

Harry Whitney Tells of Meeting Commander Peary on Board the Roosevelt



SCENE ON DECK OF THE JEANIE (PHOTO COPYRIGHT, 1909, BY NEW YORK HERALD CO.)



PART OF ETAH FACING HARBOR WHERE DR. COOK'S INSTRUMENTS WERE LEFT (PHOTO COPYRIGHT, 1909, BY NEW YORK HERALD CO.)



SLUDGE WHICH DR. COOK PRESENTED TO MR. HARRY WHITNEY (PHOTO COPYRIGHT, 1909, BY NEW YORK HERALD CO.)



MR. HARRY WHITNEY (PHOTO BY G. G. BAYNE)

"PATIENT, SKILFUL," ONCE SAID ROBERT E. PEARY, IN PRAISE OF COOK

The Polar Controversy Serves to Bring Out an Interesting Incident of 1891.

OFFICE MAY COME TO THIS CITY

Decided Interest Is Being Taken in the Contest Over the Position of U. S. Marshal.

FAVORED PHILADELPHIANS WITH 46 BIRD SKINS

The Material to Be Used by Peary to Support His Claims Is Now in Completed Form.

MR. GRANT ACTIVE IN SUPPORT OF MR. LOGAN

But Meanwhile Friends of Mr. Harkins Are Pressing His Claims As a Party Man.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 29.—Seventeen years ago last Thursday Commander—then Lieutenant—Peary returned to Philadelphia from his first polar expedition, which was organized and financed by the Academy of Natural Sciences of this city, on condition that "complete sets of specimens collected and observations made" should "belong to and be the property of the academy."

Interest in these parts in the race for the position of United States marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, the place made vacant by the resignation of Marshal J. M. Millikan, to accept the clerkship of the United States Circuit and District courts at Greensboro, is heightened by the fact that should a man from Asheville or this section of the state be chosen, then the office of the United States marshal will in all probability be moved from Greensboro to Asheville. Should this happen, there would be enough room in the Federal building to accommodate the office, for in the enlargement of the building, a probable increase in the number of officers here was provided for.

These facts, recorded in the archives of the academy, throw new light on the explorer who is seeking to discredit Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who, curiously enough, was a member of this very expedition and of whom Peary said in the report mentioned: "The report would be incomplete without an acknowledgment of my obligation to Dr. Cook, patient and skilful surgeon, indefatigable worker, earnest student of the peculiar people among whom we lived, he has obtained, I believe, a record of the tribe unapproachable in ethnological archives."

Their Friends Active. The friends of the two candidates from Asheville are active in their interest. Congressman Grant, as has been stated in The Gazette-News, is giving his support to W. E. Logan, who engineered the congressman's campaign in the Tenth district last fall. Those in a position to know say that the congressman will throw all this influence possible, and all other influence available, in order to have Mr. Logan appointed to this position, as it would thus leave the way clear for an endorsement of Major W. W. Rollins for a fourth term for the postmastership. Then again, should Congressman Grant, who has shown that he can, and does intend to control the patronage in this district, fall to get Mr. Logan appointed, it is pointed out that others would clamor still more for the postoffice position, as they would then argue that Mr. Grant having promised the marshalship position to Mr. Logan, or rather tried to secure it for him, Mr. Logan would not be in line for the postoffice.

While Peary was on his expedition, and therefore bound by the academy's stipulation as to specimens and observations, he sent a collection of Eskimo curios to Professor F. W. Putnam, chief of the department of ethnology at the World's fair, Chicago. This statement is based on the following letter, written by Peary to Professor Benjamin Sharp, another member of the expedition, and dated McCormick bay, Greenland, July 29, 1891: "Dear Sir:—I turn over to you the following articles illustrative of the life of the arctic highlanders, obtained at the Eskimo settlement, Ittitah, Whale sound, the same to be taken home in the Kite in your charge and forwarded to Professor F. W. Putnam, chief of the department of ethnology at the World's Columbian exposition, Chicago. Your instructions and appointment from Professor Putnam will cover such additional articles as you may obtain on the return voyage."

