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THE NORTH POLE WAR

COOK-PEARY CLASH BIDS FAIR TO BROADEN OUT.

Many Favor an Unbiased Scientific Body—France Would Not Be Averse to Acting as Mediator in Dispute Now Before the World.

New York: Little, if any, progress has been made toward settling the Peary-Cook controversy over the discovery of the north pole. Sentiment in this country and abroad strongly favors placing the whole matter before an unbiased scientific commission for decision.

Both from Germany and France there came Monday recommendations for deciding the famous quarrel by scientific methods.

PRANK FATAL TO SEVEN.

German School Girls Drowned When Lads Open Flood Gates.

Berlin: Seven lives were lost by drowning Sunday as the result of a schoolboys' prank. A teacher in the National school at Offenbach, on the Rhine, had gone for a walk along the river bank with sixty girls, all about 12 years old.

TAFT NAMES TARIFF BOARD.

Three Members to Aid Him in Applying the Law.

Beverly: President Taft Sunday appointed the new tariff commission, or board, which is to assist him in the execution of the new tariff law, with especial reference to applying the maximum and minimum clauses to nations which are unfriendly or friendly in their tariff relations with the United States.

The new board consists of three members—Prof. Henry C. Emery, of Yale, chairman; James B. Reynolds, of Massachusetts, now assistant secretary of the treasury, and Alvin H. Sanders, of Chicago, at present editor and proprietor of the Breeders' Gazette.

Army Horses Stamped.

Gross Meseritsch, Austria: During the maneuvers of the Austrian army here the horses of the Sixth regiment of dragoons were stamped at midnight by a searchlight played upon their camp by the "enemy." They ran madly through the camp, trampling on the sleeping soldiers. Nineteen men were severely injured and one was killed.

Two Asphyxiated by Gas.

Chicago: The bodies of Peter Wolf, aged 56, and Mrs. Mary Guen, 85 years old, mother-in-law of Wolf, were found in their home. The two had been asphyxiated by gas which was discovered issuing from three burners in the kitchen stove.

Robbers Loot Texas Bank.

Corsicana, Tex.: The Farmers and Merchants bank at Malakoff, twenty miles east of here, was broken into by robbers, who escaped with \$2,500.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Choice feeders, \$4.50@5.25. Top hogs, \$8:10.

New Alaska "Diggings."

Seattle, Wash.: Mining men who have just arrived from Fairbanks, Alaska, bring glowing news of prospects in the Innoko district and along the creeks of the Itadard country, 140 miles from Innoko.

Charged with Wife Murder.

Milwaukee, Wis.: Ward E. Hedger was arrested on a warrant charging him with murdering his wife at their home in this city.

MITCHELL CORN PALACE.

Structure Dedicated to King Corn Will Open September 27.

On September 27 the gorgeous Corn Palace at Mitchell will again throw open its doors, and the marvelously beautiful structure will be dedicated to King Corn and his proud satellites—all of the grains and grasses—that add to the great agricultural wealth of South Dakota.

No annual event is of such vast importance to the state; for here is assembled, in rich profusion, the various products of our productive soil, evidencing to the world at large its great fertility and the glorious possibilities for additional husbandmen to "come in and sup with us."

The Corn Palace itself is a marvel of beauty and it is decorated within and without with native products of the soil, corn being the chief article used. To the assembled thousands it is truly a revelation, and its ornate beauty appeals to the masses.

The free street attractions will be superior to those which you have often paid 50 cents and \$1 to see.

The railroads recognize the great importance of this annual exhibition, and run numerous excursion trains at half fare, a lower rate than ever given any similar enterprise.

The Corn Palace opens September 27 and closes Saturday night, October 2, 1909.

IOWA RANKS THIRD.

Illinois and Ohio Only Exceed State in Rural Mail Routes.

Washington, D. C.: Iowa ranks third among all the states in the number of rural mail routes, being exceeded only by Illinois and Ohio.

Other states having more than 1,000 rural routes are: Pennsylvania, 2,173; Indiana, 2,118; Missouri, 2,054; Michigan, 1,999; New York, 1,853; Texas, 1,835; Kansas, 1,769; Wisconsin, 1,626; Tennessee, 1,618; Georgia, 1,608; Minnesota, 1,575; North Carolina, 1,278, and Nebraska, 1,027.

