

# FOR BUSY READERS

THE MORE IMPORTANT EVENTS  
HERE TOUCHED UPON.

## MANY MATTERS ARE INCLUDED

Doings of Congress, Foreign Intelligence, Personal, General and Other Items of Interest.

**Foreign.**  
W. W. Russell, American minister, received from the Venezuela foreign office a check for \$59,375, which is to be paid to the New York and Venezuela company.

A cable message, asking American support for the Swedish strikers, was received in New York by C. E. Tholin and John Sandergren, two of their delegates who arrived on August 24. Baron Kagora Takahira, Japanese ambassador at Washington, who was called home by the government to attend a conference on various important international matters, arrived in Tokyo and was warmly welcomed at Shimbashi station.

The sultan of Turkey left Constantinople on board the imperial yacht for Brusa, Asia Minor. He was accompanied by the heir apparent, the princess and the grand vizier.

The west wing of the parliament building at Toronto was completely destroyed by a fire. The loss to the building is about \$100,000, fully covered by insurance, but the fine Mowat law library, one of the best collections in the Dominion, is a total loss, with no insurance.

A number of men on strike in Stockholm have received notice to leave their homes October 1 unless they return to work in the meantime. The unions have issued a proclamation that no strikers are to pay rentals due in October. The strike leaders maintain it will be impossible to turn thousands of families into the streets.

**General.**  
Right on the heels of Dr. Cook's discovery was flashed the word from Lieutenant Peary that he, too, had located the north pole.

Captain Bartlett of the Roosevelt in a message says the Peary party got no trace of Cook.

Dr. Cook received the news of Peary's discovery of the pole, and said he was glad to hear it.

There is political unrest in the northwest over the new tariff law.

Since 1553 seven hundred and fifty five lives have been lost in hunting the north pole.

Harriman, the railroad magnate, has taken a relapse and is not so well.

Walter S. Bond of New York has climbed Mt. Blanc from Chamonix in nine hours. He thus broke the record of nine hours and a half made by Morehead, an Englishman, in 1865.

Col. Celsus Price, son of Gen. Sterling Price, and serving on his staff in the civil war, died in St. Louis, aged sixty-eight.

Cook, the explorer, says: "Let skeptics who disbelieve go to the north pole. There they will find a small brass tube which I buried under the flag. That tube contains a short statement about my trip. I couldn't leave my visiting card because I didn't happen to have one with me."

The long pending controversy between the Southern Pacific Railroad company and the government of the United States relative to the right of the road to select indemnity lands within the limits of the old Atlantic and Pacific railroad grant will be determined by the supreme court of the United States if a suit filed by the railroad company in that court recently reaches a final issue there.

An advisory staff has been appointed for temporary service in the special work of the census.

Lieutenant Benjamin D. Foulols of the signal corps, has been detailed to represent the war department at the international aeronautical conference to be held at Nancy, France, September 18-24. He will sail for Europe on September 8.

The bureau of the census announced that approximately three thousand temporary clerks would be appointed in connection with the work of taking the thirteenth decennial census.

Three thousand people named Smith gathered in the exposition auditorium at Seattle for a reunion of the Smith family. Smiths from every state and territory in the union were present—among them many Indians and Eskimos.

An increasing number of counterfeiters, supposed to come from Sicily, have been found in New York.

President Taft will urge postal savings banks on next session of congress.

The Burlington system is shortly to establish an air line through Nashville connecting the grain fields of the northwest with the Atlantic coast.

The award of the contracts for the two men American dreadnaughts of 26,000 tons each, the battleships Wyoming and Arkansas which are expected to be announced soon.

Two persons were fatally hurt and eleven seriously injured when a local Rock Island passenger train, carrying state fair visitors, returning from the show grounds, struck a packed Fort Des Moines car, fully unshipped, and crushed it to kindling wood.

Charles W. Morse, the financier recently released from the Tombs prison under \$125,000 bail, has begun his efforts to rehabilitate his fortunes.

September 20 is the day that President Taft is scheduled to be in Omaha.

Panama has just paid Uncle Sam \$14,000 for mistreating Americans.

A deputation representing all of the pulp and paper manufacturers and all of the Canadian owners of rights to cut timber on crown lands in the province of Quebec, called upon Premier Gouin and asked the government to prohibit the export of pulp wood to the United States.

