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PEARY INSPIRED

A BOOK FRED HIS EARLY IMAGINATION.

Explorer Curled Up Before the Fireplace Devouring an Old Volume.

Judge Edward C. Reynolds of South Portland, Me., who is one of Commander Peary's oldest and most intimate friends, having been his companion in boyhood, recently told about the arctic explorer's early life and what led him to seek the north pole. He said:

"I have at my house a copy of Dr. Kane's book on arctic exploration, published, I think, about 1855 or 1856, which, I believe, was the first inspiration Commander Robert E. Peary received for exploration in the arctic regions.

"It is even now, in the light of all we know and in these days of fine illustrations and good printing, an excellent volume. The old woodcut pictures of Eskimo huts and their sledges, of the dog teams and the vessels stuck in the ice floes, are even now interesting to look upon, and I can just picture to myself Bert Peary, as I have always known him, curled up before the fireplace with this book in his lap and reading of these remarkable experiences of almost the first among the arctic explorers. I don't imagine that he had any idea that he would be an explorer himself in those regions or that he would one day come home with the honor of having discovered the north pole, but because this volume once claimed the attention of Commander Peary and fixed his thoughts upon such things I prize it highly.

Natural Leader as a Boy.
"I think I first remember Bert Peary when we were about six years old. He was then living with his mother at the home of Freeman T. Evans, in Pleasantville. Mrs. Peary and Mrs. Evans, whom every one called 'Aunt Eliza,' were great friends, and when Mrs. Peary came to live at Cape Elizabeth after her husband's death she very soon made her home with Mrs. Evans.

"Bert Peary was at my home almost as much as he was at his own. In fact, as boys and young men our relations were almost as close as those of brothers, and I believe I know him as well as I would a brother.

"We went to school together for many years, played together, and led by him, for he was a natural leader, we roamed about all of this country near our homes, always seeking the life in the open and the adventures which boys seek. I recall especially that he was very fond of skating. That was a sport which we both enjoyed, and we passed many hours together upon the ice in the winter time. He was always daring, courageous and energetic. From the earliest time it seemed that Peary had an inclination to seek those things pertaining to the sciences or natural history. He made collections of snakes, which he knew all about, and often I have seen him catch them and snap off their heads with a quick jerk of his arm, a trick none of the other boys cared to do.

Had Mania For Birds' Eggs.
"He had a mania for the collection of birds' eggs when we were about ten or twelve years old, and he made as fine a collection as any I ever saw. I think he had about every kind of egg that could be obtained in these regions. That was before it was regarded as a crime for a boy to rob birds' nests. I made a collection, too, but mine was not as good as Peary's, for he had a natural aptitude for such things. He was very observing of birds and animals in the woods and made a study of them, which as a boy I have always thought was quite remarkable. It shows, if nothing more, that from the earliest time he had a decided inclination for the pursuit of the natural sciences, and since then he has shown the world how well developed this faculty was.

"It was at Washington in 1884 as clerk in theighthouse department,

and I remember very well the first time I called upon Peary there. He was then a civil engineer in the navy and had been for three years or more. I don't just recall where his room was at the time, but when I went to see him I found him on the floor at work upon something. I asked him what it was, and he said: 'I am making a sledge. I have studied those of arctic explorers, and I think I can make a much better sled than any of those they have used.'

"He then told me that he intended to go to the arctic regions and that he was saving up his leaves of absence for that purpose and intended to take three or four months and make an expedition to Greenland. I attempted to discourage him, but he said that he intended to make the trip and thought that there were great opportunities there for a man of determination.

Peary Feared No Danger.
"Commander Peary some years later, when he had become more or less famous, always used to come to my home and call upon my father, of whom he was very fond. My father always argued with him about the dangers and uncertainties, the lack of financial return and the profitless work, as he regarded it, that Peary had undertaken.

"Why, Mr. Reynolds, Peary would say, 'there is no danger—absolutely no danger. I have never been afraid for a single moment in the arctic. If a man takes good care of himself and is not afraid, there is nothing to fear whatever. And the atmosphere there is inspiring. There is so much to learn that it drives you on to do almost anything.'

Read Dr. Kane's Explorations.
"As I have said, I firmly believe that the book on Dr. Kane's explorations, which belonged to Mr. Evans, with whom he lived as a boy, fired his youthful imagination and has had as much as anything else to do with his persistency in this direction. This book is well thumbed and bears the evidence of having been read many times. How many winter evenings Bert Peary curled up before the fireplace with this book before him and followed the daring explorer in his dream through the regions of eternal ice and snow no one knows. Today he has learned much more than Dr. Kane ever knew about that region, but I am sure that he would read this book today with as much interest as he did as a boy.

