

END OF CONTEST, AFTER TEN STENOGRAPHIC WEEKS, A GREAT SUCCESS

Miss Margaret Doane Gets the Big Buick and Dr. L. B. M'Brayer the Runabout Car.

HARD DAY'S WORK DONE BY JUDGES YESTERDAY

Winner of Grand Prize Got Over Six Million Votes—Great Popular Interest in the Result.

THE Gazette-News' great voting contest in which prizes aggregating nearly \$7000 in value were involved, is a thing of the past. It closed, in a great rush of enthusiasm, with a torrent of belated ballots, Saturday midnight.

Necessarily there are some disappointed candidates, but each and every one was treated with absolute fairness and received credit for every vote he or she was entitled to on subscriptions sent in.

A Big News Story

The Gazette-News had a big news story yesterday afternoon, but could not get to it until about 7 o'clock. The city edition was held back an hour, in the hope that the judges might complete their heavy task in time to get the story out by the carriers.

For 48 hours the four telephones in the office had rung out almost continuously. Part of the force in editorial, business office and contest departments were kept busy telling people that the names of the winners were yet unknown.

Crowds flocked to the office in the afternoon and early evening. The fortunate candidates were of course joyous, receiving the congratulations of friends, and, in many cases, of the losers themselves.

The names of the prize winners appear below, and the district prizes, in each district, are as follows:

- First—Story & Clark piano, value \$150. Second—Bank account, \$100. Third—Redwood suit, \$75. Fourth—Lady's or gentleman's tailored suit, \$65.

JUDGES' AWARDS. Asheville, N. C., Sept. 13, 1909. We, the undersigned judges selected by The Gazette-News to count the votes of the various candidates in their popularity contest do find that the following persons are entitled to prizes in the order herein named:

- First Grand Prize—Miss Margaret Doane, 6,495,590. Second Grand Prize—Dr. L. B. M'Brayer, 5,132,440.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

- District Prize, No. 1, Miss Sadie Rollins, 1,919,210. District Prize, No. 2, Miss Nettie Perkins, 1,146,460. District Prize, No. 3, Mrs. Chas. A. Webb, 1,105,490. District Prize, No. 4, Miss Bessie Morgan, of Fairview, 904,260. District Prize, No. 5, Miss Rose Diamond, 746,620. District Prize, No. 6, C. H. Bartlett, 489,420. District Prize, No. 7, W. R. Gudger, 446,090.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

- District Prize, No. 1, Miss Elsie Alexander, 2,908,900. District Prize, No. 2, Miss Alma Rice, 2,572,810. District Prize, No. 3, H. S. Holler, 1,143,470. District Prize, No. 4, W. W. Matney, 974,780. District Prize, No. 5, Miss Clara (Continued on page 5)

DISCRIMINATION IN COAL FREIGHT

A Charge Against Southern in Complaint of 15 Companies in Coal Creek Field.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Fifteen companies mining coal in the Coal Creek field of Tennessee have filed complaint with the interstate commerce commission, charging that the Southern Railway company discriminates against them in rates on coal, as compared with those accorded operators in the Appalachia, Tom's Creek and Black Mountain districts of Virginia.

Its urged that a differential of 80 cents to Knoxville, given on Coal Creek, should be maintained in shipments to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and other southern points, when passing through Knoxville to points in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, reached by both fields through Morristown, Tenn.

PEARY IS STICKING TO HIS ASSERTION

Is Prepared to Prove It "at the Proper Time," but That May Be Far Off.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, (via wireless telegraph to Cape Ray, N. F.), Sept. 14.—"I am the only white man who has ever reached the north pole, and I am prepared to prove it." This statement was made to representatives of the Associated Press by Commander Peary. When the Associated Press, tug after a stormy passage from Sydney, pulled up alongside of the steamer Roosevelt, Peary said: "This is a new record in newspaper enterprise, and I appreciate the compliment."

TAFT'S FIRST SPEECH SINCE TARIFF BILL

Will Be Made Tonight at Banquet in Boston—Left Beverly at 3.

Boston, Sept. 14.—President Taft left Beverly this afternoon for Boston, where tonight he will attend a banquet celebrating the consolidation of the Boston Merchants association with the Chamber of Commerce.

Here the president will make his first speech since the passage of the tariff bill. The president planned to leave Beverly at 3 p. m.

