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WILL COMBAT PELLAGRA

Organization Formed to Study Its Mysterious Nature and Check Its Spreading Sweep.

Columbia, Special.—The National Association For the Study and Prevention of Pellagra was formally organized Thursday at the conclusion of a two days' conference on pellagra attended by more than three hundred physicians, the first meeting of national scope held in this country for the study of this disease. Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the South Carolina State hospital for the insane, Columbia, was elected president of the association; Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the United States hospital for the insane, Washington, D. C., vice president, and Dr. George A. Zeller, superintendent of the State hospital for the insane, Peoria, Ill., secretary-treasurer. Later a vice president for each State interested in the movement will be named.

An official pellagra congress, to be held under the auspices of the association, is scheduled for June, 1910, in Peoria, Ill., which city was chosen without a contest.

The association, following the presentation of forty-odd addresses and papers by men prominent in the medical profession, covering a wide range of investigation of pellagra in the United States and foreign countries, unanimously adopted the following resolution, presented by Dr. J. Howell Way of the North Carolina Board of Health:

Dr. Way's Resolution.
"Resolved, That this conference recognizes the widespread existence of pellagra in the United States and urges upon the national government the necessity of bringing its powerful resources to bear upon the vital questions of its cause, prevention and control.

PEARY ENDORSED BY SCIENTISTS RECEIVES MEDAL.

Washington, Special.—For having reached the North Pole, Commander Robert E. Peary was voted a gold medal by the National Geographic Society.

The board of managers of the Society accepted unanimously the report of its substitute committee of scientists, who had examined the explorer's records and proofs, and found them to be conclusive of his claim that he had reached the Pole.

Report of the Committee.
"The substitute committee, to which was referred the task of examining the records of Commander Peary in evidence of his having reached the North Pole, beg to report they have completed their task.

"Commander Peary has submitted to this substitute committee his original journal and records of observations, together with all of his instruments and apparatus and certain of the most important of the scientific results of his expedition. These have been carefully examined by your substitute committee and they are unanimously of the opinion that Commander Peary reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909.

"They also feel warranted in stating that the organization, planning and management of the expedition, its complete success and its scientific results reflect the greatest credit on the ability of Commander Robert E. Peary and render him worthy of the highest honors that the National Geographic Society can bestow upon him. (Signed)

"Henry Gannett,
"C. M. Chester,
"O. H. Tittman."

Resolutions.

The resolutions adopted by the Society are as follows:

"Whereas, Commander Robert E. Peary has reached the North Pole, the goal sought for centuries.

"Whereas, this is the greatest geographical achievement that this Society can have opportunity to honor therefore,

"Resolved, that a special medal be awarded to Commander Peary.

"Resolved, that the question of whether or not anyone reached the North Pole prior to 1909 be referred to the committee on research with instructions to recommend to the board of managers a substitute committee of experts who shall have authority to send for papers or to make such journeys as may be necessary to inspect records and that this action of the Society be communicated at once to those who may have evidence of importance."

FARMERS' JUNKET TO DURHAM TOBACCO FACTORIES.

Raleigh, Special.—The national farmers' congress, now holding an annual meeting here, was piloted to Durham to see the great tobacco factories of the American Tobacco Company and to Greensboro to inspect the cotton mills of the Cones.

More than five hundred delegates, coming from almost every State in

HOOKWORM GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH PELLAGRA.

Columbia, Special.—Pellagra and hookworms travel hand-in-hand in their death-dealing work.

Where the pellagra is found, there also may be found the hookworm, in many cases, at least, lying his way to the vitals of the patient, and, until the hookworm is routed, the successful treatment of the coexistent pellagra is useless to attempt. The battle against pellagra, therefore, involves the training of the artillery of the scientific world upon the hookworm.

This new development in their

COTTON CROP 10,000,000

President of National Ginners, Association Says Most Southern States' Product Will be Much Less Than in Past Years.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—J. A. Taylor, president of the National Ginners' association, Friday issued the following bulletin:

"Complete returns indicate a maximum crop of 9,780,000 bales, not including linters or repacks. Minimum figures 9,486,000.

"The heavy falling off is over the belt except in Georgia and the Carolinas, where there is about as good a crop as last year on a little smaller acreage.

