

BUT ONE ESKIMO, WHEN HE REACHED THE POLE, WAS WITH PEARY

So Much Is Learned from the Members of the Expedition on Board the Roosevelt.

TEMPERATURE 32 MINUS; ICE WAS PERFECTLY LEVEL.

Peary Is Still at Battle Harbor, and Has not Fixed Time of His Departure. It Is Said.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 13.—The following details of Commander Peary's journey to the north pole have been gleaned from members of the expedition on board the steamer Roosevelt:

The only men to reach the pole were Commander Peary and one Eskimo, Eging Wah by name.

The other white members of the various parties that left Cape Columbia were sent back one by one as Peary drew nearer daily to his objective.

Matthew Henson, Peary's negro attendant, and three Eskimos, the only other members of the reduced party that made the final dash, were left on the march south of the pole.

At 85.38 the party consisted of Peary, Bartlett, Matthew Henson, the negro man who has been Peary's personal assistant on so many of his expeditions, the Eskimo, seven sledges and 60 dogs, and the journey northward was resumed.

The ice was perfectly level, as far as they eye could reach. Bartlett took the observation on the 88th parallel on April 2 and then reluctantly returned, leaving Peary, Henson and these Eskimos with provisions for 40 days, to make the final dash to the pole.

This reduced party started April 3. The men walked that day for ten hours and made 20 miles. They then slept near the 89th parallel. The pole was reached April 6 and a series of observations were taken at 90. Peary, deposited his records and hoisted the American flag. The temperature was 32 degrees below zero. The pole appeared as a frozen sea.

Peary tried to take a sounding but got no bottom at 1500 fathoms. Peary stayed at the pole for 24 hours and then started on his return journey April 7.

Still at Battle Harbor. Sydney, N. S., Sept. 13.—Commander Robert E. Peary is still at Battle Harbor, Labrador. Mrs. Peary yesterday received a wireless message from her husband indicating that Peary has not definitely fixed the time of his sailing from Battle Harbor.

Plans are being made to have Secretary Bridgman of the Peary Arctic Club and correspondents meet the Roosevelt enroute.

MOST NOTABLE FAREWELL IS GIVEN DR. F. A. COOK

Excursion Steamers, With Bands Playing, Escorted the Oscar II.

Down the Fjord.

On Board the Steamer Oscar II, Sept. 12.—(By wireless telegraph via Christiansand).—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, whose arrival yesterday at Christiansand was greeted by a salute of seven guns from the fort by the special order of King Haakon, was given a notable farewell when the Oscar II steamed out of the port.

He was welcomed aboard the ship by more than 1,000 passengers, who crowded her decks, headed by Captains Moier and Hemphill, with all the ship's officials in full uniform.

The Oscar II sailed down the Fjord accompanied by a score of excursion steamers, with bands playing the national air. The liner was gaily decorated and a splendid salute had been reserved for the American explorer, who found some difficulty in making his way to his quarters.

At lunch Dr. Cook joined freely in the conversation of the passengers. The explorer was compelled to relate further incidents of his polar trip. He told of a report that was current among the Eskimos last year that a dirigible balloon had sailed over Greenland and it was thought that Walter Wellman had made a start for the pole.

During the afternoon Dr. Cook held a reception which was attended by the passengers.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m., Tuesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer weather tonight and Tuesday.

Head-on Collision Reported.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 13.—It is reported that a head-on collision between two trains has occurred on the Southern railway near the Kentucky-Tennessee line. It is not known whether there was any loss of life.

INSANE NEGROES RAN FROM ASYLUM

Three Vicious Criminals at Large for a Time in Woods Near Washington.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Three negro criminal inmates, one of whom is a murderer, made a desperate and sensational dash for liberty from the government hospital for the insane late last night, and fled before mounted policemen and attendants.

The insane criminals, Edward Smallwood, William Green and John Folk, were three of the most vicious and unruly characters at the big institution and their escape was effected by a plan whereby they tore from its fastenings a section of guard rail and made a daring leap from a high window. Armed men are now scouring the woods in which the madmen are believed to be hidden.