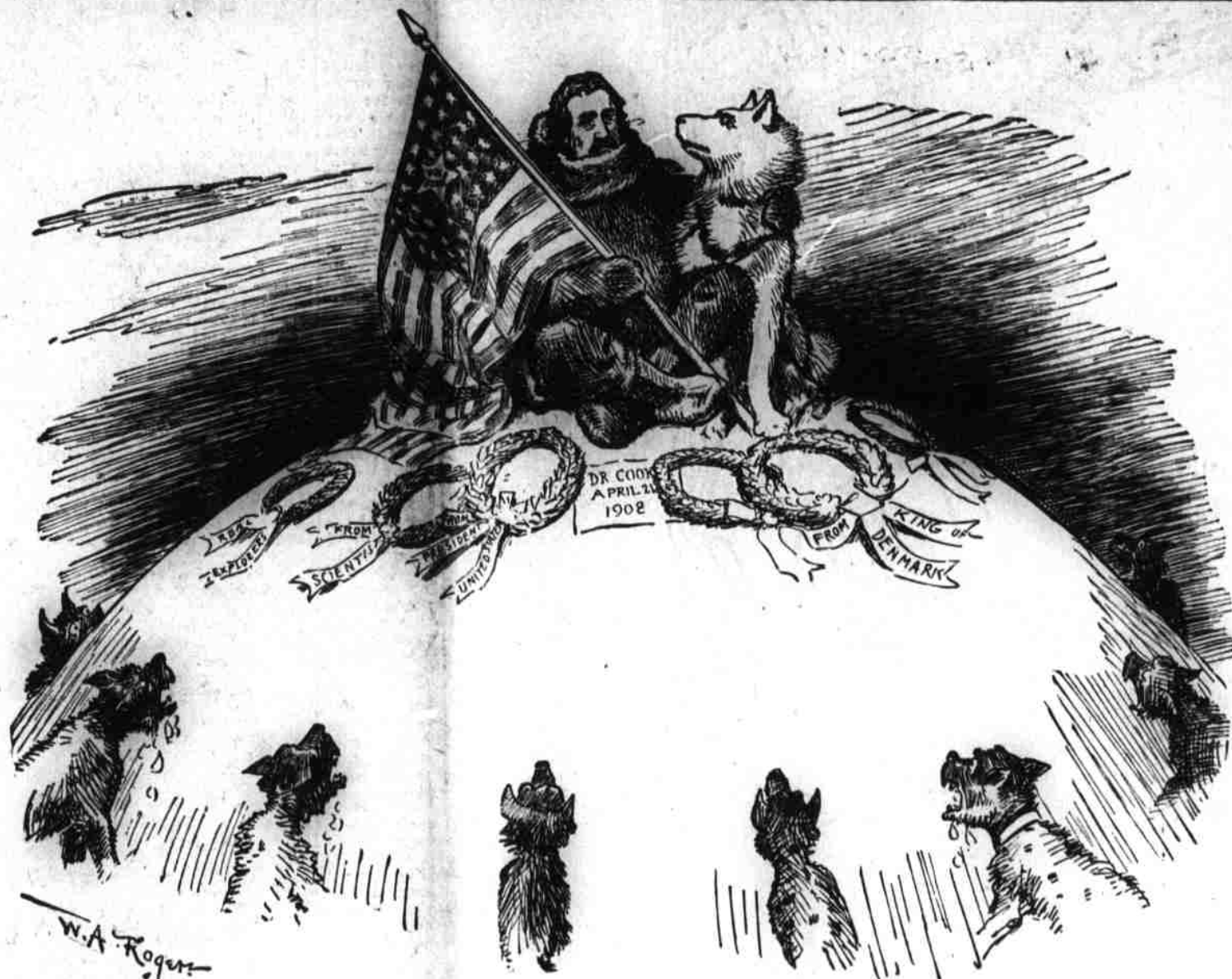
SANTOS-DUMONT APPEARS AND MAKES FINE FLIGHT

In a Very Diminutive Aeroplane He Attains a Speed of About 55 Miles.

Paris, Sept. 14.—The re-appearance in the world of aviation of Santos-Dumont, with his remarkable performance of yesterday, when he flew in an aeroplane at a speed of about 55 miles an hour, has attracted much attention, on account of the diminutive size of the machine.

Overwhelmed by Tidal Wave.

Mexico City, Sept. 14.—The port of Mulego, on the east coast of Lower California, was overwhelmed by a tidal wave September 4. There were several fatalities and considerable property was destroyed. The tidal wave flooded inland districts for a distance of about two miles.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

UNDISTURBED

BURDEN OF PROOF ON THE PEARYITES

So Says Secretary of Arctic Club—Club Is Ready to Honor Dr. Cook.

New York, Sept. 14.—That polar polemics could not only generate but maintain unabated such heat, needed the proof of seeing and hearing to believe, but with Dr. Cook homeward bound and Commander Peary now in touch with the correspondents, two swelling streams of conflicting affirmations are now centered on a city already boiling over.

