

# EDWARD H. HARRIMAN DEAD

## Great Financier and World's Phenomenal Railroad Organizer Passes Away At His Princely Home At Arden, New York.

Arden, N. Y., Special.—Edward H. Harriman, the greatest organizer of railroads the world has ever known, met the only lasting defeat of his active life Thursday at the hands of death. Secluded in the magnificent home on Tower Hill, surrounded by members of his family, physicians and nurses, he succumbed to an intestinal disorder Thursday afternoon after a fight against disease which will rank for sheer grit with his remarkable struggles in the financial world.

The time was given to the world as 3:35 p. m., but Mrs. Mary Simons, sister of the dead man, said that the end had come at 1:30, more than two hours previous. Whether this apparent discrepancy has any bearing on the current belief that every effort was made to lessen the influence of the financier's death on the New York stock market is problematical. But it is significant that the time of his death as officially announced was just 35 minutes after the trading had ceased on the exchange.

Mr. Harriman died peacefully and almost to the end his brilliant mind retained its integrity. After a relapse on Sunday he sank steadily and soon after the noon hour Thursday there came a relapse which marked the approach of the end. His wife, two daughters, the Misses Mary and Carol, and his sons, who have been constantly with him.

No spiritual adviser was at hand. The swift automobile in the Harriman garage had been despatched for the Rev. Dr. J. Holmes McGuinness an Episcopal rector of Arden parish, and Mr. Harriman's personal chaplain, but Dr. McGuinness was not at home. When found later, although rushed up the mountainside at break-neck speed he did not arrive until death had come to Arden house.

With the secrecy that has been maintained at the Harriman residence unbroken to the very end, news of Mr. Harriman's death was conveyed to New York before it came to Arden and the valley below.

Without pomp or ceremony E. H. Harriman was interred in the little country churchyard beside his oldest son, E. H. Harriman, Jr., at Arden, Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. J. Holmes McGuinness, rector of St. John's church, conducted the ceremony in the Episcopal church. Short services at the Arden house were held at 2 o'clock preceding the burial.

The active pall-bearers were C. T. Ford, superintendent of the Harriman estate; I. W. Mandige, head carpenter of the Harriman estate; E. P. Schultz, master mason of the Arden house; William Robbins, superintendent of the Arden farms, and W. A. McClelland, superintendent of stores of the Harriman estate. These men were pall-bearers according to Mr. Harriman's wish.

Mr. Harriman was born February 25, 1848, and was therefore in his 62nd year.

Mr. Harriman, like many other men who startle the world, came up from poverty and started out with little education, but step by step, with an unflinching ambition, rose to be a factor to be reckoned with by the great financiers of the world.

At the time the Union Pacific stock was going begging and the road was the despair of many moneyed interests, whose brains and capital had failed to place it on a paying basis, Harriman, backed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and Standard Oil interests, un-

dertook the rehabilitation of the railroad. He secured a controlling interest, reorganized the management, and through his transcendent genius, converted the bankrupt company into one of the best dividend-paying firms in the country. In this and later, when he took hold of the Southern Pacific, Harriman's policy was one of lavish expenditure, which made the properties as near physically perfect as possible. The matter of dividends was allowed to wait upon their perfection. This policy has continued on all the Harriman lines, and to it has been added a close study of the territories adjacent to the property and which contributed, or could be made to contribute to their welfare.

Harriman's most spectacular performance and that which made his name familiar to all the reading public was in May, 1891, when he struggled with the Morgan and Hill interests for control of the Northern Pacific. On May 9 of that year the historic Northern Pacific corner resulted in the stock of the company going to \$1,000. At the "show down" Harriman produced \$78,650,000 in stocks. However, the Hill-Morgan people held the whip-hand through a by-law of the company which permitted the retirement of preferred stock at any time. Of his holdings \$41,000,000 was preferred, but Harriman secured a compromise and he and some of his associates were elected to the Northern Pacific directorate.

Harriman, it is said, controlled 18,000 miles of railway, or six times across the continent; that these lines employ 80,000 men; that, in addition, he directed 54,000 miles of steamship lines, making 72,000 miles of transportation in all; that one could go from New York to Hongkong without ever leaving the Harriman lines and that he could return by another route on Harriman lines nearly all the way.