The Men Captured. Washington, Sept. 13.—After having been at large for 12 hours, the three insane negroes were captured near Alexandria, Va., where they had secreted themselves in the bushes, and returned to the hospital.

CURTISS IS WINNER OF PRIZE AT BRESCIA

Took One Grand Prize and Could Have Taken Another, It Is Said.

Brescia, Sept. 13.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, who won the International cup at Rheims, captured the grand prize in the aviation meet here yesterday. Curtiss made his flight for the grand prize Saturday, covering 50 kilometres (31.05 miles) or five times around the course in 40 minutes, 24 seconds. His share of the \$10,000 prize is \$5,000.

Rougier, the French aviator, also completed, making a flight of 50 kilometres in 1 hour, 10 minutes and 18 seconds. He was awarded the second prize.

Curtiss also won the prize for quick starting, his time being 8 1/5 seconds. Leblanc was second in this contest in 9 2/5 seconds.

Berliot made several brilliant flights but did not compete for the grand prize, after which Curtiss entered for the altitude prize. He ascended to a height of 51 metres (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. This is real American chivalry."

Rougier's record, made several days ago, was 100 metres.

Lieutenant Calderosa was the winner of the passenger carrying event for which a prize of \$500 was offered. He made four rounds of the course with Lieutenant Savoia. He also captured the national speed prize, the distance being one lap. Curtiss added to his winnings by taking one of the half-speed contests as well as one of the daily height events.

RUNNING PISTOL FIGHT ON NEWPORT, KY., STREET

Men Charged With Detaining Young Girl Fire on a Detective Officer.

Newport, Ky., Sept. 13.—A running duel between fugitives and policemen created wild excitement here today. Detective Jeff Morton called at a hotel to arrest R. W. LeRoy and Isaac Brewer, on the charge of detaining 14 years old Florence Gray. The men fled, after LeRoy had fired three shots from a revolver.

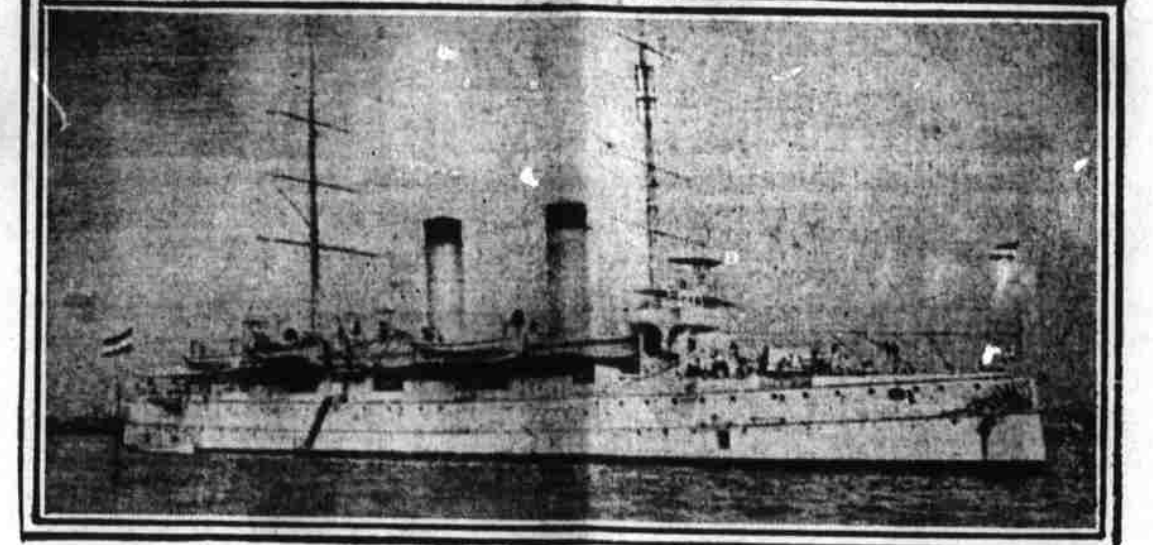
One bullet grazed the head of Detective Morton. Another pierced the hats of Tony Gastright and James Taylor, spectators; another clipped the ear of Chris Ebert, the city jailer. Policemen joined in the pursuit and a running battle ensued for several blocks.

