

## EVENTS AT NORTH POLE TOLD BY MATT. HENSON

### Peary's Colored Lieutenant Nar- rates Interesting Incidents.

### NIGHT SPENT IN SNOW HOUSES

Observations in Morning Indicated Goal Was Only 150 Yards From Its Tentative Location — Flag Cheered by Eskimos.

Battle Harbor, Labrador. — "We hoisted the Stars and Stripes twice at the North Pole," said Matthew Henson. He is Commander Robert E. Peary's colored lieutenant and the only other civilized man, according to Commander Peary, who ever reached the pole.

Henson gave an account of the one night and two days he and Commander Peary and four Eskimos camped at ninety degrees north latitude. He personally assisted in raising the American flag, and he led the Eskimos in the cheers, with an extra cheer for Old Glory in Eskimo.

"Having spent eighteen years with Commander Peary and a considerable portion of that time in the arctic," said Henson, "I have acquired a knowledge of the dialect of the Northern Greenland Eskimos, who are probably superior to any other. As is commonly known to travelers in the Far North, the Eskimo entertains a strange prejudice toward any tongue but one, and it is therefore necessary, for successful dealing with them, to study their unwritten language.

"We arrived at the pole just before noon on April 6, the party consisting of the Commander, myself, four Eskimos, and thirty-six dogs, divided into two detachments equal in number, and headed respectively by Commander Peary and myself. We had left the last supporting party at eighty-seven degrees fifty-three minutes, where we separated from Captain Bartlett, who was photographed by the Commander. Captain Bartlett regretted that he did not have a British flag to erect on the ice at this spot so that the photograph might show this as the farthest north to which the banner of England had been advanced. I kept a personal diary during this historic dash across the ice field.

"Our first task on reaching the pole was to build two igloos, as the weather was hazy and prevented taking accurate observations to confirm the distance traveled from Cape Columbia. Having completed the snow houses we had dinner, which included tea made on our alcohol stove, and then retired to rest, thus sleeping one night at the North Pole.

"The arctic sun was shining when I awoke and found the Commander already up. There was only wind enough to blow out the small flags. The ensigns were hoisted toward noon from tent poles and tied with fish lines.

"We had figured out the distance pretty closely and did not go beyond the pole. The flags were up about midday April 7 and were not moved until late that evening. The haze had cleared away early, but we wanted some hours to take observations. We made three close together.

"When we first raised the American flag its position was behind the igloos which, according to our initial observations, was the position of the pole, but on taking subsequent observations the Stars and Stripes were moved and placed 150 yards west of the first position, the difference in the observations being due perhaps to the moving ice.

"When the flag was placed Commander Peary exclaimed in English: 'We will plant the Stars and Stripes at the North Pole.'

"In the native language I proposed three cheers, which were given in the Eskimos' own tongue. Commander Peary shook hands all around, and we had a more liberal dinner than usual, each man eating as much as he pleased.

"The Eskimos danced about and showed great pleasure that the pole at last had been reached. For years the Eskimos had been trying to reach that spot, but it was always with them 'tighsh', which, translated, means, 'get so far and no closer.' They exclaimed in a chorus, 'Ting neigh tim ah ketisher,' meaning, 'We have got there at last.'

Henson said conditions were about the same at the pole as elsewhere in the arctic circle. All was a solid sea of ice, except for a two-foot lead of open water two miles from the pole. The Eskimos who went along on the final lap were Ootah, Esingwah, Ouzaneah and Sizio, the two first being brothers. Commander Peary took photographs of Henson and the Eskimos waving flags and cheering.

### CAR WORKERS STRIKE AGAIN.

Pressed Steel Car Company Accused of Breaking the Recent Agreement.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The car workers' strike at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company in Schoenville, which was thought settled after costing nine lives and heavy financial loss, began anew when between 3000 and 4000 employees of the car works walked from their work and quietly dispersed to their homes.

The workmen allege the car company is not living up to its faith with them regarding the discharge of bosses brought here during the recent dispute.

Street Car Wrecks Funeral. A street car crashed into a hearse bearing the body of Charles Dutton, in Washington, D. C., badly damaging the hearse and throwing the driver and the coffin to the pavement. The coffin suffered no damage.

General MacArthur For Senator. General Arthur MacArthur is prominently spoken of as a possible candidate for the United States Senate against Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, in the September primary of next year.

## WOMEN KILL EACH OTHER

### With Knife and Revolver Have Fatal Struggle in Chicago Flat.

Mrs. Julius Tripp and Sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Silvers, of New York, Dead as Result.

Chicago.—Two screaming women, both wounded, called for help from the first floor apartment at 5609 Prairie avenue. When neighbors rushed into the flat they found one woman dead, with eleven bullet holes in her body, and the other unconscious with a bullet wound in her breast and a knife cut across her forehead. She died a few hours later.

