

PEARY'S FIRST STORY OF TRIP TO POLE GIVEN

Explorer Sums Up His Achievement in Few Words.

ONE LIFE LOST ON VOYAGE

Sledge Party Starts Feb. 15 and Attains Goal on April 6 After Many Stops.

TWO DAYS SPENT AT POLE

Many Leads of Open Water Delay Progress.

RETURN MADE IN 20 DAYS

Expedition Travels Record Time From Pole Back to Ship and Has Successful Voyage Home Except for One Death.

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BY ROBERT E. PEARY.

BATTLE HARBOR, Labrador, via Wireless, Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 8.—As it may be impossible to get my full story through in time for tomorrow's Times, partly as a prelude which may stimulate interest and partly to forestall possible leaks, I am sending you a brief summary of my voyage to the North Pole, which is to be printed exactly as written.

Summary of North Polar expedition of the Peary Arctic Club.

The steamer Roosevelt left New York on July 4, 1908; left Sydney on July 17; arrived at Cape York, Greenland, August 3; left Etah, Greenland, August 8; arrived Cape Sheridan, at Grantland, September 1; wintered at Cape Sheridan.

Peary's Story of Journey.

The sledge expedition left the Roosevelt February 15, 1909, and started, for the north. Arrived at Cape Columbia March 1; passed British record March 2; delayed by open water March 2 and 3; held up by open water March 4 to 11; crossed the 84th parallel March 11; encountered open lead March 15; crossed 85th parallel March 18; crossed 86th parallel March 22; encountered open lead March 23; passed Norwegian record March 23; passed Italian record March 24; encountered open lead March 25; crossed 87th parallel March 27; passed American record March 28; encountered open lead March 28; held up by open water March 29; crossed 88th parallel April 1; North Pole April 6.

Professor Marvin Drowned.

All returning left North Pole April 7; reached Cape Columbia April 23; arriving on board Roosevelt April 27.

The Roosevelt left Cape Sheridan July 18; passed Cape Sabine August 8; left Cape York August 26; arrived at Indian Harbor, with all members of expedition returning in good health, except Professor Ross G. Marvin, unfortunately drowned April 19, when 45 miles north of Cape Columbia, returning from 86 north latitude in command of the supporting party.

(Signed) ROBERT E. PEARY.

MAY NOT ARRIVE TILL SUNDAY

Peary's Steamer Makes Slow Progress Through Straits.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., Sept. 8.—It was learned definitely through dispatches sent from wireless stations in the north tonight that the Roosevelt, bearing the Peary expedition, arrived at Battle Harbor, which is about 175 miles south of Indian Harbor, the steamer's first stop. The Roosevelt left Indian Harbor yesterday and was sighted off Battle Harbor at 10 A. M. today.

The report that Peary had reached Blanc Sablon, in the southern part of the Strait of Belle Isle, was circulated through an order which the explorer sent to St. Johns for coal supplies to be delivered at Blanc Sablon in case he should not be able to obtain sufficient fuel for his bunkers at Battle Harbor. There is no telegraph station at Battle Harbor.

The Roosevelt encountered heavy weather after leaving Indian Harbor and, allowing for recoiling and her slow speed, it is possible that she will not arrive at North Sydney before Sunday.

PEARY IS AT BATTLE HARBOR

Steamer Will Go to Sydney After Call at Red Bay.

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POLE IS DELIVERED TO TAFT BY PEARY

PRESIDENT THANKFUL, DOES NOT KNOW WHERE TO PUT IT.

Explorer Congratulated by Executive—Official Recognition of Life's Ambition.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 8.—Commander Peary today delivered the North Pole to President Taft, who replied congratulating the explorer. The messages follow:

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 8.—William H. Taft, President of the United States, Washington: Have honor placing North Pole your disposal. R. E. PEARY, U. S. N."

"Beverly, Mass., Sept. 8.—Commander R. E. Peary, U. S. N., Indian Harbor: Thanks for your interesting and generous offer. I do not know exactly what I can do with it. I congratulate you sincerely on having achieved, after the greatest effort, the object of your trip and sincerely hope that your observations will contribute substantially to scientific knowledge. You have added luster to the name 'American.' WILLIAM H. TAFT."