In all there are 41,063 rural mail routes now in operation in the United States, served by 40,954 carriers. Of the 1,451 petitions pending before the postmaster general 55 have been assigned for establishment on October 1, and two on November 1, leaving 1,394 not acted upon.

OUR CORN EXPORTS.

Amount Shipped Double That of August a Year Ago.

Washington, D. C.: Double the amount of corn was exported from the United States in August over that month a year ago, while less than one-half the amount of wheat and a little more than one-half the amount of wheat flour was exported last month over August a year ago.

There was a decrease of more than \$10,000,000 in the values of exports of domestic breadstuffs, meat and dairy products, food animals, cotton and mineral oils from the United States this August over August a year ago.

To Attack the Moors.

Mellilla: Reinforcements to the number of 11,000 have arrived here. Gen. Marina, commander of the Spanish forces in Morocco, will advance his line with the object of outflanking the Moorish positions on Mt. Guruga.

Three Children Are Cremated.

St. Paul, Minn.: Three of the eleven children of Robert A. Walsh were burned to death in a fire which destroyed his summer home at White Bear lake.

A Mental Wreck.

Chicago: Alice Webb Duke, divorced wife of Brodie L. Duke, the tobacco magnate, was committed to the asylum for the insane at Kankakee, Ill.

Cranberry Crop is Ruined.

Necedah, Wis.: Reports received here from various points in this, the greatest cranberry district in the west, show that the crop has been practically ruined by frost and fire.

Persian Shah Off to Russia.

Teheran: The deposed shah of Persia left the confines of the Russian legation and started on his journey to Russia. He is to live in practical exile, probably at Odessa.

FIRST LEGAL LOTTERY.

Drawing Attracts Dense Crowd to Cuban Treasury Building.

Havana: The first drawing of the national lottery was held September 10 in the treasury building. The dense crowd thronged the galleries and the courtyard of the building from 7 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the drawing ended.

Order was preserved throughout the city, but there was great excitement, especially with the announcement at noon of the number winning the capital prize of \$60,000.

THAT CHINESE LOAN.

State Department Apprised of Near Completion of Negotiations.

Washington, D. C.: The department of state is informed that negotiations regarding the allotment of the Hankow-Sze Shuen loan are nearing completion. An official announcement is expected soon setting forth that the United States, Germany, Great Britain and France have each been allotted approximately one-fourth the whole amount.

LAST RITES.

Harriman Funeral of a Semi-Private Nature.

Arden, N. Y.: Arrangements for the funeral on Sunday September 12, of Edward H. Harriman were concluded at a family council in the silent library of the great house on Tower hill.

For a period of five minutes during the funeral of Edward H. Harriman, the entire Union Pacific railroad system was at a complete standstill in honor of the dead chief.

TIMES LOSES LEGAL FIGHT.

Copyright Restraining Order Nullified by Judge.

New York: Judge Hand, in the United States court, settled a novel legal controversy September 10 bearing on Commander Robert E. Peary's discovery of the north pole in favor of the New York Sun and the New York World.

September 9 the Times had obtained a temporary injunction restraining the Sun and World from printing any of Peary's cabled account of his discovery, which he had agreed to furnish exclusively to the Times.

ARRANGE NAVAL EVOLUTIONS.

British Cruisers to Maneuver Off the Coast of Virginia.

Norfolk, Va.: According to advices received at the British vice consulate here sixteen battleships and cruisers of the British navy are to engage in maneuvers and tactical evolutions off this coast, with Hampton Roads as their base.

The plan, it is announced, is to have ten British warships that are to participate in the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York come to Hampton Roads, where they will be joined by six other warships to be sent direct from England.

No Evidence of Peonage.

Washington, D. C.: As the result of a conference at the department of justice between the officials of the department, District Attorney Jordan, of Pittsburg, and Special Agent Hoagland, it was announced that there have been no clear cases of peonage nor any violations of the federal labor laws at the Pressed Steel Car company's plant at McKees Rocks.

Bibulous Family in Exile.