Mrs. Julius Tripp, who, with her husband, lived in the flat, was the dead woman. She was lying fully dressed on the floor of a front bedroom, her clothing torn almost to shreds. The other woman was her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Silvers, of New York. She was attired only in a night dress, and was lying on her back on a bed in an adjoining bedroom. Beside her was a new revolver.

Mrs. Silvers died at the Washington Park Hospital at 10 p. m., and before dying confessed she had killed her sister-in-law.

The rooms in which the fight occurred were found in confusion. Furniture was wrecked and pictures lay on the floor, indicating that the struggle between the women was a long and desperate one.

Between periods of delirium in the hospital before her death Mrs. Silvers said that she and her sister-in-law had quarreled over household matters.

"I made up my mind to kill her with an axe," the woman said, "and then I came to the conclusion I would use a revolver."

Relatives of the two women bear out the belief that Mrs. Silvers was not of sound mind.

### EIGHT DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK.

Victims of Head-On Collision Are All Railroad Men.

Nashville, Tenn.—As the result of a head-on collision between passenger train No. 4 and fast freight No. 51 on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, one mile west of Pegram Station, Tenn., eight men were killed, one seriously injured and several others reported hurt. No passengers were killed. The cars caught fire and several of the victims were cremated.

**The Dead.**  
Bailey, L. F., mail clerk, Martin, Tenn.; body burned.  
Gower, Joseph, Nashville, engineer on passenger train; body burned.  
Mogan, William, Nashville, traveling engineer; body burned.  
Roach, Walter, messenger; body burned.  
Stalcap, W. S., mail clerk, Martin, Tenn.  
Tarkington, Jesse, engineer on freight; body burned.  
Walt, S. B., head brakeman.  
Whited, Samuel, fireman; body burned.

Both engines were completely wrecked.

The wreck was caused by the overlooking of orders.

### BANDIT PARDONED BY TAFT.

L. A. Potter, Who Held Up Stage Coach in Bravado, Freed.

Washington, D. C.—After twenty-four years' imprisonment for a boyish bit of bravado L. A. Potter, a "lifer" in the Leavenworth penitentiary, has been pardoned by President Taft.

Potter was an Illinois lad. He went to Texas, became a cowboy, and in 1885, after drinking too much one night, held up a stage coach. He made no attempt to harm any one and got away with only \$9. But he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

He is now fifty and broken in health. One of his hold-up victims, Mrs. J. W. White, wife of the president of the German National Bank of Mason, Texas, has been trying for years to have him pardoned, and her efforts have succeeded.

### TWO DIE IN PISTOL FIGHT.

Neither Victim Lives Long Enough to Tell What Quarrel Was About.

Necaho, Mo.—Two deaths resulted from a fight with revolvers between Henry W. Estes and Ben Marshall on the streets of Newtonia, a village twelve miles east of here.

Neither lived long enough to tell what the quarrel was about.

Estes was a large dealer in cattle. Marshall came from a good family, but in recent years had a bad reputation. He was quarrelsome, and had been in court several times, once for attempting to kill a man.

Estes came to town and met Marshall. A quarrel was started by Marshall, and both men drew revolvers and ran into the street. Each fired one shot and both fell mortally wounded.

### FOR EQUALITY IN SWEDEN.

Cabinet Bill to Abolish Orders of Civil Ranks Causes Sensation.

London.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Copenhagen says a sensation has been caused in Sweden by the decision of the Cabinet to present a bill to Parliament to abolish all orders of ranks and grades of precedence, except the officers of the army and navy.

### Borden Advances Pay; Strike Ends.

The 1000 striking weavers at the Iron Works Cotton Mills, the Borden plant at Fall River, Mass., have accepted a five per cent. increase in wages and will return to work. They struck for ten per cent. About 5000 other employees were thrown out of work.

### Cannon Opposes Currency Reform.

Speaker Cannon, at the bankers' convention in Chicago, said Congress would not change the currency system.

## E. H. HARRIMAN'S ESTATE LEFT TO HIS WIDOW

### Brief Will Makes Her One of World's Richest Women.

### \$100,000,000 PROPERTY VALUE

Only One Named in the 90-Word Will—Stocks and Bonds May Have Been Transferred Before Death to Save Inheritance Tax.

New York City.—E. H. Harriman, in his will, which was filed for probate at Goshen, Orange County, N. Y., left all his property, real and personal, to his wife, Mary W. Harriman. The estate is variously estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$100,000,000. Mrs. Harriman was also appointed executrix, without any restrictions.

The document, which was made public by Charles A. Peabody, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, who is understood to have drawn up the will and was one of the witnesses, contained just ninety-nine words and was probably one of the shortest wills on record considering the value of the estate involved. It was dated June 8, 1903, and was as follows:

I, Edward H. Harriman, of Arden, in the State of New York, do make, publish and declare this as and for my last will and testament, that is to say:

I give, devise and bequeath all of my property, real and personal of every kind and nature, to my wife, Mary W. Harriman, to be hers absolutely and forever, and I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Mary W. Harriman to be executrix of this will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of June in the year nineteen hundred and three.