Previous assumption that Commander Peary would have the United States navy solidly behind him was not borne out in a letter from Rear Admiral Schley (retired) made public by Captain R. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America, of which Dr. Cook is a member.

Captain Osborn followed up his letter from the admiral with a lecture on "who discovered the north pole?" "Dr. Frederick A. Cook," he said, "was for two years my wife's physician. I saw him two or three times a week and we chatted many hours. If I have ever known a man of integrity, probity, sincerity and modesty, it is Dr. Cook."

"I have also known the other fellow—known him to depart from the truth by large margins."

After a meeting of the executive committee of the Arctic club of America, Dr. R. O. Stebbins, its chairman, gave out the club's attitude on the controversy. "The Arctic club of America," he said, "has nothing to do with the controversy over the discovery of the pole. All that the Arctic club recognizes is that Dr. Cook is the discoverer of the pole and that Peary reached there. Our only desire is to honor the discoverer. Neither side has proved its case to America but since the Danish government has recognized Dr. Cook we feel that the burden of proof now falls on his opponents."

"The Arctic club," he continued, "will present to Dr. Cook a gold medal two and a half inches in diameter, showing in his relief Dr. Cook standing on the top of the globe."

TARIFF LAW OF AUGUST 5 DOESN'T TOUCH CANAL ZONE

Acting Attorney General Rules That the Zone Is Not One of Our "Possessions."

Washington, Sept. 14.—The new tariff law of August 5, last, does not apply to the Isthmian canal zone, according to a decision given by acting Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, to the secretary of war, and announced today. The canal zone is not one of the "possessions" of the United States within the meaning of that term in the first clause of the tariff act, says the acting attorney general, but rather is a place subject to the use, occupation and control of the United States for the construction and maintenance of a ship canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific.

The effect of this decision will be to continue the present system by which the Panama government collects duties on importations.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE ESKIMOS

Developments in North Pole Controversy Today Contain Argument in Favor of Both Peary and Cook—"Preponderance of Eskimos for Cook" Is the Way One Explorer Puts It.

New York, Sept. 14.—Developments in the north pole controversy today contain argument in favor of both Cook and Peary. The oft-repeated charge that Peary made use of Cook's stores is denied by Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, with plausible ground for the refutation. On the other hand, the supporters of Cook have been quick to seize upon the intelligence that only one Eskimo stood by the naval color when he raised the American flag at the pole. Backers of Commander Peary point out that while Allen Whitten, the boatswain of the Peary auxiliary steamer, Erikh, in 1905 and 1906, declares that Peary's people took Cook's stores at Etah and Annumtox, he admits that he did not know whether or not their removal was by arrangement with Eudolph Franck, Cook's steward, who had been left in charge of the supplies.

Woman Beaten, Bound, Gagged By Negro Farm Hand-Robber

Mount Holly, N. J., Sept. 14.—Attacked in the yard at her farm home near Marlton, and beaten into insensibility, carried to the house, gagged, bound hand and foot, and then placed between two beds on the second floor, where she would be helpless until found, Mrs. William H. Mortland, 20 years old was thus brutally treated yesterday as a part of the plan of Samuel Layfield, a negro employee of the farm, to rob the house during the absence of the woman's husband on a trip to Moorestown.

MILLIONS OF FISH NOW BEING CAUGHT

Three Million Moss Bunkers Caught Yesterday and as Many More Today.

Beaufort, N. C., Sept. 14.—One after another the fishing vessels that went to sea last night are arriving here today with what is expected to be the largest amount of fish ever caught in these waters in one day.

Over three million moss bunkers or menhagens were caught yesterday, making a new record, and the catch today will probably equal, if not exceed, that figure.

JUDGE LOVETT IS ELECTED EXECUTIVE COM. CHAIRMAN

New York, Sept. 14.—Judge Robert S. Lovett was elected chairman of the executive committee of Southern Pacific company today. Jacob H. Schiff and William Rockefeller were elected directors and also members of the executive committee.

No action was taken in the matter of electing a successor to E. H. Harriman as president. The membership of the executive committee was increased.

MR. HOLTON SAYS HE'S AN APPLICANT

Will Give Mr. Taft an Opportunity to Send in His Name for a Fourth Term.

United States District Attorney A. E. Holton, who is, here today representing the government in the first phase in the District court of the last National Bank of Asheville cases, involving Maj. Breese and Mr. Dickerson, was asked this morning about the effect that he would again seek re-appointment as district attorney for the Western district of North Carolina. Mr. Holton smilingly replied that that was what the boys were saying and that he guessed he would give Mr. Taft an opportunity to re-appoint him if the president desired to do so.