BIG SCHOONER IS ASHORE, PROBABLY A TOTAL LOSS

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Sept. 13.—The three masted schooner, John Proctor, from New York for Norfolk in ballast, went ashore early today off Cape Henlopen and is slowly breaking up.

The crew landed in their own boats and life savers and local wreckers are standing by the stranded vessel. The schooner probably will be a total loss.

First of the International Fleet for Hudson-Fulton Celebration



New York, Sept. 13.—First of the international fleet that will rendezvous here during the Hudson-Fulton celebration, the Utrecht, a Dutch cruiser, which will represent Netherlands, arrived here from Curacao, Dutch West Indies, and came to anchor off Hoboken, near the spot where the Half Moon, Hendrik Hudson's little craft, lay from October 2 to 4, 1609, after that daring navigator had explored the river which bears his name. The Utrecht will remain here until the commemorative ceremonies close.

APPEAL OF RED CROSS FOR HELP FOR MEXICO

Great Suffering Will Result in Flood Districts, Unless Relief Is Sent.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Tales of great suffering and the serious situation in the flooded district of Mexico as told in telegrams received at the state department from American Consul General Hanna, brought forth another appeal from the National Red Cross society for funds with which to supply our unfortunate neighbors of Mexico with the necessities of life.

The loss of life and destruction of property is even greater than was at first supposed and it is predicted that great physical suffering will prevail among the homeless during the fall and winter if ample relief is not afforded.

The destruction was great in the country and small towns between Monterey and Matamoros, says one of the telegrams. Mr. Hanna says that the American consul at Matamoros reports that place under water and a serious condition of affairs prevailing and that the railroads between Matamoros and Monterey have been washed away.

In its appeal the American Red Cross says it is "evidently one of the greatest disasters of recent years and our good feeling towards the people of Mexico should prompt this country to render the generous assistance which is so sorely needed."

TRAIN NO. 5 DERAILED ON THE TOXAWAY LINE

Engine and All Coaches Left Track, but None Was Killed or Injured.

Passenger train No. 5 between Lake Toxaway and Asheville, due here at 9:05 a. m., was derailed this morning at 8 o'clock near Blantyre, a point 12 miles from Hendersonville on the Toxaway road. It is reported that the engine and all coaches left the track but that aside from a general shaking up there was no personal injury.

The cause of the accident was not learned at division headquarters here during the early forenoon. The wrecking train was sent to the scene of the accident as quick as possible and the officials expect to have the track cleared and trains running through before tonight.

WEAVERS AT SAGO, ME., RETURN TO YORK MILL

Weavers Go Back at Old Rate, but the Management Makes Promises to Them.

Saco, Me., Sept. 13.—After idleness for about three weeks the 2,200 employees of York mill of this town, who were thrown out of employment by a strike of 150 weavers, returned to work today at the old rate of wages but the mill management promised to do something for them as soon as possible.

CONTEST IS ENDED; JUDGES COUNTING

The Work Is so Heavy That Result Cannot Be Announced Until Tomorrow.

The Gazette-News contest, in which nearly \$2000 in prizes is involved, closed Saturday at midnight. The ballot boxes were sealed in the presence of the judges, and then taken—where do you suppose?—to the county jail, where they remained until this morning. It is pretty safe to say they were not tampered with.

Hundreds are anxiously awaiting the awards, and The Gazette-News is just as anxious to announce them—but the work of counting the millions of votes is a stupendous task, even with the aid of adding machines, and so the judges will not be in a position to announce who got the two automobiles and the 25 other magnificent prizes until tomorrow.