Holland, Mich.: William Harkem was banished from Holland for a year for habitual drunkenness. He was put under \$500 bond to stay outside the city limits for twelve months. His wife and son already were in exile for similar causes.

Oil Land Litigation.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Suit was filed in the federal court here involving title to oil bearing lands in Coalinga, Midway and other oil fields of central California, said to be valued at upward of \$35,000,000, and now held by the Southern Pacific company, of California.

Milwaukee, Wis.: The United States vs. Seven Hundred Sacks of Flour is the unique title of a suit started against a Nebraska flour mill as a result of the charge that the flour is bleached. The government agents seized the flour at White Water.

Bowling Green, Ky.: Col. Wm. E. Hobson, the youngest colonel in the union army during the civil war, was found dead in his room at the Mansard hotel.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

COOK RETIRES.

Matron of the Soldiers' Home at Milford Becomes Indignant.

J. D. Hamilton, until recently cook at the soldiers' home at Milford, has been retired by order of Commandant Rowden and Mr. Hamilton certainly retired under fire.

NEGRO SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Thought He May Have Killed Omaha Colored Boy.

John Dorsey, a negro, an employe of a traveling show, was landed in jail Friday. He was arrested at Shenandoah, Ia., on suspicion of knowing something of the murder of Othello Ratliff, the 11-year-old colored boy whose mutilated body was found under the porch of the Kellom public school.

Suit Over Bond Election.

A petition was filed in the district court of Dawson county by Ira W. Olive, a resident of the city of Lexington, praying for a recount of the votes in the recent election held to vote bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for two new school buildings.

Complain About Prize Fights.

Attorney General Thompson has instructed County Attorney English, of Douglas county, to arrest Guy Buckles and another party, who are alleged to have had a prize fight in South Omaha a few days ago, and also to take steps to prevent any prize fight during the session of the Eagles, now being advertised.

Druggists Are Arrested.

Beck & Bullis, druggists, were arrested at Beatrice on complaint, charging them with selling Frank Larimore and John Doe a mixture containing 93 per cent alcohol.

Freight on Interurban.

A representative of the Nebraska Traction and Power company of Omaha called upon the railway commission at Lincoln to discuss the question of rates to be charged for doing an express business on its line.

Stolen Property Recovered.

Detectives entered the home of Mrs. Mary Alshire at Norfolk and found \$600 worth of merchandise alleged to have been stolen from Northwestern freight cars.

Poliomyelitis Epidemic Over.

The last individual case of quarantine on account of spinal meningitis, or Poliomyelitis, as it is now determined to be, was raised at Stromsburg. The epidemic covered a period of ten weeks and was a matter of concern to the people of that city for a time.

Lightning Strikes Boarding House.

During an electrical storm lightning struck the Enoch house, one of the landmarks of Humboldt, and did much damage to the roof. Fortunately it did not set fire to the structure, and none of the inmates, all of whom were sleeping, was hurt.

Traveler's Pocket Picked.

The smooth work of pickpockets relieved Freeman Lull of Aurora, of his wallet containing \$40 in currency and a note for \$35 at the Burlington station at Hastings. The pickpocket escaped.

No More Depositories.

Notwithstanding the large amount of money on hand the first of the month, State Treasurer Brian does not desire any more state depositories and turned down the application of one bank.

Printer's Union at Beatrice.

K. S. Fisher, of Omaha, met with the printers of Beatrice and organized a union with a membership of twenty-two.

WILL CONTEST.

Relatives of the Late Caroline Barrett Not Satisfied.

The will of Caroline Barrett was admitted in probate court at York. She left six children and twenty-five grandchildren, and in making her will she gave \$5 to each grandchild, cutting off two daughters, Mrs. George Jenkins and Mrs. Ed Hendrix, with only \$10 each and left the bulk of the estate to be divided equally with the four remaining children.

CHILD DIES IN AUTOMOBILE.

Death Not Noticed Until Mother Gets Out of Machine.

The 6-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Varsaw, of Cook, died in an automobile while its parents were on their way home from Tecumseh. The mother had the child in her arms and had not observed anything wrong with it until she got out of the car at Cook, when she noticed it hung limp in her arms.