[Signed.] EDWARD H. HARRIMAN.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have each of us hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

[Signed.] CHARLES A. PEABODY, C. C. TEGETHOFF.

C. C. Tegethoff, who, with Mr. Peabody, witnessed the will, was Mr. Harriman's private secretary.

If the highest estimates of the value of the estate are correct, the will makes Mrs. Harriman one of the richest women in the world, if not the richest. The only other women who are regarded as her possible rivals for that honor are Mrs. Russell Sage, whose wealth has been estimated at \$80,000,000; Mrs. Frederick C. Penfield, whose fortune has been also estimated at that amount; and Mrs. Hetty Green, who is believed to be worth anywhere from \$40,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Since no provision is made for Mr. Harriman's two sons and three daughters it is believed that he provided for them before his death. The children are Mrs. Robert Livingston Gerry, who was Miss Cornelia Harriman; William Averill Harriman, Miss Mary Harriman, Miss Caroline Harriman and Roland Harriman.

Among some of Mr. Harriman's closest friends it is believed that during his last illness he gave large blocks of railroad stocks to each of his children and to a number of his close business associates and employees.

### TAFT DEFENDS TARIFF LAW.

Says All of It is Good But the Wool Schedule.

Winona, Minn.—President Taft delivered his defense of the Payne tariff bill here.

It was the speech for which the country has been waiting ever since he affixed his signature to the bill.

The President talked frankly and fearlessly to his audience. He pointed out the things in the law that he does not like and arrayed against them his good points.

On the whole he conceived it the best tariff law the Republican party has ever passed, and therefore the best ever enacted in this country, and as he views the law it is on the whole a revision downward in accordance with his own and the party pledges.

He acknowledged that the wool schedule is too high and ought to have been reduced, yet the fact was deplorable, as it seemed to him, that the interests of the wool products of the West and the woolen manufacturers of the East were so strongly entrenched in Congress that to have insisted on a reduction of the woolen schedule would have defeated the entire bill.

For President Taft to have vetoed the bill would, in his opinion, not only have demoralized the party but destroyed all chance for the accomplishment of other reforms to which he and the Republican party were pledged. The President spoke with great earnestness when he came to this part of his speech. It was apparent that he had felt the sting of the criticism of his signing the bill.

### Harriman's Grave Impregnable.

The grave of E. H. Harriman at Arden, N. Y., has been covered with a great mound of concrete, which will be reinforced with three tons of steel.

### Spencer F. Eddy Resigns.

Spencer F. Eddy, of Chicago, has sent in his resignation as Minister to Roumania and Servia. His decision is due chiefly to continued illness in his family. Mrs. Eddy, who is in Paris, has not been well enough to join her husband.

### Carnegie Library Fails in Indiana.

The public library in Elwood, Ind., to which Andrew Carnegie gave \$30,000 several years ago, is a failure. Suit has been filed to prevent the city officials from paying any more money toward its support.

## NORTH STATE TOBACCO CROP

### Reports Gathered From Many Sections and Briefly Stated.

In response to a request by the News and Observer of Raleigh, many reports on the tobacco crop have been sent in and published.

From Martin county the report in part is: The acreage of tobacco in the county was increased this year about 15 per cent, perhaps with an eager expectation of becoming rich, on account of rains which were so numerous during the early summer. The crop this year will amount to 40 per cent less than the crop of last year. The yield will be about five hundred pounds to the acre, while last year the average yield was eight hundred and fifty, or thereabout.

The Reidsville report says: The average this year is about the same, or less, than last year. In pounds, tobacco is considerably less, although it makes up in appearance, for it is all light in color—very little mahogany to be had.

The Henderson reporter says: The crop of tobacco in Vance county is about as follows: Acreage as compared with last year, 105 per cent. Quality as compared with last year, 75 per cent. Quantity as compared with last year, 75 per cent. Prices here are much improved and the farmers are better pleased.

The report from Greenville says, the tobacco acreage in that county this year is only slightly increased over last year—not more than 10 to 12 per cent. The quality of offerings up to this time has been very poor, the first primings or sand lugs and tips consisting probably 90 per cent of the sales.

A Rocky Mount reporter says:

It is evident that the offerings on the local market from Nash and Edgecombe counties and others as well as a whole inferior to what was sold here last year. It seems that the tobacco this year falls short in weight, and is light and thin and while tips and good leaf have need a slight improvement in quality as what was offered last month, these are still short of the standard.

