

THE NORTH POLE— AND FIVE OTHERS

Earth Has Six, in Three Groups of Twins.

Washington, D. C.—"The earth has at least six well-known poles, in three groups of twins, only one of which the Shenandoah or the Los Angeles, if they blaze an air trail across the Arctic, will probably cross—the North pole. The others of the polar family are the 'poles of cold,' the South pole and the North and South magnetic poles," says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The most talked of member of the family is the North pole. Enthroned at the top of the earth where latitude becomes 90 degrees and the meridians of longitude converge, it has received only one visit in all time. Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, with his retinue of Eskimo attendants, spent a few hours in its frigid presence and took notes on its refrigerating system.

"Scientists tell us that this refrigerating plant, installed and operated solely by nature, never fails to register below the freezing point of fresh water even during July, and that its mean temperature in winter is about that of some of the Montana cold snaps.

"Even Old Sol, when he returns to the North has been unsuccessful in breaking up the plant, though at the summer solstice he pours out larger amounts of his rays there than at any other part of the earth's surface except at the corresponding point in the South. If he didn't have to keep moving he soon would make the Arctic ice cap the hottest region on the earth's surface, but he only succeeds in melting some of the surface ice. In honor, or defiance, of his visit, daylight lasts for six months, but humidity, cloudiness and precipitation mar the beauty of his rays on the crystals of the snow palace.

"When he leaves and night sets in, fantastic lighting effects, which shame those of New York's Great White Way, are brought into play. The northern part of the sky is illuminated by an arch of whitish, greenish, or rosy light from which streamers of white or colored light go trailing across the heavens. This effect is called the aurora borealis.

"Though the North pole can never leave its kingdom and has been rigidly bound down by nature, it does manage to shift about in a circle 50 feet in diameter. This restlessness causes a corresponding variability in terrestrial latitudes.

One Caller in a Million Years.

"When Admiral Peary stood on the top point of the earth, he was actually being turned around only once in 24 hours with the rotation of the earth. As he simply lingered for a few hours he made only a small part of a revolution—a pace which is not conducive to dizziness.

"The other monarch of the world's ice lands is the South pole, twin of the North pole. Though there is all the distance in the world between them, in the main the surroundings are duplicated. The arrangement of land and water in their respective spheres of influence is somewhat different; the southern, a land zone surrounded by a wide belt of open sea, and the northern, a water body surrounded by continental land masses. The southern monarch likes his summers colder; in fact so cold are the summers and so regular the winds that there is practically no plant life of even the most insignificant kind on the Antarctic continent. He is also less exclusive than his brother of the North, having received two earthly travelers within his portals—Capt. Roald Amundsen and Capt. Robert F. Scott, but from the latter he exacted a death penalty.

"The North and South magnetic poles, located more than a thousand miles from the true North and South poles toward Hudson bay and New Zealand, are the elusive members of the polar family. The North magnetic pole makes the compass needle stand up straight on its point, and the South magnetic pole makes it stand on its foot, and they both play tricks with all sorts of metal instruments by magnetizing or demagnetizing their parts.

Why Compass Swerves From North.

"When John Jones travels through northern Wisconsin or Minnesota woods solely with the aid of his compass, he cannot go directly north unless he travels just a little west of the direction in which his compass points, because of its affinity for the North magnetic pole.

"The explanation of the magnetic poles is that the earth itself is a magnet, made so probably by the electric currents passing around it in an east-west direction.

"The poles of cold are the Ishmaels and Hagar of the polar family—outcasts, both erratic and disagreeable. They reside in the places where the cold is most intense, usually in the interior of a continent. Though the North pole has the coldest mean annual temperature, there is a desert of ice in the interior of Greenland, which is the coldest part of the northern hemisphere in July. Verkhoyansk, in northeastern Siberia, on the fringe of the Arctic circle is colder in January than the North pole itself. It even boasts a record of 94 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, but its mean temperature for January is about minus 60 degrees Fahrenheit. During February Fort Conger, Grinnell land, on Ellesmere island in the Arctic, claims the honor, with a mean temperature for February of about minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit."

"NOISES" AT WINDSOR CASTLE ARE MYSTERY

Inspector Says One "Ghost" Was Probably a Man.

London.—George E. Miles, inspector of Windsor castle in the lord chamberlain's department, who has just retired after more than 51 years' service, has turned to reminiscences.

Speaking of the "ghosts" that are said to have been seen at the castle from time to time, Mr. Miles smilingly denied that he had ever seen any, though he added:

"I have heard a number of noises which I cannot account for, and I have considerable faith in psychic phenomena."

There was reason to believe, he said, that the supposed "ghost" that a guard's sentry shot at on the east terrace some years ago was really a man.

Mr. Miles served under three sovereigns and said that of all the historic ceremonies he had seen the most notable was that in June, 1911, when the Prince of Wales was invested and installed a Knight of the Garter at Windsor.

The king has granted Mr. Miles the use of the Saxon tower for a few months until his house in Windsor is ready.

