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### PEARY SAYS THAT WHAT WHITNEY MAY TELL MATTERS NOT

#### That Is to Say That Peary Arctic Club Has Made up Its Mind

#### DR. COOK IS TRIED BEFORE HE'S HEARD

#### Meanwhile Alleged "Proofs" Are Kept Under Cover in Peary Circles

BAR HARBOR, Maine, Sept. 25.—The proof that Commander Robert E. Peary has obtained to support his position on the question "has Cook been at the pole?" will in no way be affected by any intimation which Harry Whitney, the Arctic explorer, who arrived in Battle Harbor, Labrador, yesterday may reveal concerning statements alleged to have been made to him by Dr. Cook at Etah last spring. General Thomas Hubbard, president of the Peary Arctic club, preliminary to a conference with Commander Peary here on Monday was glad to hear that Mr. Whitney had returned safely, but he said today that he knew of no reason why any of the officers of the Peary Arctic club should communicate with Mr. Whitney on the Cook controversy.

The Peary proofs are still kept under cover and neither General Hubbard nor Commander Peary will make known their nature, but it is learned that they do not in any way depend upon what Dr. Cook told either Harry Whitney or Pritchard, the cabin boy of the Roosevelt, at Etah, nor any information that may have been obtained in Greenland by any member of the crew of the Peary expedition. The proofs, further, it is learned, are not built upon any statements that have been made so far by Dr. Cook on his trip to the Arctic. Pending a meeting of the officers of the Peary Arctic club in New York, the proofs which are being so closely withheld will be put into form for publication.

Commander Peary is expected here Monday.

### JURY OF TWELVE SAYS THAT FARNUM IS NOT GUILTY OF BRIBERY

#### First Verdict in S. C. Dispensary Graft Trials Was Returned Yesterday.

#### ANOTHER CHARGE

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 25.—The jury in the case of James Farnum, the "beer king" of South Carolina, indicted for bribery, brought in a verdict of not guilty, after almost six hours deliberation. Farnum was accused of bribing officials of the former state dispensary and influencing them to make purchases from him. It was in the testimony that out of a business that did from two and a half to three million dollars annually, Farnum in six months received awards amounting to \$884,000.

The jury had been expected to remain out much longer and probably to report a mistrial, although the prosecution's case and evidence were believed to be exceedingly strong.

Another charge.

Farnum is still under indictment for bribery in another case and is implicated in two other cases of complicity to defraud. He will be tried at another time of court.

The next case in the series of prosecutions at this term, growing out of the defalcations from the state dispensary is that of John Black, charged with accepting a bribe, which comes up next week.

### LOOKING AFTER STORM VICTIMS

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 25.—With the completion of the work of rescuing those who had been marooned as a result of last Monday's hurricane and the successful or unsuccessful searches for missing persons practically at an end, the citizens along the Gulf coast of Louisiana and Mississippi are tonight giving themselves up to caring for the storm sufferers.

The number of dead tonight is estimated at 150 and of those fully two-thirds are recorded in Terrebonne parish.

### WHITNEY'S COMING WITH THE PROOF SAYS DR. F. COOK

#### Man Explorer Met in Wastes of Snow And Ice Near at Hand

#### BELIEVES WHITNEY IS A GENTLEMAN

#### Gave Him Duplicate Set of Trip Records And Most of His Instruments

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 25.—In an interview given to The New Haven Register in New York last night, Dr. Cook told of his meeting with Harry Whitney in Arctic. The explorer said he was on his way South, and when within five miles of Anaktok was surprised to see several men approaching.

"It was," continued Dr. Cook, "Harry Whitney and some of the Eskimos with him on his hunt. It was the first time I had ever seen Mr. Whitney and he had to introduce himself. He told me of wintering at my quarters and told me that Commander Peary had spotted my party over the ice. That was the first I had heard of Peary being there."

"We went to the supply house and I told Mr. Whitney I had been to the pole. It fell out that in discussing my route South it occurred to me that as Mr. Whitney expected a vessel to come for him, it would be a good plan to send to America my documents and instruments on his ship because of their greater safety of transport by water. He readily agreed to do so and when he comes I'm sure they will be aboard in good shape."

Gave Him Records.

Mr. Whitney and myself put in two days at the store house and then I started for my final tramp to the port where I could ship for civilization. Now one set of records is with Mr. Whitney and another set with myself.

"While delayed in my trip South from the pole, I copied every bit of my original data to insure the possession of at least one complete set of records in case of accident to the original. When I handed over to Mr. Whitney one set, the other went with me, and I felt sure of getting (Continued on page four.)"

