

WHAT INSPIRED PEARY

Reading Dr. Kane's Arctic Explorations, Says Boyhood Chum.

FIRED HIS EARLY IMAGINATION

Judge E. C. Reynolds Pictures the Explorer Curled Up Before the Fireplace Devouring the Old Volume. Natural Leader as a Boy.

Judge Edward C. Reynolds of South Portland, Me., who is one of Commander Peary's oldest and most intimate friends, having been his companion in boyhood, recently told about the arctic explorer's early life and what led him to seek the north pole. He said:

"I have at my house a copy of Dr. Kane's book on arctic exploration, published, I think, about 1855 or 1856, which, I believe, was the first inspiration Commander Robert E. Peary received for exploration in the arctic regions.

"It is even now, in the light of all we know and in these days of fine illustrations and good printing, an excellent volume. The old woodcut pictures of Eskimo huts and their sledges, of the dog teams and the vessels stuck in the ice floes, are even now interesting to look upon, and I can just picture to myself Bert Peary, as I have always known him, curled up before the fireplace with this book in his lap and reading of these remarkable experiences of almost the first among the arctic explorers. I don't imagine that he then had any idea that he would be an explorer himself in those regions or that he would one day come home with the honor of having discovered the north pole, but because this volume once claimed the attention of Commander Peary and fixed his thoughts upon such things I prize it highly.

Natural Leader as a Boy.
"I think I first remember Bert Peary when we were about six years old. He was then living with his mother at the home of Freeman T. Evans, in Pleasantdale. Mrs. Peary and Mrs. Evans, whom every one called 'Aunt Eliza,' were great friends, and when Mrs. Peary came to live at Cape Elizabeth after her husband's death she very soon made her home with Mrs. Evans.

"Bert Peary was at my home almost as much as he was at his own. In fact, as boys and young men our relations were almost as close as those of brothers, and I believe I know him as well as I would a brother.

"We went to school together for many years, played together, and led by him, for he was a natural leader, we roamed about all of this country near our homes, always seeking the life in the open and the adventures which boys seek. I recall especially that he was very fond of skating. That was a sport which we both enjoyed, and we passed many hours together upon the ice in the winter time. He was always daring, courageous and energetic. From the earliest time it seemed that Peary had an inclination to seek those things pertaining to the sciences or natural history. He made collections of snakes, which he knew all about, and often I have seen him catch them and snap off their heads with a quick jerk of his arm, a trick none of the other boys cared to do.

Had Mania For Birds' Eggs.

"He had a mania for the collection of birds' eggs when we were about ten or twelve years old, and he made as fine a collection as any I ever saw. I think he had about every kind of egg that could be obtained in these regions. That was before it was regarded as a crime for a boy to rob birds' nests. I made a collection, too, but mine was not as good as Peary's, for he had a natural aptitude for such things. He was very observing of birds and animals in the woods and made a study of them, which as a boy I have always thought was quite remarkable. It shows, if nothing more, that from the earliest time he had a decided inclination for the pursuit of the natural sciences, and since then he has shown the world how well developed this faculty was.

"I was at Washington in 1884 as clerk in the lighthouse department, and I remember very well the first time I called upon Peary there. He was then a civil engineer in the navy and had been for three years or more. I don't just recall where his room was at the time, but when I went to see him I found him on the floor at work upon something. I asked him what it was, and he said: 'I am making a sledge. I have studied those of arctic explorers, and I think I can make a much better sled than any of those they have used.'

"He then told me that he intended to go to the arctic regions and that he was saving up his leaves of absence for that purpose and intended to take three or four months and make an expedition to Greenland. I attempted to discourage him, but he said that he intended to make the trip and thought that there were great opportunities there for a man of determination.

Peary Feared No Danger.

"Commander Peary some years later, when he had become more or less famous, always used to come to my home and call upon my father, of whom he was very fond. My father always argued with him about the dangers and uncertainties, the lack of financial return and the profitless work, as he regarded it, that Peary had undertaken.