The Burlington has decided to make war in earnest with some of the other trans-continental lines and to that end, in addition to a fast train to Seattle from Chicago, will reduce the running time two hours on fast Chicago-Denver trains, Nos. 1 and 6.

Dr. Cook, the American explorer, reached the north pole April 21, 1908, according to a telegram received at the colonial office in Copenhagen. The message was received from Lerwick, Shetland Islands. Details are awaited with much interest.

William Jennings Bryan was the principal speaker at exercises in Waterloo, Ill., in celebration of the founding 100 years ago of the Bethel Baptist church, the first protestant church in Illinois.

The secretary of the interior will open bids at Denver, Colo., October 28 at the office of the reclamation service for building the Pathfinder dike in connection with the North Platte irrigation project in Nebraska and Wyoming.

Dr. L. O. Wolfe, surgeon with Lieutenant Robert E. Peary's expedition in 1905-6, while in no way disparaging Dr. Cook's achievement, is inclined to criticize him for his alleged use of a portion of the route which Peary had been working out.

Additional reports from the Monterey (Mexico) floods show increased loss of life.

The women ticket agents on the elevated loop of Chicago have refused to accept a raise in wages. Their action is said to be without precedent in annals of local labor unions.

The authorities at Warsaw have suppressed the Society for the Aid of the Poor Scholars studying in Polish schools. The society has 184 branches throughout Poland.

Very little rain has fallen in Eastern Pennsylvania for several months and the drouth has caused serious damage. Crops and pasture fields have burned up.

### Washington.

To enable postmasters of the third and fourth classes to attend the convention of the National League of Postmasters of the United States, to be held at Syracuse, N. Y., October 6, 7, and 8, Postmaster General Hitchcock has granted them leaves of absence for as many days as may be necessary, provided the amount does not exceed fifteen.

The bureau of the census announced that approximately three thousand temporary clerks would be appointed in connection with the work of taking the thirteenth decennial census. The first examination will be held throughout the United States on October 3, next. Blank application forms and a circular of instructions, the bureau announces, may be obtained after September 10 by addressing the civil service commission, Washington, D. C.

A lot of old French junk that has been accumulating along the line of the Panama canal is about to be sold by the Isthmian canal commission. The amount has been variously estimated at from 45,000 to 120,000 tons.

The postal deficiency for August amounted to \$3,000,000 as compared with half that amount for July. The war department used over \$12,000,000 during the last month, while the maintenance of the navy called for a little more than \$10,000,000.

The public debt, less the cash balance in the treasury at the beginning of business September 1, was \$1,047,211,000. This does not include \$1,343,211,869 in certificates and treasury notes, which is offset by an equal amount of cash in the treasury. The recapitulation of the debt shows \$913,317,490 in interest bearing debt, 2,814,475 in debt on which interest has ceased since maturity and \$380,417,144 in debt bearing no interest.

The federal circuit court at Chicago made a ruling in what is known as the Missouri river rate cases. It favors the railroads.

### Personal.

That rheumatism and nothing else is the malady from which Associate Justice William H. Moody of the United States supreme court is suffering was the statement made a few days ago.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is in Paris.

Lidji Jeassu, the crown prince of Abyssinia, has invited Theodore Roosevelt to a great elephant hunt, promising to beat up a white elephant for him to kill.

The famous Maurice Kann collection of old paintings has been purchased in Paris by Duveen brothers, art dealers. The price paid was \$2,500,000.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, an English peeress and noted English suffragette leader, is coming to this country to make addresses.

Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the explorer, declined to talk at length concerning her husband's achievement, declaring she did not desire notoriety.

Senator Cummins is drafting a bill to give interstate commerce commission almost supreme control of rates.

# PEARY NOW THE HERO

## Naval Commander, Too, Has Discovered the North Pole.

### JUST ONE YEAR BEHIND COOK

He Started for the Frozen North in July of Last Year and Reached the Pole April 6, 1909.

New York, Sept. 6.—The following dispatch was received here today: "Indian Harbor (Via Cape Ray, N. F.), Sept. 6.—To Associated Press, New York: Stars and Stripes nailed to North Pole. PEARY."

A telegram was received here today for Herbert L. Bridgeman, secretary of the Arctic Club of America. It read as follows:

"Herbert L. Bridgeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.—Pole reached. Roosevelt safe. PEARY."