In the meantime, the friends of Thomas J. Harkins are active in his interest, and say that they intend to make every effort to have him appointed. Mr. Harkins is running, or rather his friends are running him on his record as a party man, and it is not denied that he has rendered valuable services as to the republican party not only in Oklahoma, and in the state at large, but also in Asheville and Buncombe county.

"I sincerely hope that you may be able to obtain for Professor Putnam a native stone house and a series of good skeletons. The minor objects necessary to complete the exhibit I shall be able to obtain here during the winter. Very respectfully, R. E. PEARY, U. S. N."

The article referred to as enumerated in the report of the academy's special committee which was appointed to examine into Peary's course were: One Eskimo skin tent and Continued on Page Four.

Position Pays Well. The position of marshal is a lucrative one, paying \$4500 and expenses when the marshal is away from home, and promises to be hotly contested for. While there are a number of candidates in the other parts of the district over which the marshal has jurisdiction, it is pointed out by republicans in this neck of the woods, to the position once in a life time; that never before has a marshal of (Continued on page 3.)

Good Government League at Raleigh to Be Continued—Postmasters Are Now in Session. The Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holloman Building, Raleigh, Sept. 29. Governor Kitchin, who has gone to Franklin, Macon county, where he will make a speech at the unveiling and dedication of the Confederate monument, erected in memory of the soldiers from Macon county, will be absent two weeks. He will go to Asheville, to attend the Southern Appalachian good roads convention and from that will go to South Carolina, and be present at the dedication of the \$29,000 monument on the battlefield of King's Mountain. Rev. Mr. Bailey of Scotland, who has been in the state since May, looking after the 80 Scotch Lads who are here, leaves for home today. He has a request for 26 farms, including Chief Justice Walter Clark, who has a farm in Halifax, for boys, and will send over, selecting those who have had farm training. He says that if he could remain in the state 60 days longer he could get orders for at least 200 more young Scotchmen. He is largely impressed by what he (Continued on page three.)

Harry Whitney, the New Haven sportsman, who met Dr. Cook in the Arctic and learned from him of the discovery of the pole, has told his startling story in a wireless dispatch from Indian Harbor, Labrador, which was forwarded by the New York Herald's special correspondent on the relief ship Jeane. Mr. Whitney asserts that after Dr. Cook had entrusted to him the records and data of his trip, to the apex of the earth, together with certain of his instruments and the American flag he floated at the pole, the New Haven man took all these in his own trunk on board Robert E. Peary's ship the Roosevelt. Immediately Mr. Peary emphatically declared that nothing belonging to Dr. Cook could be taken back on the Roosevelt, and Mr. Whitney was compelled to unpeck his trunk and bury all Dr. Cook's effects, including the Stars and Stripes, in the rocks at Etah, where they now await recovery. Mr. Whitney at the same time was forced by Mr. Peary to give his word of honor that he had disposed of all of Dr. Cook's property that he held. "I have no doubt that Dr. Cook found the pole," says Mr. Whitney.

SURVEY OF STATE FROM THE CAPITAL

Governor Kitchin. It Is Said, Will Be Away from State Capital Two Weeks.

MATTER OF NEAR-BEER WILL BE CONSIDERED

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FATAL ACCIDENT AT RIVERHEAD, L. I.

H. H. Lytle Injured in Races and His Assistant Is Killed—The Buick Car Wins.

Riverhead, L. I., Sept. 29.—Herbert H. Lytle, one of the best known professional automobile racers in the country, was dangerously hurt and his mechanic, James Bates, received injuries from which he died, in the Long Island stock car race, near Riverhead.

The Buick Wins Again. Riverhead, L. I., Sept. 29.—Louis Chevrolet, driving a Buick car in the Riverhead-Mottinck meet, won class 4 race, 113 2-4 miles in 1:37:36 3-10, breaking all records for the class.