The close of the contest was an exciting one. The final hours brought a big stream of votes. From early yesterday morning the four telephones in The Gazette-News office were rung every few minutes by persons anxious to learn the result. It has been the biggest event of its sort in the history of western North Carolina, a fair and square test of strength, and a series of exciting scenes.

COTTON MILL STRIKE AT FALL RIVER, MASS.

Weavers Quit, and All Mills of "Iron Works" Cotton Plant Are Shut Down.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 13.—When the Iron Works Cotton mills, controlled by M. C. D. Gordon of New York, were opened as usual today the weavers, numbering 1,000, failed to report for work and an hour later all six mills comprising the plant were shut down.

Five thousand operatives are thus temporarily thrown out of employment. The weavers had previously announced their intention of striking today to enforce their demand for increase in wages. Their absence so hampered other departments that the management decided to close the entire plant until the differences should be settled.

POLICE'S INVESTIGATION SEEMS AT A STANDSTILL

Dr. Fritch Released on Bail, Young Woman Witnesses Permitted to Go.

Detroit, Sept. 13.—The police investigation into the death of Miss Maybell Millman of Ann Arbor, appears to be at a standstill. Dr. George A. Fritch was released Saturday night under \$10,000 bail and the young woman detained at police headquarters as a witness has been permitted to go.

Mr. Walker and Dr. Clark worked several hours on an examination of certain organs taken from the young woman's body but will not be ready to report before late today.

That portion of the body from the knee to the waist, which was contained in the third and last sack found, was so badly decomposed that it is said to be very doubtful whether the experts will be able to determine whether the girl was in a delicate condition and whether a criminal operation was performed.

EXCITING EXPERIENCES IN BURNING OF HOTEL

The 75 Guests and 20 Employees Got Out Safe, but Many Had Narrow Escapes.

Edgemere, L. I., Sept. 13.—In a fire which destroyed Holmeshurst inn here before daylight, 75 guests and 20 employees experienced exciting and narrow escapes.

The fire, which the proprietor said was of incendiary origin, started in the basement and worked up through the frame structure so rapidly that the entire first floor was ablaze before the guests were given the alarm.

While most of the guests were able to leave by stairways, half a dozen, among them two women, leaped from a second story balcony, but were not seriously hurt. The guests were cared for in neighboring cottages.

The hotel building was valued at \$75,000. William Holmes, son of the owner, ran to his mother's room on the second floor and found his escape cut off by a wall of flame. They were forced to jump, but he was not hurt. An elevator boy ran his car until the flames stopped the car.

THREE CHILDREN SHOT; CRIME IS A MYSTERY

All Italians, One Was Instantly Killed, and Another Will Die.

Patuxent, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Crimes for which there at present appear to be no explanation were committed against three Italian children here last evening. They are Theres Prociopio, seven years old, who is dead, shot through the heart; Fannie Infusino, six years old, badly wounded in the arm, and Freddy Infusino, two and a half years old, shot through the bowels, and will die.

There appears to be absolutely no explanation as to why the children were shot. The children had been missing since 7 o'clock last evening, when they were seen talking with an unknown man.

SUCCESSORS OF HARRIMAN AND ROGERS ARE ELECTED

Robert S. Lovett Succeeds Harriman as Chairman of U. P. Executive Committee.

New York, Sept. 13.—William Rockefeller and Jacob H. Schiff were today elected directors of the Union Pacific Railroad company, succeeding Henry H. Rogers and Edward H. Harriman. They were also appointed members of the executive committee.

The board of directors elected ex-Judge Robert S. Lovett chairman of the executive committee, to succeed Mr. Harriman.

The matter of electing a president of the Union Pacific system was not discussed at the meeting but it is expected that the next head of the road will be an operating man.

Membership Increased. The membership of the executive committee was increased from five to six members. The directors appointed a committee consisting of Marvin Hughtit, Charles A. Peabody and Henry C. Frick, to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Mr. Harriman.

