

## PEARY NEARLY READY TO START

Steamer Roosevelt Will Leave Battle Harbor for North Sydney Thursday or Friday.

### WILL HURRY TO NEW YORK

Commander Hopes to Take Part in Hudson-Fulton Fete.

### MORE ABOUT TRIP TO PO.

Windup of Journey North Made with Relays of Men.

### LEADER AND AN ESKIMO AT GOAL

Others Left at Varying Distances Behind Commander—How the March to Pole Was Accomplished.

**BATTLE HARBOR**, Sept. 13.—The Associated Press tug Thomas Douglas arrived here this afternoon. Commander Peary's steamer Roosevelt will leave Battle Harbor on Thursday or Friday for North Sydney, from where it will proceed to New York in time, if possible, to take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

**BATTLE HARBOR**, Labrador, Sept. 12.—The following account of Commander Peary's journey to the North pole have been gleaned from members of the expedition on board the steamer Roosevelt:

The only men to reach the pole were Commander Peary and one Eskimo, Eging Wah by name. The other white members of the various parties that left Cape Columbia were sent back one by one as Peary drew nearer daily to his objective.

Matthew Henson and three Eskimos, the only other members of the reduced party that made the final dash, were left one march south of the pole.

Captain Robert A. Bartlett and George Borup started February 27 from Cape Columbia with a number of Eskimos and dogs on the march across the ice, heading north. On March 1, Commander Peary left Cape Columbia with his party, consisting of seven white men, seventeen Eskimos and 136 dogs. On March 4 Peary came up with Bartlett, who had pitched his camp at the side of a lead of water which it was impossible to cross. The combined parties had to wait until March 11, seven days, before further progress was possible.

### Observation March 5.

The sun was seen for the first time March 5, and an observation showed that the explorers were a short way from the eighty-fourth parallel. The supply of alcohol was running short and Borup returned to Cape Columbia for a fresh stock. March 14 Borup overtook Peary again and brought a supply of oil and alcohol. The division under Prof. Ross G. Marvin joined Peary the same day. At that point Prof. Ronald R. McMillan was sent back, his feet having been injured. Borup returned to land from 85° with two Eskimos. The party now consisted of twelve men, ten sledges and fifty-four dogs.

Bartlett was still beating out the trail, two days ahead of Peary. Marvin took observations at 85° and then started on his return march. On the next march Bartlett made a record trip, covering twenty miles. This brought him to 85°.

The party now consisted of Peary, Bartlett, Matthew Henson, the colored man who has been Peary's personal assistant on so many of his expeditions; the Eskimos, seven sledges and sixty dogs, and the journal northward was resumed.

### Ice Perfectly Level.

The ice was perfectly level as far as the eye could see. Bartlett took the observation on the eighty-eighth parallel on April 2, and then reluctantly returned, leaving Peary, Henson and four Eskimos, with provisions for forty days, to make the final dash to the pole.

This reduced party started the morning of April 2. The men walked that day for ten hours and made twenty miles. They then slept near the eighty-ninth parallel. While crossing a stretch of young ice 300 yards wide the sledge broke through. It was saved, but two of the Eskimos had narrow escape from drowning.

The ice was still good and the dogs were in great shape. They made as high as twenty-five miles a day.

The next observation was made at 85°. The next two marches were made in a dense fog. The sun was sighted on the third march and an observation showed 85°.

### Thirty-Two Below at Pole.

The pole was reached April 8, and a series of observations were taken at 90 degrees. Peary deposited his records and hoisted the American flag. The temperature was 22 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. The pole appeared as a frozen sea. Peary tried to make a sounding, but got no bottom at 1,800 fathoms. Peary stayed at the pole for thirty-four hours and then started on his return journey April 7.

On the return the marches were continuous and Peary and the Eskimos suffered greatly from fatigue. They had their first sleep at the end of the eighth march from the pole in the igloo left by Bartlett. Here there was a violent snowstorm.

On April 23, the party reached the vertical edge of the land ice west of Cape Columbia. The Eskimos were delighted to reach land and the party slept for two days. They repaired their sledges, rested their dogs, and resuming the journey, reached the Roosevelt April 30. Marvin left Peary on the way up on Friday, March 26, to return to the ship. He had with him two Eskimos and seventeen dogs. The story of the professor's death was obtained from one of the Eskimos. April 10, Marvin was forty-five miles from Cape Columbia. He started but that morning, walking ahead. The Eskimos were delayed in packing the sledges, a fact that permitted Marvin to get a good start on them.

