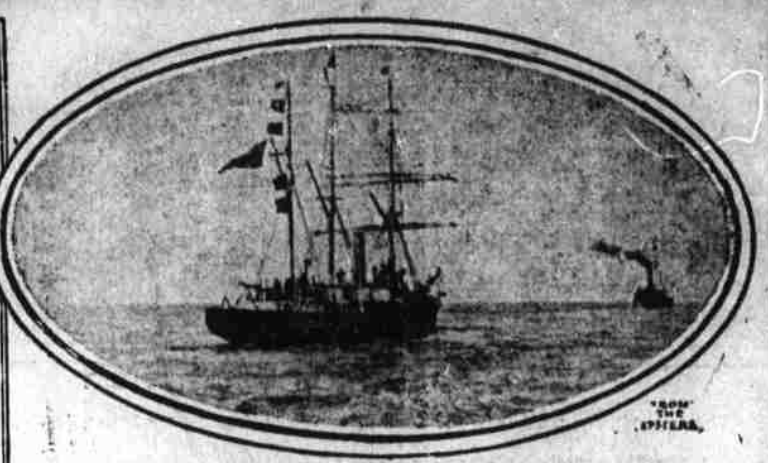


NOW FOR THE SOUTH POLE; EXPLORERS ARE LAYING PLANS

HOW AN ANTARCTIC SLEDGE EXPEDITION EQUIPS ITS FOOD AND CAMP FROM THE STORES



LIEUT. ERNEST H. SHACKLETON YEAR 1906 - 111 MILES



TOWING THE NIMROD TO THE ICE EDGE



LIEUTENANT SHACKLETON DRESSED FOR A DASH TO THE SOUTH POLE WITH HIS COMPANIONS OF 1906.



MR. C. BORCHGREVINK YEAR 1900 - 701 MILES

DR. W. S. BRUCE YEAR 1904 - 1118 MILES



CAPTAIN COOK YEAR 1773 - 1315 MILES



DR. ERIC VON DRYGALSKI YEAR 1903 - 1624 MILES



SIR JAMES ROSS YEAR 1842 - 228 MILES



CAPT. R. F. SCOTT YEAR 1902 - 540 MILES



DR. CHARCOT YEAR 1905 - 1555 MILES

SENSATION SPRUNG IN THE BANK CASES

Affidavits Read Set Forth That Deputy Ramsey Made Improper Statements to the Jurors.

JUDGE ORDERS ALL JURORS BROUGHT BACK TO COURT

Although, He Says, Proof of Allegations Will not Affect Verdict—Ramsey Makes a Flat Denial.

Judge Charles A. Moore of counsel for the defense in the trial of Maj. Breeze and Joseph E. Dickerson, convicted, fined and sentenced on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the First National Bank of Asheville, sprung a sensation in United States District court this morning when court convened, with Judge Newman presiding, to hear argument and motion in arrest of judgment and for a new trial in the cases of the convicted bankers, and as a result of affidavits read and allegations made the 12 jurors who tried and convicted the defendants have been summoned to appear back here tomorrow for an investigation into the matter.

A Surprise for Holton. District Attorney Holton, after Judge Moore had read his affidavits, said, "this is the first time we have heard anything of this; we should at least have time to file and answer; the affidavits are a reflection on and a charge against an officer of this court; the charges should be investigated."

Motion for New Trial. When court convened this morning Judge Moore moved for a new trial. He said that new matter had come to the attention of the defense; that he had affidavits which he desired to read. An affidavit was read which stated that after the case had gone to the jury Deputy Marshal Ramsey entered into communication with Juror J. E. Norton; that in the course of the conversation the officer said in effect: "Ramsey is as guilty as Breeze and Dickerson and they are as guilty as hell."

EMBLEM OF PEACE RAISED AT POLE

Peary Tells of the Flag He Swung, Then Photographed, and Then Buried.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, via wireless to Cape Ray, N. C., Sept. 15.—Commander Robert E. Peary conversed further today with representatives of the Associated Press regarding his journey to the north pole. He spoke particularly of flags he raised at the pole and records he left there, and he touched again on some of the assertions credited to Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Commander Peary said that when he reached the pole the first flag to be thrown to the breeze was a silken American emblem presented to him by his wife 15 years ago. He had carried this flag on every one of his expeditions to the north, leaving a piece of it at the highest point he attained. The last remnants were raised and left at the pole.

The explorer then raised the navy ensign, flag of the Navy league, then the flag of the Delta-Kappa-Epsilon fraternity, and finally the flag of peace. Tent poles and snow lances were used as flagstaves and when all had been raised the commander took several photographs of the group. He then buried the records in a water tight box in the ice.

He said he knew nothing of the statement from a Danish source that he had posted a notice on the Greenland coast to the effect that Cook was dead.

TO INSPECT THE SWAMP LANDS

Assistant Secretary Hays Has Gone to Hyde, N. C., on Such a Mission.