"Why, Mr. Reynolds, Peary would say, 'there is no danger—absolutely no

danger. I have never been afraid for a single moment in the arctic. If a man takes good care of himself and is not afraid, there is nothing to fear whatever. And the atmosphere there is inspiring. There is so much to learn that it drives you on to do almost anything.'

Read Dr. Kane's Explorations.

"As I have said, I firmly believe that the book on Dr. Kane's explorations, which belonged to Mr. Evans, with whom he lived as a boy, fired his youthful imagination and has had as much as anything else to do with his persistency in this direction. This book is well thumbed and bears the evidence of having been read many times. How many winter evenings Bert Peary curled up before the fireplace with this book before him and followed the daring explorer in his dream through the regions of eternal ice and snow no one knows. Today he has learned much more than Dr. Kane ever knew about that region, but I am sure that he would read this book today with as much interest as he did as a boy."

Commander Peary's purchase of Eagle Isle, in Casco bay, where his summer home is now located, is characteristic of him. Judge Reynolds when asked about it said that Commander Peary said he wanted Reynolds to do down to Harpswell and try to buy the island. "I want it because no one can land upon it. It is a difficult place to reach, and there is a mysterious charm about it that appeals to me strongly. Buy it if you can, and some time I'm going there to live."

Judge Reynolds purchased the island for him, and the man who sold it had a deed of it which had been in his family from the time the land was granted by the Georges to the earliest settlers.

MEETING OF PRESIDENTS.

Great Showing of Mexican Military When Taft and Diaz Meet.

The Mexican government proposes making an effective display of at least the numerical strength of its army upon the occasion of the meeting of Presidents Taft and Diaz at El Paso, Tex. The Mexican war department announces that the military demonstration will surpass anything of its kind in recent years and that between 8,000 and 10,000 soldiers will escort General Diaz to the border and remain there until his return from El Paso. Every branch of the army will be represented.

It is believed that the government has taken advantage of the occasion to make a military demonstration for the benefit of the revolutionists who are referred to as Reyes' agitators. The different detachments of the army will give exhibitions and participate in maneuvers en route from the capital northward.

General Trevino, the most highly regarded commander of Mexico, will be in charge of the troops. He is making great preparations to impress the discontented natives with the power of the service.

It is announced that the United States will be represented by about 3,000 soldiers, under command of General Meyer of the department of Texas. Accompanying President Taft's escort will be three military bands, one of which will be the mounted band of fifty musicians known as the White Troopers' band. Mexico's army will not furnish any band, but there will be four other bands with General Diaz's party on the journey to the Rio Grande.

According to the program for the entertainment and reception of Presidents Taft and Diaz, there will be three dinners for these distinguished officials on Oct. 16 in El Paso, Tex. This program is announced by Ignacio de la Barra, congressman from the City of Mexico and brother to the Mexican ambassador to the United States.

NORTHCLIFFE'S WARNING.

Believes Germany's Warlike Preparations Do Not Warrant Optimism.

Lord Northcliffe, who passed through Portland, Ore., recently on his way to San Francisco, said in an interview regarding the peace of Europe:

"We have the facts that Germany has refused to discuss her vast armaments, that the whole of her ship-building yards are engaged in naval construction, that scores of her leading writers make no secret of her intentions, that she has on previous occasions made unprovoked and sudden attacks on other nations and that the vessels she is building are designed for commerce destroying purposes and for fighting with an enemy that is near at hand.

"We know also that the kaiser has said in a public declaration that the future of Germany is on the water. In the face of these significant facts I fear that any foolish optimism is greatly to be deprecated."

Movement to Reforest Boston Harbor.

A new movement is being organized to support the plan to relocate the Boston harbor islands with the sylvan beauty of which they were robbed centuries ago when the trees were cut down. The Metropolitan Improvement league is the moving factor, and several institutions, including Harvard college and the Institute of Technology, are represented in the renewed expression of interest.