Financiers in recent estimates of Harriman's personal wealth have varied all the way from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000. He was, of course, a large holder of securities of the various corporations with which he was identified, including in addition to the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, over a score of smaller or tributary properties, not only in this country but in Mexico as well. Report credited him with large personal holdings in various railroad systems. His real estate holdings in this city, were comparatively small. His home at Arden is said to represent an outlay of over \$2,000,000.

"My railroad methods," said Mr. Harriman once, "are to serve the public, and to give it good service at the lowest possible cost, with, if possible, no favoritism. It gets its money's worth from me. My method is to give the public the best equipment, the best time, the best track."

### Shock to Progress of South.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Jas. U. Jackson, of Augusta, Ga., one of the business associates of the late Edward H. Harriman, and part owner of the Augusta street railway system, in speaking of the great financier's death said:

"I do not know what the policy of Mr. Harriman's successor will be, but I know that his death will be one of the greatest shocks to the progress of the South that could have been received. I am in a position to know that it was Mr. Harriman's intention to use his Illinois Central and Central of Georgia lines for the developing of the South's resources and to further the interests of the more progressive communities."

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

### Both the North and the South Have Had a Season of Unparalleled Activity—Statement Showing the Production and Consumption by the Mills of the Southern States.

New Orleans, La., Special.—Supplementing his report on the cotton crop for 1908-'09, as issued on August 31, Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, Tuesday made a detailed report of the crops of the different States as follows:

Alabama 1,428,000, against 1,171,000 last year.  
Arkansas 1,052,000, against 787,000.  
Florida 75,000, against 60,000.  
Georgia 2,118,000, against 1,964,000.  
Mississippi 1,673,000, against 1,496,000.  
Louisiana 485,000, against 673,000.  
North Carolina 747,000, against 689,000.  
South Carolina 1,298,000, against 1,226,000.  
Tennessee 426,000, against 335,000.  
Texas 3,819,000, against 2,221,000.  
Oklahoma 704,000, against 950,000.  
Total crop 13,825,000, against 11,572,000 last year.

He puts the spindles in the South at 11,255,787, including old, idle, and not complete, against 10,661,308 last year, an increase of 594,479.

Referring to the consumption by American mills Mr. Hester says that North and South they have had a season of unparalleled activity. In no past year, he states, have they consumed so much cotton, and phenomenal as the extent of the business has been it has not reached the limit of their capacity.

The money value of the past commercial crop, he states, is in round figures \$683,794,000, showing that while the number of bales marketed was 2,243,000 bales more than last year, the increase in money received was but \$11,509,000, equivalent to \$5.11 per bale for the excess, and yet Mr. Hester contends that considering all the circumstances, if ever a crop was sold at a good round price, it was the one under review.

In the South Mr. Hester makes the consumption 366,596 more than last year, and 120,765 over the year before last. Twenty-one new mills are building in the Southern States, and including additions to old establishments, 10,000 new looms and 511,294 new spindles are under way.

The year's consumption has been divided as follows:

State.	Consumption.	Increase.
Alabama	251,871	46,261
Arkansas	6,038	2,190
Georgia	556,119	74,757
Kentucky	26,290	1,694
Louisiana	17,244	3,331
Mississippi	38,691	3,529
Missouri	14,826	6,449
North Carolina	759,295	130,414
South Carolina	700,352	75,806
Tennessee	69,211	9,154
Texas	42,456	8,675
Oklahoma	2,568	954
Virginia	77,921	3,382

Total . . . . . 2,559,873 366,596

In conclusion, Mr. Hester says the facts concerning this remarkable year in cotton consumption speak for themselves, but it is safe to say that had they been estimated instead of plain unvarnished truths, even extremists would have been justified in classing them as exaggerations.

In the South he says: "We have brushed 2,600,000 bales closely during the past year and this close on the heels of the panic with 215 out of a total of 786 active mills from one to two months late in getting under headway. Most of the new not complete spindles will be in working order before the coming year's close, and with these on the basis of the 1904-'05 consumption per spindle the capacity of the Southern mills will be something like 2,800,000 to 2,900,000 bales."

### Marshal Killed By Blow.

Jesup, Ga., Special.—Marshal G. B. Pope was killed Friday afternoon by a blow over his head in a desperate struggle with Edward Tyre, Brantley Tyre and Jas. Tyre, prominent young white men whom he was attempting to arrest. It is not known which one of the Tyres inflicted the fatal blow. All were arrested as they attempted to escape and lodged in Wayne county jail.