### END OF THE WORLD FAILED TO GET IN ON SCHEDULE TIME

#### Somebody Kicked In "Holy Rollers" Program And Next Bath Is Year Off

#### WORLD WILL MOVE ON AS OF YORE

#### Big Batch of "Sinners" Cleared Out When The Show Was Called Off

WEST DUNHURRY, Mass., Sept. 25.—The end of the world, arranged as the finale in the strange drama enacted here during the past few days, not having occurred as scheduled, most of the actors left the theatre of their activities tonight. Hereafter they will wait in their homes, with the same implicit faith, the rendering of the last act. The millennium is still impending they declare. It is possible that some member may again be the recipient of a revelation appointing a time and place for the coming of the Lord. In that case a similar gathering is again possible.

That it was merely a miscalculation by a few of the more radical members which resulted in the gathering now dispersed was the statement of several of the conservative members of the sect today. They affirm that the end is near, but that the time is uncertain.

Ashtod, "five miles from everywhere," has been the stage of the week's program. Tonight but fifty of the three hundred actors remain and they probably will go soon.

The last day of watching was passed with little change from the program of the week. Nervous systems were eased somewhat by a lessening in the services of prayer, song and supplication. The day was marked by one radical departure.

"Newspaper Sinners."

The "sinners," as represented by the small army of newspaper men which has besieged the little congregation, were admitted for the first time within the portals of the meeting place. There they listened to exhortation on the belief of the sect, on the past history of the adventists and on their faith in the imminent approach of the end of the world.

"No Lord don't disappoint us," prayed the Triune Immortalists at intervals during the meeting which they held throughout last night in (Continued on page two.)"



### GHOST OF HENRY HUDSON GAZES ON NEW YORK'S BIG FETE IN HIS HONOR

#### He Walked the Quarter Deck as of Yore in Boots and Plug Hat—Gotham Is Out-doing Herself in the Hudson-Fulton Carnival—Rare Scenes of Beauty and Splendor Everywhere.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Henry Hudson's ghost, it is said, was seen in the Hudson-Fulton celebration today. The weather man made good his promise. At two o'clock this morning rain had ceased to fall, and dawn brought a brilliant day of intensely blue sky and scintillating sunlight. Conservative estimates tonight place the number of those who witnessed the naval parades today from the shores of Staten Island, Long Island, Brooklyn and New Jersey at 5,000,000.

The parade, though a little late in starting, due to the collision of the Clermont and Half Moon, went off further than planned, without further accident and in slightly and noble order. The torpedo boats, submarines and naval auxiliaries led the way, followed by the Half Moon and the Clermont, revenue cutters, tugs and lighters, merchant men, yachts, motor boats, pleasure craft and such a fleet of excursion steamers as has never been seen before.

The day's exercises culminated with the presentation of the Half Moon to the commission by the Dutch envoys. This ceremony was formal and furnished a picturesque climax as the living shade of Henry Hudson, in velvet and ruff, grasped the hand of the descendant of Robert Fulton, in small clothes and heaver hat. In front of the mast the gold-laced, beribboned and frock coated representatives of nearly a dozen nations, while behind them rolled the river which carried their ancestors to fame. And as they stood there on the left bank with the afternoon sun streaming down upon them, the thunder of the guns of the warships echoed back from the Jersey hills and far up the river.

The assembly in the reviewing stand was full of picturesque and brilliant internationalism. Beside the sombre frock coats of the American and Japanese officials there flashed out the gold dress of the admirals, the red fet of the Turkish minister and the jeweled cap of Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese representative, while sitting through the crowd was a host of attaches in full uniform.

Brilliant Scenes.

Under the glare of arc lights and the incessant urging of foremen, hundreds of carpenters, decorators and electricians today put final touches on decorations for the Hudson-Fulton celebration. At the hotels last night the electrical displays were tested for the first time, and from Washington heights the whole sower Manhattan appeared as if illuminated by some great conflagration.

The Plaza hotel appeared radiant as seen from Central park. The northern end of the lake was thronged with persons who had been attracted by the sight. Above the dark mass of trees the hotel could be seen outlined with strings of fire. Above all was a line of electric half-moons, alternating with the monograms of the hotel. The unruddied surface of the lake reflected the picture perfectly. A searchlight was playing on the flags above the building and they seemed to stand out against the black sky in marked contrast.

At Central Park.

Along Central park west the stands which have just reached completion, were dotted with persons who were abroad to witness the final touches placed on the illumination devices. The cars bound down Broadway were filled, and passengers when they got (Continued on page six.)"