PEARY VERSUS ESKIMOS

World Must Accept Word of Commander or Indians.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8.—"Too much importance should not be attached to today's dispatch received from Peary concerning Dr. Cook," said Henry Bryant, president of the Geographical Society, of Philadelphia, today when shown the Peary telegram to the Associated Press.

Mr. Bryant, who is a friend of both explorers, said that the testimony of Eskimos could not be relied upon, and that Eskimos would say anything suggested to them.

Admiral Melville, who has been skeptical from the first news of Cook's discovery, when told of Commander Peary's dispatch, said:

"All I can say is that I believe that any statement coming from Peary can be relied upon. I cannot pass judgment upon the truth of the Eskimos. It is up to the man who saw and interviewed them, and he is simply sending sending what he learned."

"PEARY COLOSSAL FAKER"

Osborne Champions Cook, Says Peary Story All Untrue.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Among the friends of Cook here who rallied to his defense today was Captain B. S. Osborne, president of the Arctic Club of America, who said:

"Peary, in making these charges, is digging his own grave. He is a colossal faker and his statements are a fabrication of untruths. As soon as he sets foot in New York Mr. Bradley and myself will give out affidavits in support of our position."

"I have an affidavit stating that Peary opened Dr. Cook's trunks and took out his observations and data, and that he opened a letter Dr. Cook had written to Mrs. Cook, read it and then sealed it up again. Peary also wrote Mrs. Cook telling her baldly that her husband was a faker."

BOTH STORIES UNDOUBTED

Abruzzi's Companion Disputes Neither Cook Nor Peary.

ROME, Sept. 8.—Commander Cagni, who was with the Duke of Abruzzi on his Polar expedition, said today:

"That Peary would reach the Pole one day I never doubted, nor have I doubts as to the sincerity of Dr. Cook. The doubts with regard to Cook arise from the vagueness of his first statements, the misunderstanding regarding the Polar temperature, the position of the newly discovered land and his apparent lack of preparation for the expedition. In judging the two explorers the fact that geographical and astronomical observations have been taken from floating ice, the position of which alters daily, increases the difficulty."

ENGLISHMEN SEE THE JOKE

Unreliable Eskimos Likely to Say Anything to Please.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The morning papers apparently consider that the Polar controversy has passed the stage where serious comment will prove any useful purpose. All statements from either side tending to throw light on the disputed points are printed in full, but most of the papers either refrain from making editorial comment or confine themselves to a few semi-humorous remarks.

The Daily News points out the complete unreliability of evidence from Eskimos, who are likely to say anything calculated to please the questioner whoever he may be.

WELLMAN GIVES UP DASH

Writer Abandons Plans for Flight to North Pole.

CHRISTIANA, Sept. 8.—A special dispatch from Tromsø says that Walter Wellman has instructed his agent to arrange for the return of all the explorer's property from Virgo Bay, Spitzbergen, as well as the three men who were to have spent the winter there. It is understood that Mr. Wellman has abandoned his plans for reaching the North Pole by airship next year.

COOK WELCOMES CALLS FOR PROOF

Will Present It All to Geographers.

BRING ESKIMOS TO AMERICA

Submit All Documents and Instruments to Judges.

WILL SOON REMOVE DOUBT

Explorer Makes Vigorous But Temperate Retort to Enemies, Saying Peary's Success Does Not Disprove His.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Matin prints a signed article by Dr. Cook in which he replied to Commander Peary, saying:

"I did not deem it well at first to reply to the attacks of Commander Peary. I thought it better to maintain the reserve becoming a gentleman. Besides, if Peary has reached the Pole I am glad of his victory. It does not prove that I have not succeeded, and before him."

Dr. Cook then takes up the charges in detail with regard to the question of provisions and his use of the Eskimos, and continues:

Will Produce Proof of Truth.

"According to Peary's statements my Eskimos said I did not go very far north. Let this answer: Sverdrup has undertaken to command an expedition to seek out my two Eskimos and bring them back to civilization. It is I who will pay the expenses of this expedition. We will see what they will say."

