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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. Until some action along this line is taken the bitter personal war bids fair to spread. Dr. Cook's adherents are standing firmly, producing everything at hand to Commander Peary's discredit, while the Peary backers, encouraged by his repeated denouncing of Dr. Cook, acclaim the commander as the only discoverer of the pole, and defy Cook to establish his right to the achievement.

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

Wireless dispatches Sunday night told of Dr. Cook's homeward journey on the steamer Oscar II. gayly decorated in his honor. He mingled freely with the passengers and related more of his experiences. The Oscar II is due in New York on September 21.

Commander Peary, according to latest reports, is still in the vicinity of Battle Harbor, Labrador, where the Roosevelt is being repaired before her trip to Sydney, C. B., where Mrs. Peary | 27 and closes Saturday night. October awaits him. Mrs. Look remains in 2, 1909. New York.

#### 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 Maine, had gone for a walk along the river bank with sixty girls, all about 12 years old. The water was unusually shallow and a number of the children waded into the water for some distance. A band of Frankfort schoolboys, to give the girls a fright, opened the gates of a neighboring weir. The water rushed in with such violence that eight children were swept away. Panic ensued among the others, the teacher and the children screaming for help. A number of workmen succeeded in saving two girls, but six others and the brave man who attempted to save them were drowned.

All the bodies were recovered, Heartrending scenes were witnessed on the bank.

### 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 Stampede.

Gross Meseritsch, Austria: During the maneuvers of the Austrian army here the horses of the Sixth regiment of dragoons were stampeded 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 Guien, 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 pros-

pects in the Innoko district and along the creeks of the Itadarod 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 Russia. He is to live in practical exhome 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 -all of the grains and grasses-that South Dakota.

No annual event is of such vast imevidencing to the world at large its 'come in and sup with us."

the soil, corn being the chief article government's profit is \$100,000. used. To the assembled thousands it is truly a revelation, and its ornate beauty appeals to the masses. Add to this the stellar attractions supplied | State Department Apprised of Near by the United States Marine band, of Washington, D. C., and the numerous high class vaudeville acts by a corps of famous artists, and the Corn Palace becomes "A thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Other high grade attractions are being secured for the amusement and entertainment of those who are not particularly fond of music, to relieve the monotony and to fill in the time between the two parts of the program. There will be no tedious waits. There will be something doing all the time any part of which will be well worth the price of admission.

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 im portance of this annual exhibition, and run numerous excursion trains at half fare, a lower rate than ever given any similar enterprise. More than fifteen county exhibits will attest the prodigality of Mother Earth in her response to the intelligent efforts of the tiller of the soil.

The Corn Palace opens September

Every citizen of South Dakota should attend for at least one day.

#### 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. Iowa has 2,424 rural routes, while Illinois leads with 2.835, and Ohio stands second with

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. Nevada has the smallest number of routes of any state, only two.

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.

United States in August over that more than one-half the amount of wheat flour was exported last month over August a year ago, according to a statement of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor published Friday.

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 cils from the United States this August over August a year ago, and a decrease of \$94,000,000 for the eight months ending August 31 over the corresponding period of last year.

To Attack the Moors.

Melilla: 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. The Spanish advance columns have encountered many natives who beg for restoration of peace.

Three Children Are Cremated.

St. Paul, Minn.: Three of the elever 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, di vorced wife of Brodie L. Duke, the tobacco magnate, was committed to the asylum for the insane at Kankakee.

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 practical ly 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 ile, probably at Odessa. hotel. 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 beautiful structure will be dedicated crowd thronged the galleries and the to King Corn and his proud satellites | courtyard of the building from 7 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock add to the great agricultural wealth of in the afternoon, when the drawing ended. Hundreds of negro runners were employed to carry the prize portance to the state; for here is as numbers to the various newspapers sembled, in rich profusion, the vari- and the lottery offices in all parts of ous products of our productive soil, the city as fast as they were drawn.

Order was preserved throughout the great fertility and the glorious possi- city, but there was great excitement, bilities for additional husmandmen to especially with the announcement at noon of the number winning the capi-The Corn Palace itself is a marvel tal prize of \$60,000. All the tickets for of beauty and it is decorated within the drawing were sold, the amount and without with native products of aggregating \$300,000, of which the

#### THAT CHINESE LOAN.

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 ailotted approximately one-fourth the whole amount; that the United States, Germany and Great Britain will be given financial privileges in China, and that each nation will be permitted to furnish materials for the construction of the roads and to name the chiefs of engineers.

#### 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. First his family, then the simple folk of the valley and hillside, who for twenty years regarded him as their friend and benefactor, will pay their tributes of respect. The day's ceremonies will end with a burial service and interment, which will be attended only by relatives and personal friends.