STARTS TUESDAY ON LONG TOUR

When President Sets Out for Boston His Great Trip Will Really Begin.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 13.—When President Taft motors into Boston tomorrow afternoon to be the guest of the chamber of commerce at a dinner that evening, he will have actually started on one of the most notable trips ever taken by a chief magistrate of the United States. After spending the night at a hotel in Boston the president will leave at 10 a. m., on Wednesday, on the first stage of his long journey, the first stopping place being at Chicago, where Mr. Taft will be entertained part of the day by the Commercial club, and the remainder of his stay by the Hamilton club.

Through Thirty States. Leading through 30 states and both of the Southwestern Territories the president's trip will reach its climax at El Paso, Tex., on October 16, where he will meet President Diaz of Mexico.

After Mr. Taft has formally received President Diaz at El Paso he will cross the International bridge to Ciudad Juarez officially to return the call. During the evening of the sixteenth President Taft will be entertained at a state dinner on Mexican soil. President Diaz will be entertained at luncheon at El Paso.

The president's trip covers an itinerary of 12,759 miles and his private cars, the Mayflower and the Haslemere will be handled by over 22 railroad systems. The Southern Pacific will get the longest haul of 2,289 miles. The Mariopa and Phoenix railroad, away out in Arizona, gets the short haul of 55 miles. The voyage down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans on the steamboat Mississippi, covers 1,165 miles and occupies four days and five nights.

Things He Will See. The striking incidents of President Taft's tour will include a moonlight ride through the Royal gorge and a night trip over the highest passes of the Rocky mountains, an inspection of one of the greatest irrigation projects in all the West at Butte; a flying visit to the smelters at Butte; a visit to the Coeur d'Alene country of northern Idaho; a two days' stay at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle; a day of sight-seeing down the Shasta railroad in California; a three days' visit to the Yosemite valley; a day spent about the rim of the Grand canyon, in Arizona, and four days on the ranch of the president's brother, Charles P. Taft, near Corpus Christi, Texas.

Five of his nine cabinet officers will at different times be the guests of the president and after he reaches the Pacific coast there will be from two to four with him practically all the time. Leaving Boston Wednesday, the president's party will consist of himself, Captain Hart, his military aide, Assistant Secretary Miescher, Charles C. Wagner, executive stenographer; Dr. J. R. Richardson, of Washington; Gerritt Fort, assistant to the vice-president of the New York Central lines, who will have all of the transportation arrangements in charge; James Sloan, Jr., and Joseph E. Murphy, secret service operatives; Arthur Brooks, messenger, and six newspaper men.

Schedule in South. The revised schedule of the principal stops to be made by the president in the south, after leaving his brother's ranch on October 22, follows: October 23: Houston, Tex., forenoon; Dallas, evening. October 25: St. Louis, begin trip down Mississippi river at 5 p. m. October 26: Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Cairo, Ill.; Hickman, Ky. October 27: Memphis, entire forenoon; Helena, Ark., one hour, evening. October 28: Vicksburg, Miss., evening. October 29: Natchez, Miss., evening. October 30-31: New Orleans. November 1: Jackson, Miss., all day. November 2: Columbus, Miss., afternoon; Birmingham, Ala., evening. November 3: Birmingham until 4 p. m. November 4: Macon, Ga., forenoon; Savannah, evening. November 5: Savannah, forenoon; Charleston, evening. November 6: Columbia, S. C., afternoon; Augusta, Ga., evening and next day. November 8: Augusta to 2:30 p. m.; Florence, S. C., short visit, evening. November 9: Wilmington, N. C., all day. November 10: Richmond, all day to 5 p. m.; Wilmington at 8:35 p. m. Boston to Banquet Taft.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 13.—The Boston chamber of commerce announced today the completion of all arrangements for the great banquet to be given tomorrow night in honor of President Taft. The address of the president will be the first of the series he will deliver on his long trip to the Pacific coast and back to Washington.