### Say Stories Agree.

New York, Special.—Scientists and explorers here comparing the latest dispatches regarding Commander Peary's achievement with the reports which Dr. Cook has sent out were very generally agreed that Peary's findings seem to confirm Dr. Cook's story in several significant particulars, thus far raise no points of disagreement. These scientists were more positive than ever that the controversy can be settled beyond reasonable doubt by an inquiry before a recognized scientific body.

### Could Have Been Worse.

"The thing might have been so much worse than it was," said Dr. Daniel, with reference to the burning of Columbia College, lying in bed nursing his aching feet and patting a burned place on his cheek, but smiling good naturedly through it all. "Had the fire come in the way it did at the hour it did when the college was full of girls two weeks later, we might have seen sights that would have made strong men weep."

## PEARY AT POLE TOO

### Dispatches Flash Over the Wires Monday.

#### REACHES GOAL APRIL 6, 1909

### Several Messages Sent Including One to Mrs. Peary Leave No Doubt of Their Meaning—Did Not Know of Dr. Cook's Discovery.

New York, Special.—From out the Arctic darkness there were flashed Monday the messages which stunned the scientific world and thrilled the heart of every layman. From the bleak coast of Labrador Peary gave to the world the news that he had attained his goal in the far north, while at the same moment in far off Denmark Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, was being dined and lionized by royalty for the same achievement.

Undeniably Yankee grit has conquered the frozen north and there has been created a coincidence such as the world will never see again.

The Americans have planted the flag of their country in the land of ice which man has sought to penetrate for four centuries and each, ignorant of the other's conquest, has flashed within a period of five days a laconic message of success to the waiting world.

The following telegrams tell the fact that there is a story coming.

New York, Special.—Peary has succeeded.

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., September 6.

"To Associated Press, New York.

"Stars and Stripes nailed to North Pole. (Signed)

"PEARY."

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., September 6.

"Herbert L. Bridgeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Pole reached. Roosevelt safe. (Signed)

"PEARY."

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., September 6.

"I have the pole April 6.—Expect arrive Cheateau bay September 7. Secure control wire for me there and arrange to expedite transmission of big story. (Signed)

"PEARY."

April 6, 1909—the date that Peary planted the flag at the Pole—and April 21, 1908, the day that Dr. Cook unfurled the stars and stripes a year before, consequently become the cardinal dates upon which exploration of the far North will rest hereafter. Though separated by nearly a year, the same feat was accomplished by two Americans, neither of whom was aware of the movements of the other.

Cook says that he found no traces of Peary in the moving ice and according to word which was received here through Capt. Robert Bartlett, of Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, late Monday night, Peary likewise found no signs of his reputed predecessor. However, this phase of Peary's experience will not be thoroughly cleared up until a statement is obtained from his own lips.

A Washington dispatch says: Commander Robert E. Peary, almost three years ago prophetically outlined his view of the value and interest attached to the achievement he announced in the dispatches Monday. The penetration of the frozen heart of the Arctic circle, the news of Peary's feat following close upon the heels of Dr. Cook's planting of the American flag at the same spot, evoked enthusiastic plaudits in Washington. Everywhere among army and navy officers and scientists and official Washington, generally, only words of praise were spoken.

Dr. Cook was intensely interested at the cablegrams and said: "That is good news. I hope Peary did get to the Pole. His observations and reports on that region will confirm mine."

Asked if there was any probability of Peary's having found the tube containing his records, Dr. Cook replied: "I hope so, but that is doubtful on account of the drift."

He added:

"Commander Peary would have reached the Pole this year. Probably while I was in the Arctic region last year his route was several hundred miles east of mine. We are rivals, of course, but the pole is good enough for two." "That two men got to the Pole along different paths," continued the explorer, "should furnish large additions to scientific knowledge. Probably other parties will reach it in the next ten years, since every explorer is helped by the experience of his predecessors, just as Sverdrup's observations and reports were of immeasurable help to me. I can say nothing more, without knowing further details, than that I am glad of it."