The Kinston reporter says in part: The acreage of the tobacco crop this season in Lenoir and those counties tributary to this market is about one-eighth larger than that of last year. It is estimated that about a million and a half pounds of the weed will be marketed here in excess of the amount sold on this market last year. The quality, however, is greatly inferior to that of 1908.

The quality of the tobacco crop in this county—now being cured, says the Dunbury reporter, is probably 25 per cent inferior to that of last year. The acreage this year is fully as large, and probably larger, than the 1908 output but the number of pounds will be a good deal less than last year, owing to the unfavorable season, sometimes too dry, sometimes too wet.

The Louisburg report is discouraging. The yield is very light and a conservative estimate would be about 60 per cent of last year's crop. It is hard to judge the quality of the crop this year by the receipts coming in now, as these are only primings, and are very inferior as compared with last year. Prices as a rule are very unsatisfactory, though good bodied leaf commands a good price, this kind not offering in any quantity however. Farmers seem to be thoroughly disheartened, with an increased outlay they have a poorer yield and lower prices than last year.

From Durham is heard the local crop will fall far short, more than a 75 per cent yield, while many fear a slump to 60 per cent. The average price paid for the season of 1908, was \$12.80 per hundred. While the best weed has not been marketed yet, it is believed here that the crop will almost reach that degree of excellence owing to the lack of pounds that result from the wet weather.

From Oxford the report is the yield as compared to last year is 100 per cent. The quality of the crop as compared to last year 75 per cent. It is said to be remarkable how the tobacco crop improved with the favorable weather of August. The growth was almost wonderful in the course of the month.

The Goldsboro correspondent has this to say: The tobacco crop in Wayne county has proved a big disappointment in view of the fact that notwithstanding an increase of acreage this season the yield falls considerably below that of last year, while there was about 15 per cent increase of acreage over last year. The amount of tobacco produced equals only three-fourths of last season's crop, or in other words there is a decrease of 25 per cent. And too, the quality of the weed is very inferior. At the present time better grades are being brought in than those marketed in August and, as a consequence prices have advanced. Good leaf tobacco is selling at prices ranging from 8 to 15 cents, while a few small piles are running as high as \$25 and \$30 per hundred pounds.

## From the Winston-Salem report the following is gleaned: There will be more common tobacco this year, as compared with 1908, and that the yield per acre will be much smaller.

It is known that a much larger crop was planted this year than last but the growers are not expected to realize as much money on account of shortage in weight and quality.

From Person comes the report, the tobacco crop this year is the largest raised in several years, and will rank among the best, while sales are rather small at present the prices are good.

Mrs. Harriman to Ask For Appraisal. New York, Special.—Mrs. Edward H. Harriman, who by the terms of her husband's will, becomes probably the world's richest woman, is expected to ask for an official appraisal of the financier's estate within two weeks. Until this appraisal is made, nothing definite will be known as to the amount of wealth accumulated by Harriman, but in Will street it is the common opinion that it will be close to \$100,000.

### Wright Inspects Field.

New York, Special.—Wilbur Wright arrived here Saturday, and inspected the field at Governor's Island from which he and Glenn H. Curtiss are expected to attempt a series of flights over and around the skyscrapers of Manhattan during the Hudson-Fulton celebration. "In the last six years," said Mr. Wright, "we haven't advanced much in the art of flying, and the biplane we used—Orville and I—in our first experiments at Kittyhawk made some unprecedented records.

Governor Johnson Cannot Live. Rochester, Minn., Special.—The physicians attending Gov. John A. Johnson reported at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon that the distinguished patient was dying and would not survive the night. At midnight Dr. Mayo stated that he could not live an hour. The Governor said to those in the sick room: "Time drags so. I am so uncomfortable." Then he became silent. He is entirely conscious. He was still living at 1:25.

### British Steamer With 300 Lost.

London, By Cable.—The British steamer Waratah, Durban to Cape-town, missing since early July with 300 passengers and the crew, in all probability was destroyed by fire, according to advices received at Lloyds' Monday. A cable from Manila says the steamer Harlow passed a blazing ship July 27-180 miles from Natal. While watching she saw a violent explosion and the vessel sank. It is thought that this was the Waratah.

He who uses his legs is thereby enabled to use his eyes. Nature in all moods is the companion of him who walks, asseverates the New York Evening Post. A network of sun and shadow, or a maze of muddy pools, lies before his feet. His cheeks, feels the impact of kindly breezes or harsher rain. The bend in the road lures him onward and fills him with peaceful conjecture. A pleasant comrade at his side seems not amiss to most, though Hazlitt and Stevenson cast their voices against it, declaring that the full flavor of a walking tour is best gained by solitude. Stevenson better analyzes moods, but Hazlitt is the more lyric. He was among the first of Anglo-Saxon blood to sing the open road.

WITH BILIOUS COMPLEXION. The grocer stopped as his eye fell upon some boxes of fruit he hadn't ordered.

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