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Await Peary

He Has Not Yet Reached
St. John's.

FOUND NO TRACES

OF ANY OTHER EXPEDITION
AT POLE.

Dr. Cook Created a Disappointment at Copenhagen—He Made a Poor Showing in His Address—Baldur Increases Over His Claims.

St. John's, Nfld., via North Sydney, C.B., Sept. 8.—Commander Peary was still at Indian Harbor, Labrador, at nine o'clock, last night, according to wireless despatches from that point, relayed to St. John's through Cape Ray. It is not yet certain when he will sail thence with the Roosevelt. As it is more than six hundred miles down the coast to Chaton Bay or Red Bay (twenty miles from Chaton Bay), where the nearest telegraph station is situated, it is likely to be two or even three days before the expedition and its leader are in direct communication with the outside world.

Peary In Good Health.

Indian Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 7, via Cape Ray, Nfld.—Despite his many hardships in the Arctic regions, Commander Robert E. Peary appears to be in the best of health and spirits. He is enthusiastic over his success in reaching the goal. When told that Dr. Cook of Brooklyn, N.Y., had reported finding the North Pole, those on board the steamer Roosevelt expressed surprise, but declined to make any statement other than that no traces of any previous expedition had been found.

Cook Is Doubtful.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—Last night's great meeting at the Oddfellows' place in honor of Dr. Cook, proved to be a disappointment, for never since the news of his success reached the civilized world has the American explorer made so poor a showing. Although he had been told of the attacks made upon his veracity and honor, Dr. Cook's answer to all was a simple denial, the statement being made which might be regarded as answer to his accusers.

The evening commenced by the crown prince with an appropriate compliment, handing to Dr. Cook a case in which was the gold medal of the Geographical Society. Dr. Cook received the medal with a smile and a stiff little bow and without further ado, commenced his lecture which from start to finish contained not a single statement which he has not made a dozen times within the last four days. This has not been without effect on the minds of those who have been staunchly upholding Dr. Cook, and doubt as to the authenticity of Dr. Cook's claims has now crept in.

New Turkish Loan.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The Turkish government has invited bids for \$30,000,000 bonds bearing four per cent. interest at one per cent for a mortisation fund. The imperial Ottoman government says that the ministry of finance has decided to contract a loan of \$5,000,000 Turkish funds, approximately \$30,000,000, the rate of interest being four per cent. and rate of mortisation one per cent.

Baseball On Tuesday.

Eastern League—Toronto, 4; Buffalo, 2. Newark, 10-11; Baltimore, 5-4. Jersey City, 5; Providence, 0. Rochester, 4; Montreal, 0.

American League—New York, 8; Philadelphia, 6; Detroit, 6; Cleveland, 4; Washington, 3; Boston, 2. National League—New York, 3; Boston, 1; Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 2; Philadelphia, 7; Brooklyn, 2.

A Big Surprise.

Awaits you at McAuley's book store, beautiful paintings are given to the first fifty leaving their names. Come early.

"Celluloid soap boxes," assorted colors. Buy them at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store. Phone 230.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Board of Works 4 p.m., Thursday. Cheese Board, 1:30 p.m., Thursday. Auction Sale at 224 Johnson St., 10 a.m., Thursday.

Bijou Theatre—A Gypsy Horseshoe. Bijou Theatre—A Kidnapping "Knights of the Road," or "The Tramp, The Railroad President and The Salvation Army Lass."

Jardiniers

You can see in our store, the largest variety of Jardinières in Canada.

We have just opened some very pretty ones, and very cheap.

From 50c to \$2.50

Worth twice as much.

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A RACE FOR GLORY

Between Peary and Cook From the North Pole.

New York, Sept. 7.—People here who know the Arctic and Commander Robert Edward Peary, say that without a doubt during the past month or six weeks the dome of the world up in the narrowing circles had been a race course, of which the low-hanging Polar sun had marked the start and the first slender tip of telegraph wire in the northwestern frontier of civilization the goal.

Down this swelling curve of the earth's shoulder hastened the two racers for the prize of the world's undulations. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, perhaps unconscious that his rival behind him was pressing him so close, and Commander Peary fully aware that there was a man somewhere ahead of him who was going to put in the claim for discovery and receive the fruits of praise. Dr. Cook won the dash for civilization by just five days. At Lerwick in the Shetland Islands he found the coveted cable end on Wednesday last, and through it caught the world's ear. Monday, Peary got his message on the wire at Indian Harbor, away up on the north-east coast of Labrador—the same message as that which Cook had sent through the wire on September 1st.

CROP ESCAPED FROST.

Winnipeg, Sept. 8.—Reports from all parts show that harvesting is practically over in Manitoba. The crop has escaped the frost. The lack of harvest help has also only resulted in inconvenience, as there has been no rains, and the grain lying in the fields for the past couple of weeks has not been damaged.

Threaten Life Of Taft.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Taft threatening to resign if President Taft during his visit in Chicago, now in the hands of Capt. Porter, of the secret service, have stirred up the lexer, and police officials of the city, with the result that efforts will be made to make the chief executive of the nation the most guarded president that ever came to Chicago.