WITH THE SHIPS GOES SENTIMENT

Half Moon and Clermont Sailed up Hudson This Forenoon, to Visit Other Towns.

HISTORICAL EXERCISES ARE HELD AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During the Afternoon Boat Race—Will Be Held Between a Number of Crack Oarsmen.

New York, Sept. 29.—The imagery and sentiment of the Hudson-Fulton celebration left New York today when the Half Moon and the Clermont sailed up the Hudson to carry inspiration to the cities and towns which now begin their part in the centennial. In New York city the celebration will practically conclude this week, but along the route taken by reproductions of Hudson's and Fulton's famous craft, it will continue a week longer.

The Half Moon and the Clermont will be accompanied by an escort of torpedo boats, submarines and one cruiser. Historical Exercises. Historical exercises appropriate to the day were held at all public schools, and several tablets were dedicated by various patriotic societies. In the afternoon there were boat races between crack oarsmen of the international fleet. Balloon Race Later. Glenn Curtis and Wilbur Wright each made short flights in an aeroplane over Governor's Island this morning. It was announced that dirigible balloon race from New York to Albany would start later in the day. Wright covered six miles.

The program tonight includes an official banquet to about 2000 guests at the Hotel Astor. About every important nation will be represented. Balloons Up and Away. New York, Sept. 29.—Tomlinson got away in his dirigible balloon at 11:35 a. m., and Baldwin at 11:39, in the race to Albany for the New York World prize. White Plains, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Tomlinson's balloon landed here, with the motor leaking.

HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS BY AN INUNDATION IN WALES

Practically Entire Town of Aberon, With a Population of 8000, is Under Water.

London, Sept. 29.—An inundation in southern Wales has rendered hundreds of families temporarily homeless.

Practically the entire town of Aberon, with a population of 8000, is under water.

JACKSON FAIR TO BE HELD THIS WEEK

Committees Are Now Hard at Work, Putting Things in Order for Opening Event.

LONG PREMIUM LIST HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Friday Will Be Known as Educational Day, When a Number of Talks Will Be Made.

Special to The Gazette-News. Sylva, Sept. 29.—The second annual fair of the Jackson County Fair association will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week, October 1 and 2. The fair promises to far exceed the first event of the kind, held in this county last year. The committees having in charge the several departments are working hard these days, getting things in readiness for events, many of which the residents of this county have never seen the like before. A ten acre lot, along the line of Southern railway, will be used for the fair grounds, but the number of entries in charge the several departments were so large that larger grounds had to be secured. It is hoped that the new site will become the permanent grounds for future county fairs under the auspices of the association, that is to be organized at the forthcoming fair.

Long Premium List. A long premium list has been arranged that provides for prizes for almost every conceivable thing in the category. Premiums of \$25, \$10 and \$5 will be given for the best colt by the French coach stallion Courtesan. This horse is owned by a number of Jackson county men, and is to be one (Continued on page 7)

PEARY AND HUBBARD, AND THEY ONLY, KNOW

Just What Is in the Prize Package That Will Be Given the Public "Later."

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GRAY CHURCHWARD, STUDENT OF ASHEVILLE SCHOOL, HAS DISAPPEARED

THE TERRITORY IS TO BE ENLARGED

Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma, to Be Added to Jurisdiction of Revenue Agent Sams.

THE AGENT'S OFFICE, HOWEVER, WILL CERTAINLY REMAIN HERE

Owing to Increased Business the Office Force Will Be Increased, It Is Now Thought.

Effective October 1, the territory covered by the revenue agent's office under the direction of Revenue Agent R. B. Sams will be enlarged to include the entire states of Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma. At present the territory under supervision of Mr. Sams is composed of the sixth collection district of Virginia, which is the western half of Virginia; the fifth collection district of North Carolina, the territory west of Greensboro, and the first congressional district of Tennessee. The new order calls for the enlargement to include the entire state of Tennessee in addition to the two states west of the Mississippi.