Washington, Sept. 15.—For the purpose of personally inspecting the experiment of converting the swamps in North Carolina into tillable land Assistant Secretary Hays of the department of agriculture left Washington today for Hyde county, N. C. The project of draining these swamps is proceeding under advice of experts in the department, and it is with the object of familiarizing himself with what is being accomplished that Dr. Hays will make his inspection.

SOLDIERS OF BLUE AND GRAY WILL UNITE IN CEREMONIES

Unveiling of Monument of Massachusetts to Those Who Fell at Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge, Sept. 15.—Old soldiers of both the Gray and the Blue will unite in ceremonies attending the unveiling of a monument erected by the state of Massachusetts to the memory of its soldiers who lost their lives in the battle of Baton Rouge and now lie buried in the national cemetery here.

A number of Confederate veteran organizations will participate in the event. Among the prominent speakers will be Governor Draper of Massachusetts and Governor Sanders of Louisiana. The unveiling will be on November 15.

All aboard for the South Pole! Fresh from the conquest of the North Pole, Frederick A. Cook, that intrepid explorer, turns longingly toward the south, and, if not beaten out by one or more of the other men at present bent on reaching the point where north is the only direction, it is believed he will carry off that plum, too. Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton of England, who has already been within 111 miles of the pole, is planning another expedition. Dr. Jean R. Charcot, a Frenchman, is now in the South sea. Henry Savage Landor is building an albatross in which he hopes to reach the pole. Two other Englishmen, Captain R. V. Webster and W. S. Bruce, are working out plans for attacks on the great uncharted. Pictures of the many men who have attempted to reach the South Pole, with their records, are shown in the accompanying illustration.

MORGANTON D. & D. SCHOOL IS OPENED

There Were 212 Present—Farmers Holding Colton, and Small Crop Will Sell Well.

Among today's visitors was Superintendent Goodwin of the state school for deaf-mutes, at Morganton. He says it opened its term with 212 pupils present, this being 14 more than ever before at the opening, and that it will be full to the limit, 250. Work is in progress on the new building for the primary department, which will be a dormitory and also contain school rooms, etc., and which will provide for 100.

THE COTTON MARKET.

The comment is made by cotton dealers here that they never saw lighter receipts at this season. As a matter of fact the farmers are holding the cotton. They fully believe it will go yet higher. A large grower said that his crop was about 30 per cent. short, but he expected to get as much for it as he did for last year's crop. This time last year it was eight and a half cents while now it is twelve and a half cents, the advance being \$20 a bale.

Extremely fine work is being done at the Agricultural and Mechanical college. The battalion will be larger this year than heretofore, though there will be only four companies. Measures for uniforms have been taken and at the State fair the battalion will parade. The band will again be a good one. The student body is doing fine work in every way. The students are devoted to President D. H. Hill, who has their full confidence and esteem. In the athletic line the foot-ball team is being tried out rapidly and Frank Thompson, now the trainer, is very much pleased with the work it is doing. There is very general regret that Dr. Michie Whitehurst of Baltimore can not again be the trainer. He had hoped to be but his office work prevents. Many games will be played with strong teams during the coming season.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m., Thursday, for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy, with occasional showers, to-night or Thursday; somewhat cooler Thursday.

Central Bank Plan Endorsed by Taft

On Eve of Setting Out on His Long Journey, the President Praises Aldrich, and Says He Expects to Learn Things in the South and West, and Maybe, Also, Do Some Teaching.

Boston, Sept. 15.—Well tanned by more than five weeks on the golf links and invigorated by the salt sea breezes of Massachusetts bay, President Taft closed his vacation today, and, in excellent voice started on his 13,000-mile swing around the country. President Taft began his speech-making tour last night at the banquet of the chamber of commerce of Boston. He will resume in Chicago. The presidential party was driven from the Hotel Touraine at 9:30 a. m. and boarded a special train of three cars at South station. It was arranged to send this train ahead of the regular 10 a. m. train to Albany and the west. The President's Boston Speech. President Taft's first public utterance since congress adjourned was made in Boston last night before 2000 men representing the combined business interests of Boston. The occasion was a banquet given in Mechanics hall, the largest auditorium in Boston, by the Boston chamber of commerce, recently formed by a merger of the Boston Merchants' association, and the associated board of trade with the chamber, and it marked the President's first public utterance since congress adjourned was made in Boston last night before 2000 men representing the combined business interests of Boston. The occasion was a banquet given in Mechanics hall, the largest auditorium in Boston, by the Boston chamber of commerce, recently formed by a merger of the Boston Merchants' association, and the associated board of trade with the chamber, and it marked the President's first public utterance since congress adjourned was made in Boston last night before 2000 men representing the combined business interests of Boston.

ORVILLE WRIGHT CONGRATULATED

He, With August William, Makes Flight from Frankfurt to Mannheim, Germany.