"I am asked for proofs of my veracity. Well, I will give proofs, for I solemnly bind myself to submit all the documents and instruments to the geographical societies of America and Denmark, or to any assembly of scientists anyone likes to name."

Present Evidence as Whole.

"One must not be astonished that I refused to furnish proofs to various persons. I want to present the results of my work as a whole, and not to private individuals but to constituted bodies. I think those who have doubted my word will not doubt that of the geographical societies which I shall take for judges."

"I shall say no more. I hate this quarrelling into which it is being sought to drag me. I am satisfied that I have done what I have done and know that in a little while no doubt will be possible."

COOK WILL MEET CHALLENGE

Place All Evidence Before Scientific Bodies of World.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 8.—"I have been to the North Pole. As I said, when I heard of Commander Peary's success, if he says he has been to the Pole I believe him."

"I am going to place facts, figures and worked-out observations before the joint tribunal of the scientific bodies of the world. In due course of time I shall be prepared to make public an announcement that will effectually dispel any doubt."

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MEXICAN VILLAGES LOST IN TORRENTS

TOWNS DISAPPEAR UNDER BIG WALLS OF WATER.

Priests Tramp Through Stricken District and Bring Story of Want.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Sept. 8.—A number of village priests, after making journeys over miles of devastated country, arrived here today bringing the first news of the destruction wrought by the recent floods in the outlying districts. Their stories indicate that the havoc is more widespread than was at first believed.

The priest of Arramburi informed Archbishop Lenares that Arramburi was destroyed and that his people are wandering over the country in search of food. The destruction of the roads has made it impossible to send in supplies. The story brought in by the priest of La Ascension is that this town and its population of 2000 have entirely disappeared. He does not know where the people are.

"Not a stone was left upon a stone in La Ascension," the priest said. "Where once there were rich farms there is now nothing but water."

Another priest from Allende says that that place also has disappeared with large loss of life and that the fields have been converted into lakes. The priests were more than a week in making their way into Monterey. Aid is urgently needed in these outlying districts, particularly as the authorities are busy with Monterey and its vicinity.

Bustamant and La Escondida have been added to the list of destroyed villages.

LOOKED ON AS DESERTERS

Fourteen Who Accepted Amnesty Ejected From Confederate Home.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Ex-Confederate Home has let out 14 inmates during the past week for accepting General Grant's amnesty before the Civil War closed.

Charles Martin, secretary of the board, in explaining the wording of the amnesty, today said: "These men deserted us in the hour of great need, just as Grant expected them to do when he made the offer, realizing that each Southern taken from the army meant a saving of 15 men to him. These cannot be considered anything more than deserters. We sent to Washington copies of the names of the men who have left the institution upon these rolls. There are others now who are on notice and some of them are on the amnesty rolls, so they will not be able to show the desired clean record of Confederate army service."

\$400 MONTH GIVEN WIFE

Mrs. Davenport Gets Allowance Pending Divorce Trial.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Four hundred dollars a month, with counsel fees of \$50, was allowed to Mrs. Daisy B. Davenport today by Justice Giegerich, in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Davenport recently filed a citation for divorce against her husband, Homer Davenport, cartoonist and illustrator.

A much larger allowance was asked, the petitioner asserting that besides an annual salary of \$15,000 the cartoonist earned other large sums. Mr. Davenport admitted an income of \$15,000, but insisted that he required \$500 annually to develop his artistic aspirations. The wife alleged neglect upon her husband's part, while he retorted with charges of unseemly extravagance and irresponsibility of temper.

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HARRIMAN'S LIFE SAPPED BY FEVER

Too Weak to Be Moved, Temperature High.

CORPS OF DOCTORS AT HAND

Vitality Reduced by Acute Attacks of Indigestion.

OXYGEN ALWAYS READY

Ice and Alcohol Used to Reduce Fever—Wall Street Spies Watch for News and Cause Lovett to Keep Silence.

HARRIMAN IN HIGH FEVER.

ARDEN, N. Y., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Tonight a corps of physicians and nurses is in constant attendance upon E. H. Harriman. Mr. Harriman has a very high fever, and ice and alcohol baths are being resorted to in an effort to keep down his temperature, which, it was learned today, reached 106 degrees.