What Caused Change. This change is caused by the transfer of C. H. Ingram, who was agent in charge of this territory with headquarters at Nashville to another territory. While under the charge of Revenue Agent Sams, this new territory will be kept somewhat apart from the other, and will be under the immediate charge of Revenue Agent Booth of Atlanta, who will maintain his headquarters at Nashville, but all his reports will be handled through Mr. Sams at the Asheville office.

Inquiry today as to whether the enlargement of the territory would necessitate the removal of the special agent's office from Asheville, the information was elicited that it would not; that Asheville was as well situated as headquarters for the agent as any other place in the district and that it would not be changed. On the other hand it was stated that it would be necessary to increase the office force here by the addition of one or more men in order to handle the increased business.

Field Force of 20 Men. There are at present working under Mr. Sams in the field about 20 men (Continued on page 5)

THE WEATHER

Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday, with rising temperature.

Former Governor McSweeney Dead. Columbia, S. C., Sept. 29.—Miles B. McSweeney, former governor of South Carolina, died this morning in a private sanitarium in Baltimore.

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The Young Fellow Left the School September 19, for no Apparent Cause.

FRANTIC MOTHER WRITES TO CHIEF CHAMBERS

Police Authorities of All Towns Between Asheville and New York Have Been Notified.

Great anxiety is felt, according to letters received here, by Mr. and Mrs. A. Churchward of Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, for the welfare of their son, Gray Churchward, a student, until September 19, at the Asheville school, near here. The young man has mysteriously disappeared, and since the date mentioned nothing whatever has been heard from him. Mrs. Churchward has written to Chief of Police Chambers of Asheville asking the chief to interest himself in the matter and to advise either Mrs. Churchward, at Hampton Beach, or Mr. Churchward, who has gone to New York to work at that end of the line, of any information that may come into possession of the Asheville authorities.

The Mother Frantic. Mrs. Churchward says that she is almost frantic over the disappearance of her boy; that she doesn't know whether he is dead or alive; that she has notified by wire all the chiefs of police in cities between Asheville and New York to interest themselves, and that all the information she has at all is that the Asheville School authorities have written her that her son told another boy, or is alleged to have told a boy, that he was going to New York.

He Was Homesick. The Asheville school this morning in reply to a question said that the boy left the school Sunday, September 19; that there was no cause so far as the school faculty knows for the lad leaving, and that they simply have no information whatever relative to the missing boy's whereabouts. It was stated, however, that the boy appeared homesick, and that this is the only cause that can be assigned for his leaving. Mrs. Churchward in the course of her letter to Chief Chambers and after referring to the fact that she had been notified that he boy left the Asheville school, Sunday, September 19, says: "We have had no trace of the boy since nor can we get any real evidence except school boy gossip that he left Asheville at all. Mr. Anderson of the school gives us no evidence except that Gray told a boy he was going to Philadelphia. Gray Churchward has been guarded like a child all his life and in three years of school life has never before broken any serious rule. Tuesday we received letters full of praise for the school, and joy that he was playing quarter-back on the team and looking forward to my visit." (Continued on page 4.)

Spanish Troops Triumph, War Ends in Morocco

Melilla, Sept. 29.—A brigade of Spanish troops advanced up the steps of Mount Guruga, the stronghold of the enemy today, and when possession was complete, the standard of Spain was flying to the breezes from the top peak. This is regarded as the ending of Spain's war in Morocco. The Report Confirmed. Madrid, Sept. 29.—It is officially announced that the Spanish troops occupied Mount Guruga, Morocco, this morning.

Men Are Buried Alive in a Connecticut Tunnel

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 29.—A gang of men were working hard this morning to reach the tunnel drivers buried by a cave-in, in a tunnel which is being driven to Lake Malheur to connect two reservoirs. It is believed six men, negroes and Italians, are buried alive and there seems no hope for them.