Maximum report by States: Alabama 969,000; Arkansas 644,000; Florida 60,000; Georgia 1,870,000; Louisiana 239,000; Mississippi 958,000; Missouri and Virginia 58,000; North Carolina 645,000; Oklahoma 587,000; South Carolina 1,185,000; Tennessee 233,000; Texas 2,300,000. Total 9,780,000.

"The ginners say the small yield is largely due to the smallness of bolls and low yield of lint. As the crop is so near ginned we will probably not make our December estimate."

The cotton crop in 1908 was 11,581,829 bales, while in 1907, the yield was 13,550,760.

To Build Temporary Shops.

Newbern, N. C., Special.—Receiver Harry K. Welcott, General Manager E. T. Lamb and J. E. Gould, superintendent of motive power on the Norfolk & Southern Railroad, reached here Monday and spent the day taking in the situation and planning for temporary shops for the N. & S. to replace the burned shops. A force of men worked all day Monday on a temporary building for a machine room. A 300-horsepower engine has been brought from the Congdon mill of the Roper Lumber Company and a locomotive will be used to furnish steam for the same. In a few days the machine room will be ready to do temporary repairs, etc.

Monday morning a large force of men was put to work cleaning up the debris of the fire. Superintendent Gould gave orders that all shop men who cared to work for \$1.50 a day be put to work cleaning up and the work be pushed as rapidly as possible. There are perhaps seventy-five men at work clearing out the burned timbers, taking out machines, etc.

Eight Burned to Death.

New York, Special.—Iron-barred windows prevented the escape from death by fire of eight workers in Robert Morrisons & Sons' comb factory in Brooklyn Monday and five other men probably were fatally injured in making their escape from the building. William Morrison, son of the owner of the plant, lost his life in the flames while trying to reach the safe and close its doors. His father was among the injured.

Luckily there were only forty employees in the factory when the fire started, for the spread of the flames was rapid in the inflammable comb material.

Many men jumped from the third floor and were injured. Those who rushed to the rear found the windows barred and there met their doom. Nearly all of the victims were Italians.

At Work on His Data.

New York, Special.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, is at a "quiet place away from New York preparing his North Pole data for submission to Copenhagen University."

A statement issued Monday night by his lawyer was:

"Dr. Cook's time was so invaded while in New York, and he was under such surveillance by persons seemingly interested in his movements and those of his counsel and friends, that he decided to continue the work upon the data for Copenhagen in a quiet place away from New York.

To Decide Polar Question.

Washington, Special.—To pass on the question as to whether the North Pole was discovered before 1909, that is as to whether Dr. Cook reached it a year prior to Commander Peary, the board of managers of the National Geographic Society Monday appointed the following committee: J. Howard Gore, Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, and Dr. C. Willard Hayes.

Farmers Congress Treated to Music

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Beyond question one of the very finest of the many striking features of the farmers' national congress was the religious services in the Academy of Music, Sunday afternoon. Ample space was reserved for the delegates, and remainder of the building being filled by Raleigh people. The service was under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. On the stage were one hundred and fifty selected singers, representing the choirs of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Peace Institute, St. Mary's and Meredith Colleges and the band of the Third Regiment.

PRES. TAFT GREETED

Columbia and Augusta Gave Him Glad Hand.

COLUMBIA LEADS IN WELCOME

Enqueted Saturday Evening at Columbia and Takes Sabbath Rest at Augusta His Southern Home.

The President's afternoon in Columbia Saturday was filled with interest. He was entertained at luncheon in the chamber of the House of Representatives at the State Capital and remarked that South Carolina was the first State officially to greet him within the walls of its Capitol. The only other President ever to visit Columbia was Washington whose stay in the quaint old city is chronicled as having been an event in 1791. Like President Taft, Washington was entertained at luncheon in the State Capitol. The building which housed President Taft today, however, was not the same, though it is old enough to bear the scars of a bombardment from Sherman's army.

Following the evacuation of Columbia by Gen. Wade Hampton and the occupation by General Sherman, the entire business section of the city was burned.

Consequently the President Saturday looked upon a strange admixture of ante-bellum homes and skyscrapers indicative of modern progress.