Sandwich Has Fighting Mayor.

Windham, Sept. 8.—E. H. Donnelly, mayor of Sandwich, was accosted by a milkman, who started to criticize him over delay in constructing the town sewer. The language was so offensive that the mayor landed a knockout blow and choked him until he apologized.

Archie A. Roberts, member of the legal firm of Northrup and Roberts, Belleville, died Monday night after three days' illness, from spinal meningitis. He was forty-two years of age.

GIRL GETS NEW SCALP

HER HAIR WAS RIpped
FROM HER HEAD

By Machinery in a New York Factory—Surgeons Grafting New Skin on Her Head—She Will Soon Be Better.

New York, Sept. 8.—To her remarkable vitality no less than to the wonders of science, Miss Elizabeth O'Rourke owes her life and the fact that some day she will have back her good looks and her raven tresses.

Until her hair caught in a belt on a grinding machine, in the factory of McKesson & Robbins, wholesale chemists, at No. 91 Fulton street, Miss O'Rourke was a pretty, pink-cheeked, blue-eyed girl, whose jet black hair fell below her waist. A breeze caught the long braid as she bent over the machinery, and in an instant the girl was scalped.

At St. Gregory's Hospital the surgeon shook their heads and declared she could not survive the shock. But she recovered sufficiently to undergo the first of a series of skin-grafting operations which it is hoped will enable her to go out into the world with no visible evidence of her experience.

The entire upper part of Miss O'Rourke's skull was stripped to the bone, the line being as sharp as if it had been cut with a razor. In front this line extended across the bridge of the nose and half way down the upper eyelids. The upper part of the cheeks and ears were robed of their skin tissue and the back of the neck—an inch below the hair line was bare.

For four days no attempt was made to do more than stop gradually the oozing of blood from the slowly closing arteries and veins, hot compresses of bicloride of mercury being used for this purpose.

Dr. J. Edward Downey, house surgeon at St. George's, decided the girl had regained her strength sufficiently to stand the shock of an anaesthetic and the condition of the skull was also favorable for the fist of the series of skin-graftings. Then the operation was begun by Dr. J. Fobes, the visiting surgeon, and Dr. Downey. The latter said:

"We determined to begin with the most difficult part of the work first, and gave the patient new eyebrows, new eyelids, and skin covering half her forehead stretching back to the hair line in front of the ears. For the eyebrows we cut two curved strips, as nearly as correct in width and curved shape as possible, from portions of the patient's body. For the other surfaces we used strips cut from her thighs."

"If there are no setbacks the patient's skull will have been entirely covered by Oct. 1st, and in another six months there should be no signs of the scalping."

"Baby comforts," 5c. and 10c., at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

PLACE FAITH

In Success of Canada's Explorer.

WAIT FOR BERNIER

TO RETURN FROM HIS NORTH POLE TRIP.

Arctic Club Believe He Has Reached the Pole—His Steamer Arctic the Stauncest Ever Built.

New York, Sept. 8.—At a meeting of the Arctic club it was announced that many of the members believed that within a few months confirmation of the truth of Dr. Cook's statement will come from Capt. Bernier, the Canadian government explorer, in the north, in command of the ship Arctic.

According to Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America, it was Capt. Bernier's intention to take course poleward early this summer and pursue it until his ship should be frozen fast in the embrace of the Arctic ocean. He estimated that when the ship should be frozen in he would probably within a hundred miles of the pole. Then he would land a party and make a dash for the goal over the frozen sea.

Bernier's purpose was to plant the British flag at the pole and immediately return to his ship and there await the coming of next summer, when he expected to come back home.

Capt. Osborn explained that he had been bound to secrecy by Bernier eighteen months ago, and that he would not now say anything about the matter, only that a despatch from Montreal stated that friends of the explorer were feeling anxious over his fate.

Capt. Bernier is in the employment of the Canadian government. He left the St. Lawrence on July 29th, 1908, for the Arctic ocean. His special commission was to make surveys of numerous islands belonging to the Dominion government. That was only the official part of the mission. The most important part of it has been kept a secret between Bernier and the Arctic club. This was to get to the pole itself possible after he had completed his official work. He carried with him provisions for Mr. Cook, and also letters to Cook from his wife in Brooklyn.

Capt. Bernier steamed out of the St. Lawrence with ample provisions for two years. His ship, the Arctic, is ranked by Polar explorers as the stauncest craft of its kind ever built. It was formerly the Gauss and belonged to Belgium. She has been in both the Arctic and Antarctic circles and has come out without a scratch.

Captain Osborn holds that Capt. Bernier had not gone on the perilous voyage he had secretly planned he would have been back home fully two months ago. Nothing has been heard from him for nearly six weeks. A liberal estimate, he ought to have returned to Montreal by June of this year.

The fact that he has not been heard from convinces the members of the Arctic club who knew his secret desire, that he headed for the drift on his way to the pole. Capt. Bernier has made a map of what he considers the only feasible way to reach the pole. On this map he has marked his course to the pole, along the median line of the drift.