Commander Peary announces April 6 as the date of his reaching the North pole in a dispatch to the New York Times reading as follows:

"Indian Harbor (Via Cape Bay, N. F.), Sept. 6.—To the New York Times, New York: I have the pole April 6th. Expect to arrive Chateau Bay September 7. Secure control for me there and arrange expedite transmission. Big story. PEARY."

"Peary has succeeded." "Stars and Stripes nailed to the North Pole."

From out the Arctic darkness there was flashed these messages, which stunned the scientific world and thrilled the heart of every layman. From the bleak coast of Labrador Peary gave to the world the news that he had attained his goal in the far north, while at the same moment in far off Denmark, Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn was being dined and lionized by royalty for the same achievement.

Undeniably Yankee grit has conquered the frozen north and there has been created a coincidence such as the world will never see again. Two Americans have planted the flag of their country in the land of ice, which man has sought to penetrate for four centuries and each ignorant of the other's conquest has flashed within a period of five days a laconic message of success to the waiting world.

Cook in his first message to his countrymen was brief, but noncommittal; Peary was even briefer, but specific.

"Stars and Stripes nailed to the North Pole," he said.

That was all, but never before have so few words conveyed to a people a greater meaning or a greater satisfaction. Five days ago on September 1 Dr. Cook sent out from the Shetland Islands the first message of his success—a message which has aroused a storm of controversy around the world. Now Robert E. Peary, lost from view in the land of ice and unheard from since August, 1908, started the world by a similar message sent from Indian Harbor, Labrador. There was no qualification; it left no doubt. It announced unequivocally that he reached the top of the world. Thus two flags with the stars and stripes of the United States are floating in the ice packs proving the courage of the intrepid Americans.

With but a word from Peary the world waits breathlessly for details, but until a little later, when he will arrive at Chateau Bay, Labrador, waiting must suffice.

### DELAYED BY THE WEATHER.

His Ship From North Pole Not Yet at Bar Harbor.

Robert E. Peary, having nailed the Stars and Stripes to the pole, on April 6, 1909, as told in his series of messages flashed by wireless from the coast of Labrador, is now figuratively lost to the world, homeward bound on his ship, the Roosevelt.

Commander Peary on the Roosevelt, according to best reckoning was in the vicinity of the strait of Belle Isle, between Newfoundland and the province of Quebec. But it is uncertain at what port he will touch first to amplify the meager news of Tuesday. Inadequate telegraphic facilities on the Labrador coast and the northwest coast of Newfoundland may move him to decide to proceed on southward to North Sydney, Cape Breton, before he gives to the world details of his triumph in the far north.

Commander Peary had intended stopping at Chateau bay, Labrador, possibly Tuesday, but the telegraphic station there was abandoned some time ago, and the Roosevelt must push its nose further south before the world obtains news. As it comes down the Newfoundland coast, Red Bay and further south, St. George bay, are at hand, but whether Peary will avail himself of these points or continue to North Sydney, where he will have every facility is a matter of conjecture. It is 450 miles from Chateau

### Said Nothing of Dr. Cook.

St. Johns, N. F.—Commander Peary, who announced that he had discovered the North pole on April 6 of the present year, found no trace of Dr. Cook, who reported to the world five days ago that he had made the same discovery in April of the preceding year. This news reached here through Captain Robert Bartlett of the Roosevelt. Peary's ship enroute to Chateau Bay, Labrador. Captain Bartlett telegraphed that Peary had found nothing to indicate that Dr. Cook had reached the pole.

bay to North Sydney, and the time of his arrival can only be guessed. The Roosevelt may reach there late Wednesday.

Herbert L. Brigman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, left New York for North Sydney. In addition to greetings from the Peary Arctic club, Mr. Brigman carries this message from the Explorers' club, of which Commander Peary and Dr. Cook are both members: "The Explorers' club sends you heartiest congratulations upon your triumph attained of the long sought—the north pole."

Anthony Fiala, who commanded one of the Ziegler expeditions to the pole, is a member of the board of directors sending the message.

Several additional messages filed Tuesday at Indian Harbor were received by associates of Commander Peary, but none of them gave any further details of his conquest. Through Mr. Brigman he notified all geographic societies of the world of his discovery and in addition sent a personal dispatch to the National Geographical society at Washington.

