigorously Defended J. H. Patton and Demanded Investigation of Committee—Talks of Money Spent For Pleasure Abroad.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Demanding an investigation of the Immigration Committee provided for in the resolution he had introduced Representative Macon, of Arkansas, renewed his attack upon the commission in the House today and vigorously defended J. H. Patton, secretary of the Immigration Restriction League, his informant, who was severely arraigned by Representative Bennett, of New York, a member of the commission, in a recent speech in the House.

"It is characteristic of the man to proceed in a cowardly way in which the gentleman of New York has proceeded," thundered Mr. Macon, referring to his attack on Mr. Patton. Mr. Bennett was quickly on his feet.

"I object," he shouted, and the members were all attention in anticipation of a lively scene.

"I withdraw the remark," quickly responded Mr. Macon, and the tension was dissipated.

Mr. Macon's speech was made in reply to Mr. Bennett's defense of the Commission and he renewed his charges that the Commission had been extravagant. He declared the official reports and expense account corroborated his assertions, that his trip abroad in 1907 was a "junket," and that the government had had no adequate return from the expenditure by the Commission of \$657,902.

"Unless my resolution to create a committee of three to investigate this extravagance of the commission is adopted so that the country will know that the extravagancies that I complain of are scandalous, the people will rise and smite the party that attempts to shield the commission that made it," said Mr. Macon.

"Six members of the commission and seven employes made the trip to Europe," said Mr. Macon. "They drew \$90,000 in which to make the trip while in their report they account for only \$20,675. The expense accounts are made up for steamship and railroad charges, carriage charges, fees and tips, hotel bills, telegrams, wines, whiskeys, cognacs, lemonades, etc. cigars, cleaning and pressing clothes, shaves, shirtings, haircuts, shampoos and rubs. Such luxuries as wines and whiskeys, cognacs, lemonades, etc. were allowed by the auditor but he disallowed when it came to shaves, haircuts, shampoos, shirtings and cigars."

He characterized the stopping at high class hotels and partaking of British menus and beverages as "feasting at public expense."

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THE TARIFF AND HIGH PRICES

Five Thousand Chicago School Children Are Habitually Hungry, Statement of Congressman. Prolonged Discussion.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Five thousand children who attend the public schools in Chicago are habitually hungry, and 10,000 other children in that city are not sufficiently nourished, according to a letter from the superintendent of schools of Chicago from which Representative Henry, of Texas, read excerpts in the House today.

"Texas," declared Mr. Henry replying to a recent speech in defense of the new tariff law, delivered by Representative Boutell, of Illinois, "is prosperous in spite of the Payne-Adrich tariff bill. If that law had anything to do with the prosperity of Texas, why does it not bring prosperity to Chicago and other great cities of this country."

Again replying to Mr. Boutell's speech, Mr. Henry said he did not think the price of cotton was too high, nor were other farm products too high, on the farm. Cotton being on the free list, was not affected by the tariff, he declared, but its prices were fixed by the markets of the world.

"Yes," he added, "cotton ties and cotton bagging are taxed for the benefit of the steel trust."

Referring to high prices, Mr. Henry was interrupted by Mr. Boutell who said that with prime heavy beef selling on the hoof in Texas at \$10 he did not see how the people of Chicago could buy them at \$6 on the hoof.

"Does the gentleman from Texas want to reduce the tariff on cattle?" inquired Mr. Boutell.

"I will repeat the duty on beef if the gentleman from Illinois will help put every member of the beef trust in the penitentiary," retorted Mr. Henry.

"To whom does the gentleman refer?" asked Mr. Boutell.

"But to whom does the gentleman refer?" asked Mr. Henry.

"Then the 1,500 hungry children of Chicago should haunt the gentleman from Illinois."

Mr. Boutell replying to statements by Mr. Henry, declared that today there were no hungry children in the public schools of Chicago, that that statement applied only to conditions as they existed in 1907.

Mr. Boutell at length reviewed conditions in Texas, to show the prosperity of that State which he claimed was the result of national Republican policies giving stability to the business affairs of the State.

The statement that 5,000 Chicago children go to school hungry each day and that 10,000 more are not properly nourished was verified today by a District Superintendent John D. Shoop. "I am certain the figures are not overdrawn," said Mr. Shoop. "I know from personal observation that many children do not make progress in school because they do not receive good nourishing food."

THE ROBNETT CASE.