To Pay Big Ransom.

Tangier, Morocco, Sept. 7.—El Roghi, the rebellious subject of the Sultan of Morocco, who was recently carried to Fez a prisoner in an iron cage, is ill, and the sultan has given orders that he be no longer exposed to the public gaze. It is understood that El Roghi will order his European doctors to pay over to the sultan the sum of \$1,200,000.

Burglars Steal Jewelry.

Thamesford, Ont., Sept. 8.—The store of Kester & Sons was broken into. Entrance was made by breaking a plate glass door. A quantity of jewelry was the only thing taken. Two young fellows, who dropped off an east-bound freight and spent the day around the village, are suspected.

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THE PREVIOUS TRIPS

Made By Robert E. Peary to the Arctic.

1886—Reconnaissance of Greenland in Land Ice Cape, east of Disco Bay, 79 degrees north latitude.

1891-2—Chief of Arctic expedition of Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia to north-east angle of Greenland, reaching Independence Bay, at 81 degrees 37 minutes north latitude; discovered Melville Land and Helpman Land, and determined insularity of Greenland.

1893-95—Made thorough study of Arctic highlands and discovered Iron Mountain; failed to reach northern end of Greenland.

1896-Made summer voyage to bring Cape York meteorites to United States.

1898-1902—Commanded expedition under the auspices of the Peary Arctic Club; rounded northern extremity of Greenland; name most northerly cape in the world, Cape Morris, at 83 degrees 39 minutes north latitude and attained "farthest north" in western hemisphere, 84 degrees 17 minutes north latitude.

1906—Reached St. John's, closest point to Pole attained up to that time.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Tilbury, Ont., Sept. 8.—Frederick Kaeler, an employee of the Volcano Oil Gas company, was overcome while pulling tubing from a well in the Carr farm, Tilbury East, yesterday afternoon, and fell from a derrick sixty feet high and was instantly killed. Kaeler was twenty-one years old, and leaves a widow.

WHO OWNS POLE?

London, Sept. 8.—The question of the ownership of the land of the North Pole is to come up in the House of Commons. Sir Gilbert Parkes has given notice of his intention of asking Premier Asquith whether this territory is not considered as belonging to Canada, and if Dr. Cook has planted the United States flag there, whether or not this act right of possession over the region.

A CANNON ACCIDENT

GEORGE KERR, PERTH, MAY LOSE EYE.

Was Firing Off An Old Austrian Cannon—Charge Discharged Prematurely—Three Others Injured.

Perth, Sept. 8.—A serious accident occurred yesterday by which a number of men were injured. Two old cannon, originally captured from the Austrians, later figuring in the war of 1812, and finally presented to the town of Perth, were being fired at the wharf. George Kerr, of Perth, was in command of the gun.

The gunner shot had been fired.

It had been hot and the charge was discharged prematurely. Mr. Kerr received it fairly in his face and breast. He is badly burned about the arm, breast and face, and may lose the sight of one eye. Three of the visiting soldiers were also injured, but not to any extent. Mr. Kerr, though a young man, is a veteran of the Spanish-American and Boer wars, and is an employee of the Henry K. Walpole company.

POLE EXPEDITIONS.

There have been 578 expeditions directed against the North Pole, and sixty-one against the South Pole since 1800. Great Britain leads with one hundred and seven northward and twenty southward. Russia is second, with one hundred and five north and one south. The United States is third with eighty-four north and twelve south.

A LION AND A BABE

GREAT BEAST LICKED LITTLE GIRL'S HAND.

Spectators Thought the Child Was Doomed When the Animal Leaped Towards Her—The Lion Has Already Killed Four Persons.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 8.—Conah, the feared lion at the Highland Park Zoo, yesterday, caused wild excitement when Lena Meij, three years old, placed her hand in the savage monster's cage and he jumped towards the child. Woman in the crowd watching the beast, screamed, several of them fainting, and men turned their faces, fearing to see the child mangled by the animal. Keepers rushed to the scene and stood stupefied for an instant when they saw the lion affectionately licking and pawing the hand of the little girl. However, they soon caught the child and took her out of harm's way. A remarkable instance of the affair is that but a few moments before the lion had tried to break through the heavy bars of his cage in an effort to reach another beast with which he had a quarrel. The animal several years ago killed three of his guards, and while with a side show at an amusement park broke away and killed a woman.

The market for butter is firmer, and prices have been marked up all around. The big eastern townships markets have all sold higher this week, the prices paid ranging from 22c. to 23c., the latter price having been paid at Farnham. On the Montreal market prices range from 23c. to 25c. for strictly finest eastern townships creamery, with ordinary finest selling at about 23c., secondary sorts being quoted down to 22c. Dairy butter is fairly plentiful, especially Manitoba goods, and is offering all the way from 15c. to 19c. per lb., according to quality.

The market for butter is keeping up well, and during the last week or ten days has been increasing in volume on account of the fact that a number of cheese factories with the necessary equipment have turned to butter making.

There is also a considerable quantity of butter coming here from the west, which helps to swell our receipts.

The quality, however