During his long automobile ride

OUR PRESIDENT



WILLIAM H. TAFT

through the city, the President was taken past the old Baptist church where the secession convention assembled. Through the misdirection of a native a Methodist church was burned by the Northern army as the supposed place of the inception of the secession. The President also saw the palatial old Preston mansion in which Sherman established his headquarters, and made a brief address to the students of the University of South Carolina on the old campus surrounded by a hollow square of buildings which have known no outward change since the days of the civil war.

The many reminders of the conflict of the sixties caused the President to speak at the luncheon in his honor with a fervor on the subject of the passing of all sectional feeling greater than he has displayed at any other city during his Southern trip. The President also made a speech at the State fair grounds.

After spending the entire afternoon in historic old Columbia, with its many reminders of the withering blast of the civil war, President Taft arrived in Augusta at 8:30 o'clock Saturday to rest until Monday when he resumed his journey to Washington.

The President often speaks of Augusta as "home" and his reception here, as he rode through crowded and brilliantly illuminated streets leading from the train to the home of Major Joseph B. Cumming, whose house guest he was, was in the nature of a homecoming celebration. Mr. Taft has stated several times that he was

a resident of Augusta when elected President of the United States, that is when the electoral votes were cast at Washington. The Augusta people are proud to claim him as their own and hence the name of "Taft, William H., President of the United States, Terret cottage, Summerville," appears in the current city directory. It was from Augusta last winter that the President-elect went to Washington to take the oath of office.

Mr. Taft had been looking forward to his visit to Augusta and the residents of the city made his stay as pleasant as possible. They asked him to make only one speech during his two days in town. Saturday night an

informal reception at the Cumming home left the President free to retire early for a much needed long night's rest. Sunday he attended services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopalian; lunched with Landon A. Thomas and dined quietly at the Cumming's home in the evening. Monday morning, bright and early, the President played golf on the links of the Country Club where he spent so much time last winter when the snows drove him from Hot Springs to seek a warmer climate.

Mortgage For \$150,000,000.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway has recorded in the office of the Norfolk county court two mortgages aggregating \$150,000,000. The State taxes on the mortgages were \$8,220. One of these mortgages is for \$25,000,000 of five per cent 40-year adjustment gold bonds. The other mortgage is for \$125,000,000 refunding bonds, payable fifty years hence, and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent.

Big Railroad Conflagration.

Newbern, N. C., Special.—Fire Saturday morning at 2:15 destroyed the entire shops with the exception of the paint shop, office and store room. The loss to buildings and machinery is complete. The carpenter shop, car shop, boiler room, machine shop and round house were destroyed and in addition two passenger cars, three freight cars and engines 114 and 41 were lost.

Copenhagen Declines Offer.

Copenhagen, By Cable.—The proposal of the National Geographic Society that a committee representing the American body be present when the North Polar records of Dr. Cook are first examined was declined Saturday by the consistory of the University of Copenhagen. A message was sent to Prof. Willis L. Moore, as follows: "The university cannot accept the offered assistance, taking it for granted that the data and records after our examinations will be placed at the disposal of other scientific institutions."

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The body of Prince Ito was taken to Tokio.

United States Steel common stock has been placed on a four per cent basis.

The Italian military dirigible One Bis flew from Bracciano to Naples, 190 miles.

Two bombs were exploded in buildings in Chicago occupied by gambling clubs, making thirty-two similar explosions.

Principal Anna S. Gibson, of St. Mary's Cathedral School, Garden City, L. I., dropped dead in the presence of her pupils.

Frederick Gebhardt, wife murderer, was committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury of Suffolk County, Long Island.

Unable to sell \$7,000,000 worth of gems they stole from a monastery in Poland, the robbers tried to sell the jewels back to the monks.

John Guiseff, a notary public and real estate dealer, was murdered with a piece of gaspipe in his home in Clason Point Road, the Bronx, New York.

Miss Eleanor Lawson asked the Government for permission to engage some of the students at the Carlisle Indian School to present a play of Indian life.

A "white slave" trader, Claude Villet, who conducted dens in several Western cities, was sentenced in New York City by Judge Holt to two years in prison.