### BALLOON AND THE HOPES OF FRANCE EXPLODE TOGETHER

#### Dirigible Military Contrivance Let go When Six Hundred Feet In The Air

#### FOUR PASSENGERS KILLED INSTANTLY

#### Brave Sons of Gaul Stuck to Their Posts While Dash- ing Into Certain Death

MOULINS, France, Sept. 25.—While passing over the national road which leads from Paris to Antibes and when at a height of between five and six hundred feet the French dirigible military balloon, Republique, exploded this morning and fell to the ground. The four men on board were killed. They were Captain Marchal, Lieutenant Phauru and Sub-Lieutenants Vicolet and Reux.

It was the intention of Captain Marchal, who was in charge of the airship, to stop at Nevres and an automobile containing mechanics was following the balloon. It was almost directly beneath it when the accident occurred. The car fell straight down, carrying the fluttering remnants of the envelope, and the occupants were buried beneath the wreckage.

All killed.

All were dead except Lieutenant Phauru, but he lived only a few minutes after being removed. The bodies were transported to the Chateau D'Avrilly, the property of the Marquis De Chavannes.

Lieutenant Tixie, who was in command of the automobile says that the balloon suddenly burst and collapsed. It seemed to oscillate violently a moment prior to this, as though it had been struck, and it fell with the rapidity of a stone. When he reached the wreckage the car was completely covered with the envelope and not a sound came from beneath. With the aid of the Marquis De Chavannes and peasants, who hurried from the surrounding fields the envelope was removed.

Appalling Spectacle.

The spectacle was appalling. The car had been literally crushed, and amid mass of tangled steel and wire every man except Phauru could be seen at his post. Captain Marchal was in a sitting posture, his body thrown back and his eyes wide open. The bodies of the sub-lieutenants lay mangled beneath the cylinder of the motor. Phauru's body was lying half outside, as if possibly he had tried to jump during the descent. Apparently the death in the case of the three men had been instantaneous from the shock when they struck the earth and the weight of the heavy rigging (Continued on Page Three.)"

### MARRIAGE REVIVED THIS DYING MILLIONAIRE BUT HE DIDN'T LEAVE BED

#### After Joining Lots with His Housekeeper Bridegroom Has a Relapse.

#### CONDITION IS GRAVE

AUBURN, N. Y., Sept. 25.—John H. Osborne, the millionaire who on last Sunday married his housekeeper, Miss Charlotte E. Luter, while he lay in his bed presumably dying, is still alive, despite reports current here that the man, who is seventy-seven years old, had died and left every cent of his fortune to his bride, who is his second wife.

Miss Luter was more than fifty years old when she became the wife of Osborne, who was at the head of one of the greatest firms manufacturing harvesting machines in this country.

It was learned that City Clerk Hanlon was taken in a carriage from his home to the residence of Osborne to issue the marriage license, as it was thought then that the millionaire could not live more than a few hours. The license had hardly been signed when a minister arrived and performed the ceremony.

Mr. Osborne's condition today is grave. His heart has been troubling him, and he has suffered a relapse. Osborne's bride has nothing to say about the strange ceremony. She was in the employ of Osborne for about three years.

### WAS DESPONDENT AND CUT HIS THROAT

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 25.—Despondent because of his paralyzed condition, George J. Rhodes, forty years old, today slashed his throat three times with a pocket knife and then jumped into the lake at Lakewood in an attempt to commit suicide. Rhodes grasped a pole under the water but his falling strength caused him to relax his hold and when he came to the surface he was rescued and hurried to a hospital. It is believed he will recover.

### INVISIBLE HANDS GRIPPED THE TELEGRAPH WIRES YESTERDAY MORN

#### Strange Electrical Phenomena Disturbed Wire Wizards All Over the World.

#### BOYS SAID "AURORA"

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Gripped by the mysterious "aurora" telegraph wires practically all over the world were paralyzed today. From early morning until night, communication was erratic and at times cut off entirely between certain points.

Old telegraph operators called it the "aurora" for brilliant northern lights usually follow such an electrical phenomenon, but instead of watching for the display, they bent their minds and energies to untangling the snarl and adjusting their instruments.

The first "break" came shortly before 7 a. m., eastern standard time, or noon at Greenwich, and for the next five hours telegraph wire chiefs from Boston to Chicago wrestled with the strange force.

That the disturbance was worldwide was shown by European dispatches, which told of similar trouble on lines on the continent as well as on the submarine cables.

The crest of the wave in the eastern part of this country seem to have been reached shortly before noon, and after that the wires began to act more rationally.

### FINISHING MILL WILL CLOSE DOWN

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 25.—The Cooler-Lowrey company of this city has posted a notice on its doors that no more goods for finishing will be received by the concern to be finished later than October 15.