Adventurers to Seek South Seas Continent

San Francisco.—Bound for the legendary "lost continent" of the Pacific, the adventure-scarred old schooner Luzon, veteran of tropic trade paths, is heading toward the sunset on its three-year scientific cruise.

M. R. Kellum, retired Florida millionaire, is financing the expedition, which will dig back of the strange tales handed down from generation to generation of the "Noah-Noah land," where great cities rose long before the western world began to record its history. With him are his family and a group of scientists from Bishop Museum foundation, authorities on South Sea life, the fauna and flora, the geological formations, oceanography, zoology and biology.

The trip was conceived several years ago by Kellum. Originally it was to have been a pleasure cruise. Then the Bishop museum asked permission to send one man along, and the idea grew until now six experts will be picked up at Honolulu. Two tutors will care for the education of Kellum's sons and daughters, all of whom accompany him. Mrs. Kellum is a niece of the late Andrew Carnegie.

Like true adventurers, the party does not know where it is going. Provisions for one year have been taken along, and it is expected the expedition will last three years. The arsenal is calculated to take care of any emergency.

Evidence Convinces Court Dog Bit Girls on Legs

New York.—A pedigreed English bulldog, worth \$200, refused to indicate, by growl or wink, in the Coney Island court whether he had bitten two girls on the leg while they were resting on the sands of Manhattan beach on July 21. The complainants insisted William Patton, owner of the dog, be punished for harboring a vicious animal.

Mr. Patton protested his dog was vivacious and sportive, but never belligerent. Magistrate Folwell ruled it would be necessary for him, the court, to see the scars, if any.

The magistrate directed the examination take place in his chambers. There he retired with the blushing court stenographer, the blushing attorney and the equally blushing complainants—Mrs. Ethel Bieleseld, twenty years old, and Miss Frances Outrage, eighteen, both of Brooklyn.

According to the court records, Magistrate Folwell observed that the young women had been bitten, and, returning to the courtroom, fined Mr. Patton \$10.

Trade Bonaparte's House for His Sword

Paris.—Prince Victor Napoleon has given to the French government the house at Ajaccio, Corsica, in which Napoleon Bonaparte was born and in return has received the Roman sword of honor presented to Napoleon when he was first consul, and a clock by Clodion.

These objects formed part of the personal estate of Napoleon III. Litigation over them was carried on for years between the late Empress Eugenie and the French government. Prince Victor inherited this litigation with the rest of Eugenie's property, but by the present arrangement it is definitely settled.

The sword and clock now are in the Decorative Arts museum.

3,000 Crows Chase Eagle to Its Valhalla

Nevers, France.—The strange sight of a huge eagle being pursued by a flock of crows estimated at some 3,000 caused the townfolk to stretch their necks here.

The eagle eventually sought refuge at the Chateau de Oussy, where keepers immediately shot it, whereupon the flock of crows disbanded and disappeared. The eagle measured more than eight feet across the wings.

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Bells on Cats to Save Bird Life in Wichita

Wichita, Kans.—Cats may lose a considerable portion of their liberty in the near future in Wichita, if members of the Wichita Audubon society have their way.

Next spring a serious attempt is to be made to pass a city ordinance requiring that all cats wear bells so they can't sneak up on birds with murder in their hearts. All cats would be subject to this ordinance unless they were kept penned at all times, or unless they are used in warehouses, basements of homes and such places to catch rats.

Such ordinances are in effect in three cities—Montclair, N. J.; St. Petersburg, Fla., and Chautauque, N. Y. They are said to be enforced in those cities and doing good in saving bird life.

W. T. Emery, teacher of biology in the Wichita high school, and head of the movement, points out that biologists in general and bird students in particular are directing attention to cats as carriers of disease. They are known to carry diphtheria, tuberculosis, sore throat, hydrophobia, tape worms and trichina worms. For this reason they should be kept tied up the same as dogs, it is pointed out.

Cinema Used in France in War on High Costs

Paris.—The cinema world has offered its services to aid in the campaign against the high cost of living now being made by the French government. The president of the association of cinema directors, Leon Brezillon, as an example of what might be done, suggests that the poor ear of corn as raised in the eastern provinces of France, which counts hardly fifty grains, might be contrasted on the screen with those from the Beauce country, which have three or four times as many. He would show also the latest forms of machinery for cultivation, and the most profitable methods of raising poultry.

Testifies in 5 Tongues, Sends Man to Prison

New York.—Sadie Abravaya, eight, a Spanish girl of 120 Orchard street, testified in five languages in Essex market court that Cafe Mameon, sixty-one, no address, insulted her. Magistrate Goodman sentenced Mameon to the workhouse for three months.

Sadie seemed so youthful that the magistrate was doubtful she could testify correctly in even one language. He asked her if she knew what would happen to her if she told a lie.

"I should say I do," replied Sadie. "I speak five languages, and I know a lie is a serious thing. If I told a lie I would go to hell."

Asked to tell her story, she began in Hebrew, warned to the redial in Italian, sidetracked to French and crashed into Spanish before Frederick C. Miller, court stenographer, could interpose a warning signal. When she became calmer Magistrate Goodman told her English would be satisfactory.

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