Tests of Chain For Panama Canal.

In government tests at Washington samples of the chain to be used on the gear of the Panama canal locks withstood tensile tests of 153,000 pounds to the square inch before the metal parted.

GIRL'S HUGE ESTATE

Miss Mary Harriman Personally Manages 33,000 Acre Farm.

DAIRY HAS HER SPECIAL CARE

With Three Hundred and Fifty Registered Cows, It Already is a Paying Concern—Directs Work With Characteristic Energy and Skill—Likely to Become Greatest Woman Farmer.

When an arrangement for the management of the late Edward E. Harriman estate has been completed, Miss Mary Harriman, the dead railroad magnate's eldest unmarried child, will become the greatest woman farmer in the United States, if not in the world. She now virtually has control of Arden farm, consisting of 26,000 acres.

Close by Arden, N. Y., her father quietly acquired before his death other tracts amounting to 19,000 acres. The exact locations of these tracts is not now publicly known, as title to them passed in the name of a corporation with which Mr. Harriman was not known to have been connected. For reasons of their own members of the family do not care at this time to reveal the holdings. This information, however, will necessarily be made public with the appraisal of the estate.

There are now under actual cultivation at Arden approximately 3,000 acres. The bulk of the huge farm is waste land. Most of this, or about 12,000 acres, will be donated by Mrs. Harriman, as was the wish of her husband, to the state of New York for a great public park.

Park Lands Heavily Wooded.

These acres are heavily wooded and contain several lakes of marked natural beauty. This will leave Miss Mary Harriman at Arden alone a farm of 14,000 acres to care for. Altogether she will have supervision of a farm of 33,000 acres.

Already she has taken hold of the task with characteristic Harriman energy and skill. She is directing personally the unfinished work of road-making, the terracing of hills, landscape gardening, etc., just as had been planned by herself and father jointly. In a smart trap drawn by a high stepping cob she daily drives over the



MISS MARY HARRIMAN.

farm, giving instruction in detail to the foremen of nearly 400 men now at work.

A dairy company, a corporation with a capitalization of \$100,000, has her special care. It is now a paying concern, and it is Miss Harriman's desire to increase its dividends for the coming year. The dairy products are derived from 350 registered cows. The butter is sold every day in bulk in New York city under contracts.

Never Cared Much For Society.

On the 3,000 acres now under cultivation a variety of crops are raised. The principal ones are corn, oats, wheat and rye. Considerable truck gardening is done, too, onions being a specialty of this branch of the Arden farm productions. It is said to be Miss Harriman's intention to bring at least another thousand acres at Arden under cultivation this year.

Miss Harriman from early girlhood has been extremely fond of country life. She has never cared particularly for society. Although reared in the circle of the Four Hundred, she has preferred to devote herself to a more serious career. For several years she has actively participated in settlement work in New York city. Among her most notable charities is the ferryboat in the East river, New York, for consumptives.

In face and form she is a really beautiful young woman. Her complexion glows with robust health. Her accomplishments are many. She is both a musician and a linguist. It is said that she even has learned to converse in Japanese. She is twenty-five years old, but does not look to be twenty.

The Conquest of the North.

The dark north rubs bewildered eyes. As back her ice banks curtains roll. As crushed the sphinx of ages lies— The stars and stripes wave o'er the pole.

What stories could the northern lights Flash on the passing human scroll. Of heroes battling through the nights To win the shadow of the pole!

What hopes as over blue ice plains Bleeding and hungry, sick at soul. They strained their eyes and scorned their pains— And, baffled, turned—far from the pole!

What tragedies when, side by side, Men shared the last long garnered dole. And, Franklin-like, clasped hands and died. Martyrs to science and the pole!

At last attained, the nations rise To cheer the triumph at the goal. To thunder to the listening skies— The stars and stripes wave o'er the pole. —Percy Shaw in Brockton (Mass.) Times.

WHO IS SHE

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