### Marrow's Body in Water.

When the Eskimos arrived at an open lead they noticed that the young ice was broken across twenty-five yards out, and they saw what looked like a man's body floating in the center of the lead. Owing to the treacherous condition of the ice the Eskimos could not venture out. They returned to the Roosevelt and reported.

Captain Bartlett then went back to the point they designated and recovered Prof. Marvin's spare boots, clothing and personal belongings, which were still on the ice where the Eskimos had left them. The superstitions of their race prevented the natives from bringing the dead man's effects with them. Prof. Marvin's records and observations were saved.

## President of Trust Company Kills Himself

John W. Castles, Head of One of Largest Financial Institutions in New York, Cuts Throat.

"HARRIMAN IDEA" DOMINATES

J. H. Schiff and William Rockefeller Elected Directors.

### LOREE SLATED FOR PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting of Company Will Be Held October 12.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC MEETS TODAY

Judge Lovett Will Probably Be Elected Head of Executive Committee and Schiff and Rockefeller Will Be Directors.

**NEW YORK**, Sept. 13.—John W. Castles, president of the Union Trust company of this city, capitalized at \$1,000,000, a director of other well known corporations and prominent in club and social life in this city, cut his throat from ear to ear in the Grand Union hotel this afternoon and was found dead stretched across the floor. He had been in ill health for some time and his suicide is ascribed to a nervous breakdown and not to troubles.

It was discovered about 9 o'clock this morning that Burton S. Castles, who became alarmed at Mr. Castles' disappearance, made a search through the hotels of the city. Arriving at the Grand Union, he found that Mr. Castles had registered there under his own name at 4:20 o'clock this afternoon and had gone immediately to the room assigned to him on the second floor. As his body was cold when found tonight, indications are that he ended his life soon after closing the door behind him.

The body was found only in the garments, was lying across the bed in the room, while on a table nearby was a bloody razor with which he had ended his life.

According to his friends, Mr. Castles was broken in health by overwork and had little connection with the Union Trust company since assuming the presidency of the institution on January 1 last, when he succeeded Edward King. Mr. King had been president since 1873, but in last November died in death ten days later.

To strengthen further the dominance of the "Harriman idea," Jacob H. Schiff and William Rockefeller, both heavily interested in the Harriman enterprises, were elected directors in place of Mr. Harriman and the late H. H. Rogers, and also were chosen to places on the executive committee.

**LOREE FOR PRESIDENT.**

The Union Pacific still remains without a president, as Mr. Harriman occupied this position also. It is understood, however, that an operating man—probably L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson, will be elected for the place at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on October 12. Proxies for this meeting already in the hands of Judge Lovett and Alexander Millar, secretary of the Union Pacific, seem to guarantee that the election will be dominated by the Harriman interests.

The office which Judge Lovett assumed today is the most important in the management and financial supervision of the Union Pacific. Judge Lovett's close associations with Mr. Harriman, particularly during the last weeks of the latter's life, make him, in the opinion of the Harriman lieutenants, peculiarly fitted to assume the responsibilities of the position. He and Loree, the slated candidate for the presidency, share the honor of a close familiarity with Mr. Harriman's plans and dreams for the undeveloped territory over which he hoped to push the ascendancy of his railroad interests.

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The directors of the Southern Pacific will meet tomorrow. It is taken for granted that their action is fully forecasted by to-day's meeting and that Judge Lovett will be seated as chairman of the executive committee also in Mr. Harriman's place, with Jacob Schiff or some other partner in the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. at his right hand as director and member of the executive committee.

Wall street manifested more than usual interest in today's election, in view of the rumors which went the rounds last week to the effect that a member of J. P. Morgan's family would be elected to the Union Pacific. No such change developed and as it stands today the executive committee remains in the purview of the street.

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**NIGHT OF SONG, MIRTH, SPEECH**

Performance is Splendid and Visitors Esteemed in Their Words of Praise for the Beauties of the Realm.

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**Editorial Bursts, Blowing Women from Bath House**

Ten Persons Seriously Injured in San Francisco by Accident Building Wrecked.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Sept. 12.—Half a score of persons were injured, several probably fatally, when a boiler in the Burling bath at 216 Geary street, exploded today. Woman patrons were blown through the windows of their compartments into the street and the building was almost completely wrecked.

The boiler was thrown from its foundation and hurled through the roof, crashing into the middle of Geary street. From the second floor, the structure men and women were blown through great gaps in the walls and the windows.