Argument Heard Yesterday in Navy Yard Court Martial.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 8.—The representation of brief arguments on both sides occupied a part of the day in the court martial trial of Passed Assistant Surgeon Anselm H. Robnett, charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman" in connection with an alleged assault on Dr. Edward S. Cowles of this city at a navy yard "shop" last December.

Major Cattin, the judge advocate, spoke only a few words, basing his arguments wholly on the charges and saying that Dr. Robnett's admission that he used strong language to Dr. Cowles was sufficient to warrant a conviction without waste of words.

Major Leonard for the accused officer, took more time. He could not see how any court could convict an officer on the evidence produced. He paid a high compliment to Mrs. Cowles for her action in the affair and said that it was the duty of every wife to stand by her husband. But he thought that Dr. Robnett's attitude toward his fiancée, Miss Heeler, was even more meritorious. He was the only person to whom she could appeal and it was regretted that Dr. Robnett had not acted quicker and more forcibly in the matter. He thought that no court would convict a fellow officer for defending his sweetheart.

The court went then into executive session and will submit its findings to the secretary of the navy at Washington.

SEIZE PRINCE'S FURNITURE.

Husband of Miss Anita Stewart Unable to Settle Debt.

Vienna, Feb. 8.—The creditors of Prince Miguel, of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart, of New York, at Lyngwall, Scotland, last September, unable to obtain a settlement of their claims, have seized the furniture and other effects in the prince's residence here and removed them to an auction room. A large and boisterous crowd gathered today to watch the men transferring the bric-a-brac and other belongings of the prince into a huge wagon, and eventually the police had to be summoned to maintain order.

Prince Miguel and his wife are now in Paris. The prince left the management of his affairs in the hands of a lawyer, who immediately after the seizure paid off most of the creditors, but several money lenders are reported to have made such exorbitant demands that the attorney refused to listen to them. The proceedings today were the outcome of disputed claims that amount to less than \$50,000, and negotiations are proceeding to settle the affair.

POLAR EXPEDITION IS NOW ASSURED

American Scientific Bodies Will Seek South Pole Laurels.

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ACTS With Exception of Commander Peary, Members of Expedition Will be Same as Discovered North Pole—Now Await Funds.

Washington, Feb. 8.—America has decided to seek for the South Pole laurels similar to those won for her by Commander Peary at the North Pole. The Geographic Society today resolved to send an expedition in search of the South Pole provided the necessary funds can be raised. It is not believed that there will be any lack on this score.

Commander Peary, who is in New York, gave a testimonial in his behalf was given tonight at the Metropolitan Opera House, was not the immediate action of the board of managers of the Geographic Society.

Captain Bartlett, who was in command of the Roosevelt, which Peary used on his successful trip to the North Pole probably will be placed in charge of the expedition in the Antarctic region, with the exception of Commander Peary the members of the expedition will be the same as those who returned last year from the frozen north.

The Roosevelt, including complete equipment, sledges and all, is practically in readiness to be stored with provisions and fuel, and his search of the only big goal on this globe which has not yet been reached.

Before the Geographic Society makes its final decision in the matter, there will be consultations with the members of the society to find out whether the project will receive sufficient financial assistance to warrant the undertaking. It is believed that no difficulty will be experienced in raising sufficient money to fit out the Roosevelt.

After a meeting late this afternoon the board of managers of the Geographic Society adopted the following resolutions:

The National Geographic Society believes that it is of great importance to science that tidal, magnetic and meteorological observations shall be obtained at or in the vicinity of Coats' land during the same period that the British expedition under Captain Robert F. Scott, R. N., is making similar observations on the other side of the Antarctic area 100 miles distant and at the same time that this recently discovered land shall be explored.

"That the society is ready to accept Mr. Peary's proposition that it shall undertake jointly with the Peary Arctic Club an expedition to the Antarctic regions as outlined above, provided that the board of managers after consultation with the members of the society, find that the project will receive sufficient financial assistance to warrant the undertaking."

It is thought probable that the expedition may be ready to set sail from New York, where the sturdy little Roosevelt is now lying, as early as July. The rapidity with which response for financial assistance is made by members of friends of the society will determine the date. It is hoped to have the South Pole seekers start out not later than September next.

Gives Peary \$10,000. New York, Feb. 8.—Before an audience of more than 4,000 persons in the Metropolitan Opera House, Commander Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole, was presented with a \$10,000 check on behalf of the citizens of New York, but instead of retaining it for himself, the Commander gave it to the board of managers of the South Pole expedition as planned by the National Geographic Society.

The check was presented to the commander by Governor Hughes, of New York, at this, the first national testimonial in the explorer