### Fleet's Battle Practice.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The Atlantic battle and cruiser fleet had highly favorable conditions Monday for their rough water battle practice work, as a northeast wind was blowing 20 miles an hour, but unfortunately one of the larger boats having been penetrated by shells from the big guns of the ships, became water-logged and had to be brought in for repairs.

## MAN AGAINST MAN IN POLAR DISPUTE

### Only Negro and Eskimos Accompany Peary.

#### WHITE MEN NOT ON THE TRIP

### This Information Encourages the Supporters of Dr. Cook—Geographical Society Maintains the Attitude of "Keep Hands Off" for Present.

The Washington, D. C., Herald, of Saturday says:

It is now merely the word of one white man against that of another. The great polar controversy has resolved itself into a question of the personal veracity, respectively of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary.

According to the statements of each over his own signature, neither was accompanied by a member of his



own race when he is alleged to have planted the Stars and Stripes at the north pole.

That Commander Peary had with him only his negro body servant, Matt Hensen, and a handful of Eskimos, when he made the last stage of his journey toward the pole, and that he had sent back the only remaining white member of the expedition when he reached latitude 87.8 was not known until the first installment of his detailed story of his trip was published on Saturday.

One of the principal arguments made by the Peary supporters against



ROBERT E. PEARY.

the acceptance of Dr. Cook's claims to the discovery of the pole was his own admission that he was unaccompanied by any white man, and that, aside from the records of his observations, the only corroborative evidence he could produce would be the testimony of the two Eskimos who were with him on his final dash.

Now it appears from Commander

Peary's own story that he himself was in a like situation. Aside from the negro Hensen, who had been his "Man Friday," for the past twenty years, his sole companions were four Eskimos. There was no white man with him who can now take the witness stand and testify to the accuracy of his scientific observations above the latitude of 87 degrees and 8 minutes.

It is needless to say that this development has brought great encouragement to the camp of the Cook followers. They are expressing renewed confidence that when the data of the two men are presented to an unprejudiced jury of scientists, Dr. Cook's word will be accepted with equal credence to that of Commander Peary.

According to Peary's own story, when he started from Cape Columbia there were seven members of the party, seventeen Eskimos, and 123 dogs. The members of the expedition were: Peary, Goodsall, MacMillan, Borup, Marvin, Bartlett and Hensen. From time to time, as the explorers proceeded northward, Peary sent different members of the expedition back, either in command of so-called supporting parties or for other reasons. Goodsall, Borup, Marvin and Bartlett each returned in charge of a quota of Eskimos, dogs and sleds. MacMillan was forced to return on account of a frost-bitten foot. Finally when 87.8 north latitude was reached, Peary's sole white companion was Capt. Bartlett, and he was sent back from this point with two Eskimos and the necessary equipment to supply him until Cape Colum-

bia should be reached. From there on Peary had with him the faithful Hensen and four Eskimos.

In the opinion of the Cook supporters, the final records of Dr. Cook's observations are now just as worthy of credence as those of Peary. They contend that Dr. Cook's previous standing as an explorer renders his unsupported word of equal value to that of Peary. They do not regard the negro Hensen as a factor in the equation. His long employment by the explorer would put him in the class of prejudiced witnesses, even if his lack of scientific knowledge did not bar him.

While none but the most radical Cook followers seek to discredit Peary, they point with some glee to the statements made by Peary's supporters after Cook's first announcement of his discovery, that no explorer could hope to convince the world of the truth of his story unless corroborated by the personal testimony of at least one other white man.

### Court of Last Resort.

What will constitute the court of last resort in the controversy is still problematical. Various suggestions have been made, but it is likely that no definite movement will be set on foot in this direction until the return of the two explorers to this country. The Coast and Geodetic Survey's offer to act as arbiter will hardly be accepted by Dr. Cook, inasmuch as Peary was, in a sense, an employee of this institution, being on detached duty for it from the naval service during his trip.

Both men are lecturers before the National Geographic Society, of this city, and as the attitude of this body has been one of "hands off" since Peary made his charges against Cook, it is believed that the two explorers would be willing to submit their quarrel to the adjudication of an international board of scientists to be selected by the society. Already the Duke of Abruzzi, at one time the wearer of "farthest north" laurels, is being prominently mentioned as the possible head of the proposed court.