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 Nulled 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, defendants in a process brought by the New York Times ..

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, but the court held that the Times copyright was not legally hole proof and dissolved the restraining order.

### ARRANGE NAVAL EVOLUTIONS.

British Cruisers to Maneuver Off the

Coast of Virginia. Norfolk, Va.: According to advices Washington, D. C.: Double the received at the British vice consulate amount of corn was exported from the here sixteen battleships and cruisers of the British navy are to engage in month a year ago, while less than one- maneuvers and tactical evolutions off half the amount of wheat and a little 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 de partment, District Attorney Jordan, of Pittsburg, and Special Agent Hoag land, it was announced that there have been no clear cases of peonage nor any violations of the federal labo laws at the Pressed Steel Car com pany's plant at McKees Rocks.

Bibulous Family in Exile. Holland ,Mich .: William Harkem: was banished from Holland for a veafor habitual drunkenness. He wa put under \$500 bond to stay outside th city limits for twelve months. H wife and son already were in exile for imilar causes. A family reunion i ot improbable.

Oil Land Litigation.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Suit was file in the federal court here involving titl to oil bearing lands in Coalinga, Mid way and other oil fields of central Cal ifornia, said to be valued at unward of \$35,000,000, and now held by the Southern Pacific company, of Califor

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 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# 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. The fire consisted of three saucers and two bowls hurled with telling effect and wonderful accuracy by Mrs. C. C. Miles, matron of the home. So accurate was her throwing that when Hamilton called at the office of the governor he wore conspicuously one black eye, a little swollen, a cut beneath that optic and a cut over the bridge of the nose.

Mrs. Miles took Hamilton to task for failing to get Col. Rowden's dinner ready when she thought it should be served. She expressed herself so forcibly that finally her temper rose to such heights that she let fly with the tableware enumerated above and Hamilton retired very much vanquished.

#### 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 bly during part of the trip to Cook and something of the murder of Othello the physician was of the opinion it had Ratliff, the 11-year-old colored boy broken a blood vessel. whose mutilated body was found under the porch of the Kellom public school, near the show grounds, Tuesof the show in Omaha. His arrest was recommended by the coroner's jury.

Dorsey admits having had a converout a requisition.

#### Suit Over Bond Election.

court of Dawson county by Ira W. Olive, a resident of the city of Lexing- came separated. She says she last saw ton, praying for a recount of the votes him in company with a colored man in the recent election held to vote bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for two the show. Othello's mother is new school buildings and which carried by four votes over the required two-thirds majority.

Complain About Prize Fights.

the session of the Eagles, now being bowels. 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 came alarmed at his long absence and 93 per cent alcohol. The defendants went in search of him and found him were arraigned and pleaded not dangling from a rope, life being exguilty. The case was set for hearing tinct. September 22 and defendants were released on bond of \$50 each.

Freight on Interurban. A representative of the Nebraska Fraction and Power company of Omana called upon the railway commistion at Lincoln to discuss the question of rates to be charged for doing an express business on its line. The company intends to do an interurban ousiness and in connection therewith t desires to haul freight and express.

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. William Alshire, her son, led the detectives upstairs and escaped through a window. He is still at large.

Poliomyolitis Epidemic Over.

The epidemic covered a period of ten Pool will not devote his whole time logical puzzle of the "street." weeks and was a matter of concern to the paper in the future.

to the people of that city for a time.

Lightning Strikes Boarding House. sleeping, was hurt.

Traveler's Pocket Picked. The smooth work of pickpockets

escaped. No More Depositories. Notwithstanding the large amount of money on hand the first of the month, State Treasurer Brian does not corn after one of the shortest runs in desire any more state depositories and its history, the smaller crop being the

station at Hastings. The pickpocket

bank. Printer's Union at Beatrice. WILL CONTEST.

Relatives of the Late Caroline Barrett Not Satisfied.

The will of Caroline Barrett was ad mitted 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. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Hendrix have employed attorneys to contest the will, claiming it was made at the residence of one of he sons, where undue influence was exerted upon the mother, whom they

claim was not of sound mind. Several years ago there was an estrangement between the mother and the two daughters, which recently was made up, and it was supposed that in the distribution of the property they would receive an equal share. The case promises to be bitterly contested.

#### CHILD DIES IN AUTOMOBILE.

Death Not Noticed Until Mother Gets Out of Machine.

The 6-months-old daughter of Mr. ind 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. She carried the child into the house and laid it on a bed, and then becoming alarmed at the infant's appearance she summoned a physician, who pronounced it dead. The child had been crying considera-

#### COLORED BOY SLAIN.

day, the day following the exhibition Body Found Under Steps of Omaha School House.