COLORED BOY SLAIN.

Body Found Under Steps of Omaha School House.

The body of Othello Ratliff, a colored boy 11 years old, was found under the steps of the Kellom public school at Omaha Tuesday morning. The boy's skull was crushed and his face terribly mutilated.

Terrible Accident.

August Wallenseik, a young man, residing with his father near Talmage met with an accident a few days since which resulted in his death. He was in the loft throwing down some hay and threw down the fork and the handle stood up straight.

Young Man Kills Himself.

Ben Cartney committed suicide by hanging himself Friday morning at Tilden. He arose at the usual hour to do his chores.

Material for New Shops.

The first material for the construction of the new Burlington shops at Havelock has arrived. The new shops will cover sixteen acres; will cost \$1,500,000 when completed and will require the labor of 300 men for a year and a half.

Penitentiary Report.

The report of Warden Smith for August shows there are now 439 convicts in the prison compared with 443 July 31. Ten convicts were received during the month of whom one was returned after having escaped from the beet fields.

Speaker Pool Takes Partner.

C. W. Pool, speaker of the house of the last Nebraska legislature, has sold a one-half interest in his weekly paper, the Tecumseh Tribune, to Mr. Howard, of Iowa. It is said that Mr. Pool will not devote his whole time to the paper in the future.

Investigating Soldiers' Home.

The state board of public lands and buildings will go to Grand Island next week to investigate the reports of inmates of the home that the institution is not properly conducted and that goods delivered to the home are not always in accordance with the contract.

Separator Burned.

A separator belonging to W. W. Wilson, living southeast of Diller, together with several stacks of wheat, was destroyed by fire the other day. The blaze was caused by a spark from the engine.

Short Crop for Factory.

The Grand Island cannery factory closed down on the canning of sweet corn after one of the shortest runs in its history, the smaller crop being the result of the long drouth.

Broke His Arm.

Harry Norton, the 16-year-old son of Will Norton, editor of the Humboldt Standard, suffered a broken arm and dislocated wrist as the result of getting his hand caught in a job press.

HARRIMAN, RAIL KING, GOES WAY OF ALL FLESH

Napoleon of Traffic World Expires at His Residence in Arden Surrounded by Family.

WORLD LOSES FINANCIAL POWER

The Cause of His Suffering Is a Mystery Which May Never Be Solved.

Edward Henry Harriman died at his home at Arden, N. Y., some time between 1:30 and 3:25 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

His end removes from the railroad world of the day its supreme figure. It leaves the greatest railroad system in the world—a system which he himself built up and welded together—without a head. It marks the closing of a career unique in the financial history of this country.

While it has been known for weeks that Mr. Harriman was a doomed man the greatest mystery surrounds the nature of the disease from which he suffered. Stomach trouble was the name given to his illness by his doctors, but during the last three or four weeks the rumor gained wide circulation that he had cancer.

The death of Mr. Harriman removes from the world its greatest single railroad and financial power of modern history. Like a story from "The Arabian Nights" reads the biography of this magician of steel rails and stock markets.



EDWARD H. HARRIMAN.

lines, enough to belt the globe with a triple girdle; from market "scalper" to arbiter of more than \$150,000,000 in cash and with nearly a billion dollars in stocks and securities at his beck and call—such is a bird's-eye view of the career of the "Napoleon of the railroad world," as they call him, who has just gone the way of all flesh.

How Harriman got his start has always been somewhat of a mystery to Wall street. The methods by which he bounded into command of the captains of industry have always been an enigma to his rivals and associates alike.

FARMERS TO KEEP RECORDS.

Census Director Durand's Appeal for Accurate Farm Data.

It will be suggested by U. S. Census Director Durand to the farmers all over the country that the work of securing accurate returns at the coming census of agriculture will be greatly facilitated if the farmers will keep or provide some sort of written record of their farm operations during the year 1909.

Rob Bank; Escape on Handcar.

The First State Bank at Foxhome fifteen miles west of Fergus Falls, Minn., was robbed early Monday. The robbers blew open the safe and got all the money in it, about \$2,000. They then escaped on a handcar, which they threw into the river near Breckenridge.