Frankfurt, Sept. 15.—The airship Zeppelin III left here today to fly to Mannheim. On board as passengers are Orville Wright, Prince August William of Prussia, and Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. They Land Safely. Mannheim, Germany, Sept. 15.—Zeppelin III landed her passengers here safely, after a successful flight from Frankfurt. Prince August William congratulated Orville Wright warmly on his recent aeroplane flights at Berlin.

STRIKE AGAIN ON AT M'KEE'S ROCKS

Discharging of Bosses Demanded—All Men Out of Pressed Steel Car Company.

Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—A new strike was inaugurated at the Pressed Steel car works at McKee's Rocks this morning by 3000 foremen, who refused to go to work unless bosses and substitute bosses of the plant were discharged. Later several hundred Americans quit work. The absence of foreigners, they said, necessitated their coming out. The main grievance, it is said, is the employment of a large number of men, imported during the late strike, in the capacity of bosses. The men claim one of the agreements by which the last trouble was settled was that all of the imported men should be discharged. The American workmen who have quit say no work is being accomplished in the mill. By 1 o'clock the strike became general. All workmen, numbering over 5,000, had left the plant and all departments were closed down.

WARNING SOUNDED IN ADDRESS TO BANKERS, BY JAMES J. HILL

TIGRESS AT LARGE IN CITY STREETS

Marseilles Consequently Excited—The Animal Probably Hiding in Sewer.

Marseilles, Sept. 15.—The royal Bengal tigress that escaped from a steamer in the harbor yesterday is still at large, reports current last night that had been captured being error. The tigress is reported to be on the water front, probably hiding in the mouth of a sewer.

The people of this locality are highly excited. Twice during the night the tigress was seen slinking along the docks, and fired upon, but both shots missed. The section where the animal is hiding is guarded by cordons of soldiers and police, and no one is allowed to go out on the wharves.

FOR MURDER AND RIOT POLICE ARE BLAMED

Business Men's Appeals for Closing of Gambling Houses in Vain, Says C. A. White.

Atlantic City, Sept. 15.—"The police of this city are directly responsible for the riot and shooting of a woman which occurred here last night," said C. A. White, one of the proprietors of the Marlborough-Blenheim hotel.

"The business element of the city, not these so-called reformers, have been for some time trying to close gambling houses in the negro section in the back part of town," he continued; "when the gambling exposé came some time ago, these resorts were closed, but we found that they were re-opening lately one by one, and that all our appeals to the police were in vain."

8 TRAINMEN KILLED; A HEAD-ON COLLISION

One Seriously Injured, Others Hurt—Several of the Victims Were Cremated.

Nashville, Sept. 15.—As the result of a head-on collision between a passenger train and fast freight on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, west of Pegram station, Tenn., 8 men were killed, one seriously injured, and a number of others are reported more or less hurt. No passenger was killed. The cars caught fire and several of the victims were cremated.

We Are Likely to Become a Wheat Importing Nation Within Ten Years, He Declares.

INCREASE OF PRODUCTION NOT NEARLY GREAT ENOUGH

The Farms Being Poorly Tilled—The People Go to the Factories and to Slums to Live.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Two important divisions of the American Bankers association, the trust company section and the clearing house section, met today in place of a session of the main convention. The work taken up by the two sections is considered by the bankers to be as important as the main business meetings of the convention. The officers of sections made their reports and open discussion of details of financial problems to be met in trust companies and clearing houses occupied much of the time.

Mr. Hill's Speech. "The idea that we feed the world is being corrected; and unless we can increase the agricultural population and their product, the question of a source of food supply at home will soon supersede the question of a market for our own products abroad." This was the warning given by James J. Hill at the convention of the American Bankers Association yesterday, during a discussion of the decline of agriculture and its consequences. Mr. Hill's subject was "National Wealth and the Farm."

"We have," said the speaker, "almost reached a point where, owing to increased population without increased production per acre, our home feed supply will be insufficient for our own needs; within ten years, possibly less, we are likely to become a wheat-importing nation; the percentage of the population engaged in agriculture and the wheat product per acre are both falling; at the same time the cost of living is raised everywhere by this relative scarcity of bread, by artificial increase in the price of all manufactured articles, and by a habit of extravagance which has enlarged the view of both rich and poor of what are to be considered the necessities of life. These plain facts should disturb and arouse not only the economic student but the men who are most intimately related to the wealth of the nation and most concerned that it shall not suffer from a decrease."

Mr. Hill declared that never yet has enhanced cost of living, when due to agricultural decline and inability to supply national needs, failed to end in national disaster.

All Depends on the Farm. Mr. Hill said the farm is our main reliance and that every other activity depends on that. He asserted, however, that the farm is our main reliance and that every other activity depends on that. He asserted, however, that the farm is our main reliance and that every other activity depends on that. He asserted, however, that the farm is our main reliance and that every other activity depends on that.