### Crowds Cheer Him.

Committees from the Geographical Society and the faculty of the University of Copenhagen saw the explorer off. A director of the company owning the ship on which Dr. Cook travels made an address in which he thanked the explorer for the honor of leaving on a Danish ship. He said that Denmark believed in Dr. Cook absolutely. Dr. Cook replied feebly.

In the course of a conversation before leaving Dr. Cook said that he was willing to place his records before the American Coast and Geodetic Survey, provided Commander Peary would do the same. He said there was no reason why he should be the first to apply for such an examination.

### Curtiss Wins Big Prize.

Brescia, Italy, By Cable.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, who won the international cup at Rheims, captured the grand prize in the aviation meet here Sunday. Curtiss made his flight for the grand prize Sunday, covering 50 kilometres (31.05 miles) or five times around the course in 49 minutes, 24 seconds. His share of the \$10,000 prize is \$6,000. Rougier, the French aviator, also competed, making a flight of 50 kilometres in 1 hour 10 minutes 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 3-4 seconds.

### Steamer Lauretania Lost.

St. Johns, N. F., Special.—Thrilling scenes attended the loss of the Allan line steamer, Lauretania, bound from Boston for Glasgow, which piled up on the rock near Cape Race during a dense fog at 6 o'clock Monday morning. The vessel is a total wreck but the fifty passengers and forty members of the crew escaped to land after a trying experience.

The steamer rebounded heavily when she struck, the shock throwing most of the passengers from their berths.

### Lynch an Innocent.

Clarksville, Miss., Special.—Hiram McDaniels was swung to a tree early Monday because a mob of several hundred enraged citizens could not get his brother, Utah Nathan McDaniels, slayer of Policeman Walter Marshall. Nathan was caught in a swamp by a force of deputy sheriffs and hurried to Jackson, ending the mob in waiting for the prisoner. "It's all the same, anyway," chanted the mob when Hiram was discovered, and he paid with his life for his brother's crime.

### New York Times Loses.

New York, Special.—Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, settled a novel legal controversy Friday in favor of The New York Sun and The New York World, defendants in proceedings brought by The New York Times. Friday the Times obtained a temporary injunction restraining The Sun and The World from printing any of Peary's cabled account of his discovery, which he had agreed to furnish exclusively to The Times but the court Friday dissolved the restraining order.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN CONSUMED BY FIRE

Columbia, S. C., Special.—Fire at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning totally destroyed Columbia College, built by popular subscription from Methodists all over this State. The plant was valued at \$250,000, and was insured for \$75,000 with \$10,000 more on equipment. The property was bonded for \$60,000 and there were about \$20,000 more in floating debts.

A liquidation would leave nothing but the rock foundation and the grounds; but arrangements are going right ahead for rebuilding and the opening for the present session in the Colonial hotel property, the former plant of the college. The fire was evidently caused by the cross circuiting of wires in the northwest dormitory.

## THE ROOSEVELT TO BE IN HUDSON RIVER PARADE

New York, Special.—Commander Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, will be one of the features of the Hudson-Fulton naval parade on the opening day of the celebration. The following telegram was received here Friday night:

"Sydney, C. B., Sept. 10.

"Hudson-Fulton Celebration Committee:

"Peary Arctic Club applies for position for its steamer Roosevelt with the North Pole in tercentennial parades.

"H. L. BRIDGMAN."

A favorable reply was promptly sent, and the Roosevelt will be assigned to a place of honor close to the Half Moon and Clermont, which will lead the parade. In all probability Peary himself will be on board, together with the members of the Peary Arctic Club, and possibly other distinguished explorers. Dr. Cook, it is expected, will be in New York City at the time, but the celebration committee regards it as unlikely that he will be invited to join the Peary party.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET IS BUOYANTLY STRONG

New York, Special.—Wall Street's response Friday to the death of Edward H. Harriman was a buoyantly strong stock market in which securities made sensational gains and held them to the end. The volume of business was enormous—well over 1,500,000 shares—and to this vast amount the better known Harriman stocks, namely Union Pacific common and Southern Pacific, alone contrib-

ed over one-third, while other properties in which the late magnate was more remotely interested added probably as much more to the sum total. The day resulted in a complete route of the short interest, which was probably more extensive than even the best informed had imagined. Even before the opening here it was evident from the tone of American securities in London that the strongest support was forthcoming.