Thousands of congratulatory messages have been sent in return to the



EXPLORER COOK'S ROUTE TO THE NORTH POLE.

returning explorers. Two of the most notable are from Lieutenant Shackleton, the English Antarctic explorer, and Major Leonard Darwin, president to the Royal Geographical society. The National Geographical society called a meeting directly after receiving Peary's message and quickly telegraphed a reply of hearty praise. The New York Zoological society sent its echo of the world-wide praise through the president in this city, while hundreds of less important messages winged their way northward to meet the returning traveler.

In Copenhagen Dr. Cook was shown a statement credited to Peary that he (Peary) was the first discoverer of the pole. Declining to enter into a controversy, the Brooklyn physician briefly dismissed the subject.

The remarkable coincidence of two American announcements of such a colossal achievement, coming within five days, after centuries of fruitless endeavor, constitutes one of the most remarkable coincidences in history. The question of priority in reaching the pole now absorbs attention in this country and Europe. That Peary will claim to be the first discoverer appears to be definitely assured from the following:

First—A formal announcement has been telegraphed from Indian Harbor, Labrador, to all principal American and geographical societies of all nations, including Japan and Brazil, specifically announcing that "the north pole was discovered April 6 by the Peary Arctic club expedition under command of Commander Peary."

Second—A London dispatch received from St. Johns, N. F., states that Commander Peary claims that he was the first man to reach the north pole.

### Joy for Mrs. Peary.

Eagle Island, Me.—Mrs. Robert Edwin Peary and her two children are rushing preparations to go to Sydney, N. S., where they expect Commander

Peary to land from the Roosevelt and proceed by train to Washington, D. C. "My husband is still a naval officer, and it will be his first duty to report to the navy department in Washington. I expect him to proceed directly to that point," said Mrs. Peary to a United Press representative.

### GIVES AMERICA THE CREDIT.

British Geographers Satisfied Pole Has Been Located.

London.—It needed but the amazing announcement of Peary's success in reaching the north pole, so hot upon Dr. Cook's arrival in Europe with the same views and while the world was still excitedly discussing the latter's feat, to complete the astonishment of geographers and the public generally. No longer could the slightest doubt be entertained that the mystery so many explorers had vainly suffered hardships and death to penetrate was at last solved and that to America unreservedly belonged the honor of planting the flag for the first time at the north pole. Since it could not be given to an Englishman to win this honor, the British people are ready to extend their heartiest congratulations to the American people.

### PROFITS FOR DR. COOK.

His North Pole Enterprise Will Bring Big Money.

Copenhagen.—One of the most remarkable results of Commander Peary's rivalry with Dr. Cook for the discovery of the pole is that Dr. Cook's profits from the enterprise are likely to be largely increased. He received Thursday offers for his books and lectures at twice the figures previously tendered. One American of the highest standing cables terms almost startling and it is believed, far beyond any sum hitherto paid for such work. Dr. Cook is likely to accept this offer.

### PEARY HURRYING HOME.

Intrepid Explorer Expected in New York by Sunday.

Chateau Bay, Labrador.—This little town on the bleak coast of Labrador is excited as never before in its history by the expected arrival of Commander Peary, who Thursday electrified the world with the announcement that he had "nailed the stars and stripes to the north pole" on April 6 of this year.

Peary is coming aboard the little steamer Roosevelt which carried him on his perilous trip until the frigidty of the far north held it in with ice.

Natives within all points of communication have rushed to Chateau and Peary is assured of a welcome, which, if lacking in the spectacular features that greeted Dr. Cook's return to civilization at Copenhagen, will nevertheless be as enthusiastic.

Captain Bartlett of the Roosevelt and several members of the crew are known along the Labrador coast and they will receive a welcome little less demonstrative than that accorded the explorer.

The Roosevelt is expected to remain here only long enough for Peary to file in the local telegraphic office a more detailed account of his discovery. With fair sailing the Roosevelt should reach Sydney, N. S., by the end of the week. The trip from Sydney to New York by rail can be made in thirty-six hours so that it will be possible that Peary will be back in New York Saturday night or Sunday.

### Lefebre Dashed to Death.

Juvisy-Sir-Orge, France.—E. Lefebre, the French aviator, has been killed by a fall from his aeroplane in which he was practicing over the aviation field here. M. Lefebre sustained mortal injuries when the machine crashed to the ground. Aid was rendered him, but he died soon afterwards.