Commander Peary's purchase of Eagle Isle, in Casco Bay, where his summer home is now located, is characteristic of him. Judge Reynolds when asked about it said that Commander Peary said he wanted Reynolds to do down to Harpswell and try to buy the island. 'I want it because no one can land upon it. It is a difficult place to reach, and there is a mysterious charm about it that appeals to me strongly. Buy it if you can, and some time I'm going there to live.'

Judge Reynolds purchased the island for him, and the man who sold it had a deed of it which had been in his family from the time the land was granted by the Georges to the earliest settlers.

What Mr. Morehead Will Do.

Mr. H. E. C. Bryant, of the Charlotte Observer, who has been spending a few days in the Fifth district, wrote his paper Friday as follows:

"The politicians of the Fifth Congressional district are very much exercised over the appointment of Professor Glasson of Trinity College as census supervisor in the face of the fact that Representative Morehead overcame a Democratic majority of 4,500 last November. The situation is interesting for it really means that the row between National Committeemen E. C. Duncan and Mr. Morehead has become acute. The Congressman's friends charge that Duncan, in order to give him a setback, endorsed Glasson, who is a man of ability, character and good standing, against Blair, who is a citizen of the same stripe. Nothing can be said against the fitness of either candidate. Glasson is a native of New England, Blair of North Carolina. The odds at this time are on Blair. Morehead has on his war paint and will fight to the last ditch. He will tell the powers that be at Washington that he will resign his seat in Congress in the event of Glasson's acceptance and go before the people of the State and say that a Southern Congressman has no standing at the White House. If he does not succeed in getting his man it is believed that he will step down and out and wash his hands of the whole business. Therefore, it is a question of Blair and Morehead or Glasson and Duncan. Glasson is a college mate of Director of the Census Durand. He had that much of an outside pull. If Morehead makes out his case and the President decides to name Blair, Glasson can get out by declining to accept and retire gracefully. Mr. Morehead is in Washington now."

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POLITICAL TALK

IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

Half a Dozen or More Will Be in the Race and the Fight Will be Lively.

A battle royal will take place in the Fifth, where Governor Kitchin held sway for a decade or more; the Democrats believe that Representative Morehead won on a fluke, and is representing a Democratic district. They feel sure that the Republicans will be snowed under next time. The cold mit were ready at the White House for Mr. Morehead, is increasing this feeling. In the past the Fifth has been constant to its favorites, and once a fellow gets in he is apt to stay until something unusual happens; Mr. Kitchin was sent to Washington time after time until he cried "enough." He redeemed the district from the fusionists. The man who does as well will have smooth sailing for years to come; those who would go to Congress know this. Therefore, many would enter early to avoid the rush.

If Guilford has a candidate, which does not seem likely, his name will be Barringer—John A. Barringer—and in the event that he avows his candidacy some other citizen of the county may come forward and offer his services—Guilford like Mecklenburg, Wake, Forsyth and other counties with large cities has factions.

Durham will not, it is said, offer a man, Victor S. Bryant's name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the nomination but Durham Democrats have had their share of big party plums. Mr. Bryant would be a dangerous man for the Republicans. He and Governor Kitchin have been and are now good political friends. He began the practice of law in Person. As a student at the university he made valuable acquaintances in Orange. In three or four campaigns he canvassed in Rockingham. He is not running.

Granville will be represented in the convention by B. S. Royster, a popular aspirant. The friends of J. A. Long, of Person, are urging him to run; he is a business man.

Dr. George A. Mebane, of Spray, seems to be in the lead at this stage of the contest. It is claimed that Alamance and Rockingham counties will stand as one county for him. He was born and married in Alamance and conducts a manufacturing enterprise in Rockingham. He was a delegate to the Denver Democratic convention, and is one of the few mill men in the State

that remained loyal under the Bryan domination of the party.

There is some talk of the Republicans nominating B. Frank Mebane, to succeed Mr. Morehead, who has declared that he will not stand for renomination. If this should be done, and the Democrats were to put up the doctor, the Fifth would present an unusual spectacle—brother against brother.

The gamblers of the district say that Dr. Mebane is a sure thing for the nomination, as they see it now, but the situation may change at any time. Prospective delegates are always being pledged. The man with the ability to round up the greatest number of delegates earliest in the game will be hard to defeat in the final stretch.

Forsyth will have two or more candidates. Judge E. B. Jones is considered as good as in the fight. Mr. J. C. Buxton and Mayor O. B. Eaton are contemplating entering.

Ex-Governor Kitchin has repeatedly declared that he would not be a candidate. He said as much to me this week.