The body of Othello Ratliffe, a colored boy 11 years old, was found unsation with Emma Ratliff, the boy's der the steps of the Kellom public 16-year-old sister, on the show school at Omaha Tuesday morning. grounds, but denies any knowledge of The boy's skull was crushed and his the murder. He cameto Omaha with- face terribly mutilated, apparently having been beaten with a brick.

The boy had attended a wild west show, the show ground being but a A petition was filed in the district block from the school house. He went with his sister, aged 16, but they bewho appeared to be connected with widow.

### Terrible Accident.

August Wallenseik, a young man residing with his father near Talmage Attorney General Thompson has in- met with an accident a few days since structed County Attorney English, of which resulted in his death. He was Douglas county, to arrest Guy Buckles in the loft throwing down some hay and another party, who are alleged to and threw down the fork and the hanhave had a prize fight in South Oma- | dle stood up straight. He jumped out ha a few days ago, and also to take of the loft, the handle struck him in steps to prevent any prize fight during the stomach and was forced into his

### 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. His father soon be-

Material for New Shops,

The first material for the construction of the new Eurlington 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. The large shops at Plattsmouth will be added to the new

### construction at Havelock.

Penitentiary Report. The report of Warden Smith for Au gust shows there are now 439 convicta in the prison compared with 443 July and call-such is a bird's-eye view of 31. Ten convicts were received during the career of the "Napoleon of the the month, of whom one was returned railroad world," as they call him, who after having escaped from the beet has just gone the way of all flesh. fields. Seventeen were discharged from

#### one convict was paroled. Speaker Pool Takes Partner,

C. W. Pool, speaker of the house or The last individual case of quaran- the last Nebraska legislature, has sold alike. Taciturn, mysterious, sphinxtine on account of spinal meningitis, a one-half interest in his weekly pa- like, but still wielding a wand that or Poliomyolitis, as it is now deter- per, the Tecumseh Tribune, to Mr. seemed to turn everything it touched mined to be, was raised at Stromsburg. Howard, of Iowa. It is said that Mr. into gold, Harriman was the psycho-

### Investigating Soldiers' Home.

The state board of public lands and Census Director Durand's Appeal for During an electrical storm lightning buildings will go to Grand Island next struck the Enoch house, one of the week to investigate the reports of inlandmarks of Humboldt, and did much mates of the home that the institution damage to the roof. Fortunately it did is not properly conducted and that not set fire to the structure, and none goods delivered to the home are not of the inmates, all of whom were always in accordance with the contract.

Separator Burned.

A separator belonging to W. W. relieved Freeman Lull of Aurora, of Wilson, living southeast of Diller, tohis wallet containing \$40 in currency gether with several stacks of wheat. and a note for \$358 at the Burlington was destroyed by fire the other day. and means chosen by Director Durand the engine.

> Short Crop for Factory. The Grand Island canning factory closed down on the canning of sweet

turned down the application of one result of the long drouth, Broke His Arm.

K. S. Fisher, of Omaha, met with of Will Norton, editor of the Humtheprinters of Beatrice and organized boldt Standard, suffered a broken arm then escaped on a handcar, which they a union with a membership of twenty- and dislocated wrist as the result of threw into the river near Breckengetting his hand caught in a job press. | ridge.

## 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 be tween 1:30 and 3:25 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

His end removes from the railroac 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 togetherwithout a head. It marks the closing of a career unique in the financial his tory of this country. At 14 Mr. Harriman was an office boy; at 23 owner of a seat in the Stock Exchange of New York, and at 35 a millionaire. At 49, though wealthy, he was still a mediocrity and in the wider sense unknown. In the ensuing twelve years occurred the meteoric rise that made him the undisputed emperor of the railroad business of the nation. His death at 61 is an event that will make itself felt throughout the entire finan-

cial fabric of the world. While it has been known for weeks that Mr. Harriman was a doomed mar 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. It has been intimated by men who were in a position to know that he was afflicted with the same ailment that caused the death of the late William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chi-

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. In forty years, from poverty and obscurity to almost fabulous wealth and colossal power, from broker's clerk to master of more than 75,000 miles of railroad and steamship



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

How Harriman got his start has the prison, four while on parole and 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

FARMERS TO KEEP RECORDS.

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. This effort to secure the farmers' personal co-operation is but one of a number of ways The blaze was caused by a spark from in the effort to secure an accurate, expeditious and economical census concerning population, agriculture, manufactures, mines and quarries, which are the subjects of inquiry defined in the census law.

Rob Bank; Escape on Handear. The First State Bank at Foxhome fifteen miles west of Fergus Falls, Minn., was robbed early Monday. The Harry Norton, the 10-year-old son robbers blew open the safe and got all