The night was filled as "Editor's" night, but the advance guard of the Eagles' convention turned out in such profusion that the editors were almost lost in the crowd, although T. W. McCullough and G. M. Hitchcock held up the sorbets and of the proceedings.

No more enthusiastic gathering of "undesirable citizens" was ever taken on board the pirate ship than last night, and so anxious were all to take the oath of allegiance to King Ak-Sar-Ben that Grand Worthy Chancellor B. F. Thomas had to hustle to beat them to it on the administration of the oath. They simply gobbled the words of wisdom given forth by Grand Worthy Counsellor George S. Powell. The "bull pen" was crowded to overflowing when Grand Master Mufti McCullough called the guests to order that the oath might be administered, and all were more than ready for the fun.

**OPREY WANT IN GOTHAM.**

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**French Engineer Claims to Have Machine that Will Transport Passengers and Merchandise**

PARIS, Sept. 13.—Francis Laur, a French engineer and inventor, announces the invention of a flying omnibus capable of transporting merchandise and passengers, and he has officially asked the municipal council to grant him a franchise for the city of Paris. He claims to have obtained French patents, but explains he is unable to reveal the details of the machine pending acquisition of foreign patents.

**Morgan Not Represented.**

The failure of the Morgan interests to gain a place on the reconstructed board was a surprise to Wall street, where last week's rumors had been given credence.

It was pointed out tonight, however, that possibly the Morgan interests, fearing disastrous results from any radical changes at this time, may have purposely postponed the selection of a representative until the regular annual election in October.

Of the two new members elected today the election of Jacob H. Schiff attracted the widest comment in financial circles, for the reason that the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. formally withdrew a few years ago from active participation in the management of all the railroads for which they acted as bankers, with the declaration that it was their policy as a banking house to assume this attitude.

No statement could be obtained from Mr. Schiff as to the apparent change, but it was authoritatively stated that the interests of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and that of their powerful foreign connections had become so interested in Union Pacific that it was believed unwise for the firm to longer remain abroad from participation in the government of the road.

**HIDES ARE BEING RUSHED FROM FRANCE TO AMERICA**

Foreign Manufacturers Are Alarmed at Condition Since Passage of New Tariff Act.

**PARIS**, Sept. 13.—French exports to the United States, instead of diminishing, have increased rapidly under the new tariff. The total for the month of August shows an increase of 36 per cent over that of August, 1908. The greatest increase was in hides, which are being rushed over to America in such quantities as to alarm French manufacturers, who fear that America may monopolize the tanning industry and oblige them to import their leather.

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## The Only Way

## CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

National Gathering of Eagles Holds First Session at the Auditorium This Morning.

### ONLY ONE ADMITTING THE PUBLIC

Large Supply of Oratory Will Be Uncorked at the Start.

### LOCAL AND VISITING TALENT

Mayor Dahlman Will Throw Open City to Its Guests.

### JEFFERIS FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

Visitors Will Not Want for Welcome or Felicitations—Political Pot is Kept Stirring Among the Delegates.

### EAGLE CONVENTION PROGRAM

TUESDAY.

At 10 a. m. the grand series will assemble at the Auditorium for opening session.

Invocation by Robert L. Wheeler, D. D., of South Omaha.

Address of welcome by Mayor James G. Dahlman.

Address on behalf of the Omaha Commercial club by A. W. Jeffries.

Felicitations by Worthy President George F. West of Omaha aerie and Chairman Robert F. Bacon of the convention committee.

Responses by Grand Worthy President Monaghan and other grand officers.

All members of the local committee will have seats on platform. This function in the Auditorium will be open to the public.

6:45 P. M.—Automobile rides for visiting ladies. Assembly at the Hotel.

7:30 to 8 P. M.—Band concert at Hanscom park. Pennsylvania picnic.

7:45 P. M.—Theater party for visiting ladies.

8:00 P. M.—Magics' program at "Den" of Ak-Sar-Ben.

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 A. M.—Visit to packing houses at South Omaha and luncheon under auspices of South Omaha aerie.

2:00 P. M.—Tour through retail stores by visiting ladies. Every store in parade dress.

3:45 P. M.—Visit to wholesale district under escort of home excursion committee of Omaha Commercial club.

### Only One Public Session.

Omaha will have its first and only opportunity to see a real Eagles' convention in full working order this morning at 10 o'clock.

At that time the session of the grand aerie will be called to order by Robert F. Bacon, and to this session and to this one alone the general public is invited. All other meetings of the high rulers of the order will be held secret.

Eagle oratory will be above par at the first session. From the time the gavel raps order until the session closes at noon speakers of local and