Mr. Cyrus B. Watson will not enter the race, but, if his health continues to improve, he will not decline the nomination. If the delegates were left free to act at the convention Mr. Watson would be an easy winner. At present he looks well and is active and strong. If he gains as he is now doing he will soon be himself again.

Mr. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, in talking to me of Mr. Watson and the likelihood of his being honored by the Democrats of his district expressed a sentiment that I find general here.

"Cy Watson is the man for the nomination," declared Mr. Boyden. "He is an old soldier. Once he was put up and defeated. His loyalty has never been questioned. No one doubts his ability to carry the district. I should like to see him have it. He would do more to bring Democratic harmony than any other man in the district. Many anti-prohibitionists who were alienated, would be attracted back to the ranks."

I have heard a great deal of this sort of talk.—H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.

The Government Takes a Hand.

A rule recently adopted by the Post-office Department should have good effect in the matter of improving the public roads. By this rule postmasters are empowered to suspend for thirty days the delivery on any portions of rural free delivery routes over roads which are permitted to get in bad condition. If the people in the country want their mail delivered at their doors they must see to it that the roads over which the mails have to be carried are in such condition that the carriers can make reasonable time and with reasonable comfort to themselves. We can see no hardship in this regulation.—Charlotte Observer.

IN A BRIEF FORM

THE NEWS SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE CONDENSED.

Sparks Caught Hot From The Wires, Dealing With News Of Various Sections.

This will be a week of festivity at St. Louis, which city will celebrate on a grand scale the centennial anniversary of its incorporation.

Prof. Abbott Lawrence Lowell will be inaugurated as President of Harvard University with ceremonies occupying tomorrow and Thursday.

Orville Wright, the American aviator, Saturday at Potsdam broke his own and all other records for high flying. He reached the unprecedented height of more than 1,000 feet.

Sensational news from Morocco show that the Spaniards have been driven from the stronghold they recently took from the Moors, after fierce fighting which resulted in terrific loss.

President Taft will spend this week in California. The latter half of the week will be given over to a visit to the Yosemite valley. San Francisco, Oakland and other points will be visited.

Rev. Neal D. Anderson, of Winston, has invented a carriage return attachment for typewriters. The device automatically shifts the carriage of a typewriter, saving time and energy.

The Governor of Rhode Island, his staff and party are in Newbern, N. C., for the unveiling there of a monument to the Rhode Island soldiers, who fell in the Civil War and are buried at Newbern.

At Warrenton, Va., Prof. J. D. Harris was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary for voluntary manslaughter in connection with the killing of Editor W. A. Thompson last April. An appeal was taken.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will hold its twenty-eighth annual convention at Los Angeles, Cal., for several days, beginning tomorrow. The society has a membership of 120,000.

Governors Swanson, of Virginia; Ansel, of South Carolina; Kitchin, of North Carolina; Brown, of Georgia, and Gilchrist, of Florida, will be among the distinguished visitors at Norfolk during the convention there in November of the Atlantic Deeper Waterway Association, which President Taft is to address.

A critical situation and one of rare occurrence confronts Southern cotton mills because of the high price of raw cotton and unless there is a decided drop in the price of the staple in less than two weeks, according to ex-President Tanner, of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, Southern mills will be forced to shut down.

There promises to be no let up this week in the Polar controversy. Commander Peary has prepared an argument by which he proposes to prove that he reached the Pole and Dr. Cook did not, and this document may reach the public late in the week. Dr. Cook has said that he will have something to say when Peary's formal charges are before him, but the Cook defense will hardly be ready before another week or so. In the meantime Dr. Cook will fill several lecture engagements. Commander Peary plans to remain at his home at Eagle Island, Me., pending the clearing of the Polar atmosphere.

Telephone Line to Mayfield.

An important farmer's telephone line will soon be connected with the telephone exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Reidsville. The line is under construction and will be sixteen miles from Reidsville to Mayfield, and when completed will furnish service to the following parties and places: Mr. W. D. Wall, residence; W. R. French, Oregon, N. C., merchant; R. B. Christian, residence; W. W. Stephens, residence; Ham Hopper, Hopper, N. C., merchant; J. W. White, residence; R. H. Pruitt, Mayfield, N. C., merchant; G. T. Cook, Mayfield, N. C., merchant.

Manager Williams states that there is considerable activity among the farmers in the matter of securing telephone service in their homes. He has had a number of inquiries and states that several new contracts for connection with the Reidsville exchange will soon be signed.

The extension of telephone service to the farm is valuable to the merchants and business men in the city, placing them in constant communication with an important element of their trade. There are a number of farmer's telephone lines in Rockingham county and the progressive farmers are realizing the value and advantage of being in such close touch with their friends and neighbors and the business centers.

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