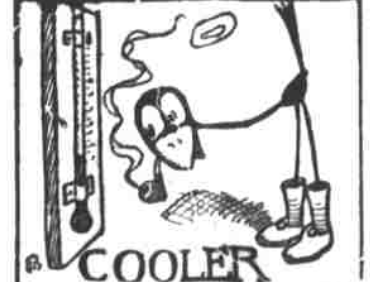
This announcement has also been sent out to the customers of the mills.

All goods on hand will be finished and after that the factory, which employs several hundred hands, will close down. The business of the company is to finish the products of a number of cotton mills that have been their regular customers. The plant has been in operation here for about fifteen years.

### NINE HOUSES DESTROYED BY BIG FIRE AT SPENCER

#### Defective Flue in Restaurant Does \$8,000 Damage Before Flames Are Out.

SPENCER, N. C., Sept. 25.—Nine dwellings were burned in East Spencer this afternoon, entailing a loss of \$8,000 with \$5,000 insurance. The fire originated from a defective flue in a restaurant and a high wind carried the flames rapidly across a block and successful efforts were made to check the course of the fire by dynamiting several houses. Engineer Wm. Brown was painfully scalded in an effort to throw water by use of a locomotive on the Southern yards, the fire being out of reach of the city water supply.



WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Forecast for North Carolina: Continued cooler Sunday and Monday, except threatening near the coast; brisk northeast winds.

### IS SENTENCED TO HANG FOR MURDER OF BELCHER

#### Man Who Killed Father in Presence of His Child Must Pay Penalty.

BAXLEY, Ga., Sept. 25.—Convicted of a cruel murder from ambush as the result of a minor quarrel, and placed in the hands of the judge with no recommendation to mercy, Fate Taylor, a white man, was today sentenced to be hanged for killing W. A. Belcher in the lower part of this county on August 10, last.

Taylor did not lose his composure when the sentence was pronounced. Belcher's three-year-old daughter was the only eye-witness to the murder. She was at her father's side in their buggy when a man stepped from the roadside and emptied a shot gun into Belcher. Taylor will ask for a new trial.

### NO JURISDICTION IN WHISKEY CASES

ANDERSON, S. C., Sept. 25.—That municipal courts have no jurisdiction to try liquor cases was the decision handed today by Circuit Judge Adrich and which it is believed will seriously hinder the enforcement of the liquor laws in South Carolina, if allowed to stand by the Supreme court. The enforcement of the laws heretofore has been largely due to the police departments of the cities. An appeal to the Supreme court will be taken at once.

### HUNTED MAN AGAIN TRICKS HIS PURSUERS

#### Henry Smith, Suspected of Slaying Brother, Fails to Surrender as He Agreed.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Sept. 25.—Henry Smith, suspected of the murder of his brother, William Smith, who was found in the Connecticut river with his head battered in, has foiled Sheriff Davis and his officers for the third time in as many weeks.

Smith's latest ruse was to send word on Monday to the officials who have been searching for him that if they would let up in the hunt for him he would surrender himself. The officers, who have been beating the bushes and rushing about in automobiles over half the county for many days, took him at his word, and the detectives and a posse of deputy sheriffs were called off for three days.

Anxiously the officials waited for word from the fugitive until today, when they came to the conclusion that they were the victims of a hoax, and the search has begun again with renewed vigor. Word was posted about the country side that any one harboring Smith would be arrested as an accessory to the murder.

### RAILWAYS FINED.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 25.—The Norfolk and Western, and Baltimore and Ohio railway companies were mulcted in the United States District court here today for violations of the safety appliance laws.

### SECTION HANDS FIND THIRTY-SIX BODIES ON RAILROAD PROPERTY

#### Total Number of Victims of Hurricane Now Reaches Two Hundred.

#### MORE MAY BE FOUND

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 25.—Section hands on the Louisville and Nashville railroad found the bodies of thirty-six sailors and fishermen near Dunbar station, La., late today. This brings the total number of dead resulting from last Monday's hurricane up to approximately two hundred. The bodies were badly decomposed and were buried near the old track bed, without identification.

Dunbar is a small station on the Louisville and Nashville railroad between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis, Miss. It is not far from the Rigobala, which connect Lake Borgne, an arm of the Gulf of Mexico with Lake Pontchartrain. During the hurricane many light draught sailing vessels heading for the inland waters were swept ashore in this section. From day to day the body of a drowned sailor or fisherman from some of these wrecked schooners has been found and estimates on the total number of dead have been based on the former rate at which these bodies have been discovered. When thirty-six bodies were found in one place at one time today, all former estimates as to the number of persons who lost their lives in the Gulf coast hurricane were completely upset. Diligent search throughout the same section failed to reveal any more bodies. The clothing and apparatus of the drowned men plainly showed their calling, but there was nothing which would lead to individual identification.