Twelve unknown foreigners were killed in the Cambria Steel Company's coal mine near Johnstown, Pa., as the result of what is supposed to have been a dynamite explosion.

Three steamships loaded with wines reached the port of New York in time to avoid payment of the new duties. La Touraine's captain sped up the bay in a tug to run no risk of being too late.

HIS NOT TO REASON WHY.

His But to Do as He Was Told Though Profits Dwindled.

A story is told of the Rothschilds to illustrate the strict obedience which they at all times exacted from their employees, high and low.

They once had an agent in New Orleans, a young and alert fellow who kept his eyes and ears open. According to System, they telegraphed him to sell their cotton holdings on a specified day.

Believing that he had better information on the local market than his employers he held the sale over four days and netted an extra profit of \$40,000. He promptly notified the Rothschilds of his achievement and forwarded the bonus. The Rothschilds returned the amount intact with a cold note that ran:

"The \$40,000 you made by disobeying our instructions is not ours but yours. Take it. Your successor sails for New Orleans today."

The largest wooden building in the world is the Parliament building at Wellington, New Zealand.

SNAPPY AND

Items Gathered and Told You Hold Your Breath

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

Thirty students of the Georgia Military academy are still sick from the eating of boneless ham that contained ptomaine poison.

Two of Wilbur Wright's students at College Park made a fly of 613-1 minutes duration Wednesday, exceeding all amateur records and coming nearly up to their tutor.

Tom L. Johnson for 12 years mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, was defeated in the election Tuesday.

It is said that the cranberry crop of Massachusetts is 32 per cent and that of New Jersey is 80 per cent greater this year than last year, making something of an impetus to the turkey Thanksgiving dinner.

The "loving cup" presented by Mrs. Lindsey Patterson of Winston, N. C., for the best literary work for the past year was won by Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer. It was presented on Thursday by Ambassador Brice who attended the farmers' congress at Raleigh. The book on which Editor Poe won the prize is entitled "A Southerner in Europe."

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad is now restored to the management of its regular officials, all of whom are retained and the policies are to be continued by which the receivership made it a crowning success.

A serious situation exists at Gassaway, W. Va., growing out of an assault by a negro man on a white woman. The supposed guilty party was shot down while running to escape. Two others said to be accomplices are in jail and mobocracy reigns. Two military companies are present but in answer to Gov. Casscox's direct question the capital city men had voted to do all they could to save the prisoners except to shoot their fellow citizens.

William Holloway, of Sioux City, Iowa, had lost his sight. His son Tom had been away for some time and on visiting his father recently, the latter buried his face on Tom's shoulder and wept. When he wiped away his tears he could see his son.

The Lakes-to-the-Gulf waterways association mean to send 500 lobbyists to the national capital at the next session of congress to urge action on the subject.

Trespassing on railroad property in violation of law, says the Philadelphia Dispatch, is responsible for 47,416 deaths in the United States within the last 10 years, and along with these were more than \$50,000 persons injured.

Rougier, the French aviator, made a flight Tuesday at Antwerp, in which he attained a height of 880 feet.

The great national Farmers' Congress met in Raleigh, N. C., Thursday. Ambassador Brice from the court of St. James was the principal speaker and greatly pleased his audience.

Gov. Ansel, of South Carolina, ordered the dispensaries closed Friday and Saturday as a means of preserving the best of behavior while President Taft was the city's guest.

The National Association for the study and prevention of pellagra was formed at Columbia, S. C., on Thursday night at the close of a two days conference for the study of the disease.

Otto Mueller who murdered Annie Luther in New York State now confesses to have murdered seven wives. His motive seems always to have been to obtain a few hundred dollars from them.

Practicing physicians, heads of medical colleges and prominent educators will convene at New Haven, Conn., on the 11th and 12th to consider means to lessen the mortality of infants.

A monument to Confederate veterans of Granville, N. C., county was unveiled at Oxford last Saturday.

Kentucky farmers not in the pact are again uneasy and are being against the outrageous barn-burning night riders.

Nine lives were lost in a bank building at Johnstown, Pa., last Saturday.

Forty-five fine horses were burned in a livery stable at Pelham, Ga., on Monday.

Two men were killed in a serious scuffle in a saloon at Hannastown, Pa.