### Big Coal Conspiracy.

New York.—George W. Dally, Rufus Ireland, Wilberforce Sully and Frank T. Wells were arrested here on Tuesday by United States Marshall Henkel, charged with conspiracy in defrauding the government out of 60,000 acres of coal lands in Lander, Wyo. The prisoners were arraigned before United States Commissioner Gilbrish and held in \$5,000 bail. Wilberforce Sully is a lawyer and is vice president and a director in the American Malt corporation, which has a capital of \$30,000,000.

# NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

## ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Two Fremont women, for using vile language on the streets, received a sentence of forty days in jail.

The corn crop in the vicinity of Ansley will not be over 60 per cent of last year's crop, owing to the drouth.

Secretary Freshman of the Beatrice Commercial club received a letter from H. Lomax of Broken Bow, stating the State Sunday School association had accepted Beatrice's invitation to meet there next June.

Emma R., a valuable racing mare belonging to C. B. Michaels of Wymore, is dead. The horse was one of the most beautiful of race horses, and had won \$5,000 in prizes at equine exhibitions.

A special election will be held October 1 for the purpose of voting \$100,000 bonds for the erection of a new court house for Dawson county, the present one having been standing thirty-six years.

The election of \$50,000 in bonds for the erection of two new school buildings for the city of Lexington carried. Forty thousand dollars is to be invested in a high school building and \$10,000 for a grade school on the south side.

J. M. Jensen, a Cass county stock dealer, shipped a carload of stock to South Omaha recently and failed to return home, which suggested a possibility that he had met with foul play. A search has been made but up to this time nothing has been heard of him.

While Albert Weitsel, a Cass county farmer, was using a hay loader attached to a wagon, it caught fire. The team, the loader and the front wheels of the wagon were saved, but the rear wheels, the rack and the load of hay were very soon reduced to ashes.

The gold-bearing sand found near Bloomfield begins sixty-five feet below ground and extends down 1,220 feet. It was a sample of this sand that showed \$24 per ton of gold. The field is considerable, therefore, abundant and easily workable.

The spinal meningitis epidemic that has been prevailing to such an alarming extent in north York county and south Polk county in and near Stromsburg, has, by strictest quarantine, the physicians believe, been brought under control.

The total property valuation of Gage county for this year is \$11,985,281. This includes real, personal, railroad, telegraph and telephone properties. This is a decrease of \$53,028 in the county's total valuation as compared with that of last year, which was \$11,138,309.

Albert Mount, a farmer living north of Kearney, got mixed up on his dates and drove into town Sunday with a load of oats and eggs and other produce. He tried to get into a grocery store and was at a loss to understand why the mill office was closed. He thought the day was Saturday.

Mrs. Ed Boyd, residing on the east side of the river near Nebraska City, was terribly mangled in a runaway accident. She was dragged over the rough ground and her left ear completely torn off, her scalp badly lacerated and her left shoulder broken. Her injuries may be fatal.

Barney Cassen, a prosperous farmer, met with a fatal accident at his farm, about four miles west of Albion. Mr. Cassen was stacking hay, when he was struck by a large hay elevator propelled by horse power, knocking him to the ground and breaking his neck.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company has received permission from the railway commission to issue stock to the amount of \$45,000, in addition to its present stock of \$190,000, for the purpose of paying off \$23,000 of debt and improving its plants at Weeping Water, Louisville and other places.

A New York dispatch says: Toff Hanson, who until last winter operated two restaurants in Omaha, and who went into bankruptcy there, committed suicide here by inhaling illuminating gas in a lodging house. Samuel Edgar, a dry goods merchant, said Hanson came here from Omaha in July after he had failed in business. "He wrote me that he could not stay in Omaha and face his creditors any longer so he came to New York," said Mr. Edgar.

The remains of Mr. T. G. Bartlett of St. Paul, this state, who was killed by accident near Northfield, N. Y., on the 27th inst., were received last week. Mr. Bartlett was making a trip to Saratoga, N. Y., to attend a conference of his church, intending en route to visit a sister residing at Franklin, N. Y. The train passed his station, he started to walk back to his destination along a railroad track. Near Northfield he was struck by a train and fatally injured, dying a short time after.

Ernest Keiser and Charlie Davis, two farmer boys west of Humboldt, reports a narrow escape from what appears to have been an ambush when they were on their way to town. While passing the farm of Gus Boeck, the German farmer ordered to the asylum for the insane, someone took several shots at them, some of the missiles coming uncomfortably close, striking the buggy and passing through their clothing. Fortunately no damage was done.

At Clay Center, Tom Bauler was convicted of wife desertion and given one year in the penitentiary.