In short, Mr. Holton will be an applicant for reappointment to the district attorneyship and in seeking a reappointment he will do it as he did four years ago; on his splendid record as prosecuting attorney in this district.

In the event that Mr. Holton should receive another appointment he would have the honor of serving longer continuously perhaps than any other district attorney in the country. He has served now almost 12 years or three terms; and when his present term expires next March in the event he is re-appointed it will be his fourth appointment to the office of district attorney.

Mr. Holton went into office a comparatively short time after the inauguration of the late President McKinley the first time. He was re-appointed by Mr. McKinley and received a third appointment at the hands of President Roosevelt.

It has been known for some time that Mr. Holton's friends over the district were urging him to again become an applicant for the district attorneyship, while it is also known that many democrats are lending their support to Mr. Holton. It is said that Mr. Holton stands high with the department of justice as a prosecuting attorney; in fact that his record is about the best of any of the prosecuting attorneys in the country.

The candidacy of Mr. Holton for re-appointment to the office will doubtless bring on a pretty fight among the H. J. republicans since it is understood that several of the faithful in the western district have their eyes on the job.

BODIES OF TWO MISSING MEN ARE PROBABLY UNDER DEBRIS

Demolition of Hotel in Pittsburgh—Know Results Are One Killed, 20 Injured.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 14.—Although two men are missing, an all night search failed to increase the casualties caused yesterday when the walls of the burned building of a storage house fell, demolishing the Hotel Celia, next door. One man was killed and a score were injured.

It is believed the bodies of the missing men are under the debris.

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair and warmer tonight; Wednesday partly cloudy.

BLAME IS LAID ON THEOSOPHY

Maj. Hanson Says That Cult is at the Bottom of His Marital Trouble, in Answer to Wife's Petition.

HAD A HAPPY FAMILY UNTIL THEOSOPHY CAME

Members of His Family Embraced the Cult, Tried to Drive Him In, and to Take His Money.

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—Theosophy is blamed by Major J. F. Hanson, president of the Central of Georgia railroad, for the marital trouble which led his wife to bring suit recently for divorce. Mrs. Hanson charged cruelty, neglect and too much attention on the part of the major to Mrs. "Jack" Horner, now Mrs. James McViekar, a young society woman of New York. Major Hanson filed his answer today in Superior court.

In conclusion he says: "Further answering plaintiff's bill defendant avers that until theosophy came in, as an element of discord, he had a united and happy family."

"The theosophist of defendant's family soon added to the zeal of new converts the arrogance, intolerance, aggression and bigotry of fanatics, and sought to lead or drive every one around them into theosophy. The defendant's home at Macon soon became headquarters for this character of work in the city. The defendant's refusal to entertain the idea of even becoming a theosophist, because he regarded it as a modern form of paganism, caused the first change in the plaintiff's feelings toward him. When every effort to force defendant to bear the burdens of theosophy by putting up money for the universal brotherhood scheme had failed, the plaintiff, with one other member of his family, resolved to attack him in such a way that a public defense would be impossible, and destroy him."

"The defendant further alleges that the association with Mrs. Horner is a mere incident in the campaign against him by the theosophists of his family, because they could not force him to bow his neck to the yoke of theosophy."

GLASS WORKERS' STRIKE TAKES SERIOUS ASPECT

A Number of Clashes Have Occurred—Strike Has Been on for Some Time.

Pittsburg, Sept. 14.—The strike of flattens and cutters in the American Window Glass works at Jeannette, Pa., and Monongahela, Pa., is taking on a serious aspect.

Attempts to import workmen have met with resistance from the strikers, and a number of clashes have occurred. It is reported that state constabulary will be sent to Jeannette, in the event of further trouble.

A strike for increased wages has been in progress for some time.

FIERCE FOREST FIRES RAGE IN CALIFORNIA

Four Separate Points Objects of Efforts of Rangers and Volunteers Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 14.—Every forest ranger in this district is out, with squads of volunteers, fighting four forest fires threatening the San Gabriel watershed and oil region around Whittier.

The worst fire is devastating the north slope of Mount Pacific, the highest point in the second tier of the Sierra Madre range.

Reports from Mount Wilson say the fire is the worst in that region in several years, and the watershed is in serious danger.

A Triple Crime.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Although a reward has been offered for information that shall lead to the arrest of the murderer of Theresa Procopio, 7 years old and Ferdinando Infantino, aged 2 1/2 years, the police are still without a clue. Florence Infantino, sister of the little boy, who was shot in the arm, in one week that it has been impossible to question her. The motive for the triple crime remains unexplained.