Mechanics building, the largest hall in New England, has been engaged for the banquet. About 1500 persons will dine with the president and seats for 1000 spectators have been provided in the gallery. Prior to the dinner a reception will be held in the main exhibition hall.

Besides the address of the president, it is expected there will be brief speeches by Governor Draper of Massachusetts, Mayor Hibbard of Boston, and President Storrow of the chamber of commerce.

In the list of invited guests are (Continued on page 5.)

DR. COOK'S SIDE OF STORY IS TOLD

The Controversy With Peary as to Supplies Left in Houses at Annatok.

Copenhagen, Sept. 13.—A remarkable letter, giving Dr. Frederick A. Cook's version of the trouble with Commander Peary over supplies, appears in the newspaper Politiken. The letter was written by Dr. Norman Hansen, a prominent Danish physician, who several times visited Greenland to study eye diseases, of which he has made a specialty.

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

Dr. Hansen was with Cook for some time in Greenland and returned with him on the Danish government steamer Hansgede. In his letter he says: "Now that Dr. Cook has gone, I am no longer under any obligation to keep silence, and will exercise my right to publish the story about the house in Annatok, a story which Dr. Cook himself had too much delicacy of mind to tell to me, and I am to relate to the world. I write it according to my memory, in the same fully convinced that in no details are my reckonings wrong."

Dr. Cook had built his house for stores in Annatok, north of Etah, and it was this depot which he started to reach in February, 1902, crossing Smith sound. It was a pretty large house, the walls being built of heavily filled provision boxes, so that Dr. Cook knew that when this important point was reached everything was safe. He had, before the start, arranged with a young friend named Whitney that he have the right to use the house when hunting musk oxen for sport, in the winter of 1908-9.

"When Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos, exhausted and half-starved, came within a shot's distance of the house in Annatok, young Whitney came out to bid him welcome, but inside the house was a stranger, a watch. This man had been placed in Dr. Cook's house by Peary when the latter passed Etah with his ship bound for the north.

Said Dr. Cook Was Dead. 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 of this wonderful document. 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, Mr. Whitney, during the whole winter was treated like a dog by the giant boatswain, and how he had calmly witnessed the sailor bartering Dr. Cook's provisions for fox skins for himself. Dr. Cook also had to put a good face on the unpleasant situation. He had to beg to get into those precious things and to make a compromise with the boatswain with strong fists.

"Dr. Cook made a present of the house with all its contents to his two faithful Eskimos, with the proviso that Whitney was to have the use of the house as long as his hunting trip lasted, but he was compelled to let the New Foundland boatswain continue his watch. The boatswain, however, received strict orders not to exchange any more of the provisions or guns.

"Now, I suppose the sailor will celebrate his triumphant entrance in New York aboard Peary's ship while Whitney is, where? Aboard his own yacht Jeannie? Or perhaps he has not wanted to wait for his own boat and has gone aboard Peary's ship.

"To Mr. Whitney, Dr. Cook gave his instruments and his observations, as he thought those precious things were safer there than on the long sledge trip in the spring across Melville bay, but all his notebooks and greasy and soiled record books which have been so closely written upon, he kept and carried with him. To me, who understands only a very little astronomy, the records written down so closely and in all directions were hard to read, but what is the record to us. The two men, Peary and Cook, their character, their conduct, that is what interests us, and every little item throwing a sidelight upon their nature is valuable."

SOUTHERN EXPRESS CO. PRESIDENT, O'BRIEN, DEAD

Local Office to Be Draped Until After Funeral; Closed for One Hour Wednesday.

Owing to the death of Michael J. O'Brien, president of the Southern Express company, in New York Saturday night, the offices of the Southern Express company in Asheville will be draped until after the funeral Wednesday. The office will be closed an hour Wednesday while the funeral services are being conducted—the hour of the funeral has not yet been announced.

Col. O'Brien died of pleural pneumonia, contracted while on his annual tour in Europe. He was in a critical condition when he arrived in New York and was taken to his apartments where his death occurred.