Through Mr. Ford, Mrs. Harriman gave an assurance early tonight that Judge Robert H. Lovett would give out a statement in New York.

TURNER, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Edward H. Harriman is better. This statement is based on the assertion today of the two men closest to him, outside his immediate family. His medical adviser, Dr. William G. Lyle, said so twice. His spiritual adviser, the Rev. J. Holmes Guinness, made the assertion in almost the same language shortly after visiting the financier today.

How far Mr. Harriman has recovered and the precise state of his health remains still a matter of conjecture and the subject of alarming rumors. The official information from the Harriman residence today utterly failed to quiet the reports and there seems to be some ground for the persistent reports that he suffered a slight attack of indigestion and that Dr. Lyle's reassuring statement referred to his improvement from this second seizure.

Recent Condition Desperate.

There is no doubt Mr. Harriman's recent condition has been desperate. Evidence of this was furnished by the empty oxygen tanks that were sent down from Tower Hill to be returned to the manufacturer. That these attacks will be recurrent and that they must grow increasingly ominous is the general belief. Dr. Lyle's first statement today lulled conjecture only for a few hours. In the afternoon alarming rumors poured in from the newspaper men at Turner and Arden until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when Dr. Lyle was again called on the telephone.

Lyle Says He Is Better.

"It is said in New York that Mr. Harriman is dead," he was told. "Those reports are not true," replied Dr. Lyle. "Mr. Harriman is better today."

His assurances were qualified in the (Continued on Page 2.)

ENTRIES ADDED IN SPEED WAR WEST

ST. PAUL ROAD REDUCES TIME TO OMAHA.

Northwestern Falls in Line With Cut in Colorado Special to 26 Hours.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Two more transcontinental roads today entered the speed war to the West, recently inaugurated by the Hill line. Notice was given by the St. Paul road that it will make reductions in the running time of its Western passenger trains. On September 11 the time of the St. Paul's trains between Chicago and Denver will be reduced 12 hours. This is a reduction of one hour and 50 minutes, and will necessitate a readjustment by all roads of the time between here and Omaha.

This change is made, it is understood, in response to a demand by the Omaha citizens. The Burlington's fast train does not go by way of Omaha, but by the way of Pacific Junction.

The time of the Overland Limited will be changed so that it will leave here at 7 P. M. instead of 5 P. M. The Chicago-Denver time of the other roads will also be met.

The Northwestern announces a cut in time between Chicago and Northwestern points, and its Colorado Special, which formerly made the Denver run in 28 hours, will be reduced to 26 hours. The changes are effective Sunday.

BLOW MAY CAUSE DEATH

Contractor Falls J. B. Davis for Striking Woman.

H. Stango, a cement sidewalk contractor, living at a rooming-house at 324 1/2 First street, was arrested last night by Sergeant Riley and Patrolman Burke, charged with dangerously assaulting J. B. Davis, who lives at the same address. Davis was struck by Stango in front of the place where they live, knocking him to the walk. In falling Davis' head struck the curb, fracturing his skull. He was removed to police headquarters and later sent to St. Vincent's Hospital in a critical condition.

According to the story told by Stango and Mrs. Nina Olson, proprietors of the rooming-house, Davis was drinking and hit Mrs. Olson with his fist because she refused to permit her little son to accompany him down town. Stango interfered and put Davis out of the house. When the two men reached the sidewalk the fight ensued which resulted perhaps fatally to Davis.

"I hated to hit him, but I couldn't stand by and see any man hit a woman," said Stango in the City Jail last night.

WANT FRANCHISE REVOKED

Newport Citizens May Ask Council to Cancel Grant to C. & E. R. R.

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—A petition, it is reported, will shortly be circulated by citizens of Newport asking the City Council to cancel the franchises given to the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad in 1907, allowing it to put down a double track on Main street in Newport. This street follows the bay, and is the only possible entrance for a road into the city.

According to agreement, the railroad was to have built into the city within a year, and it now appears that the Corvallis & Eastern merely wanted to control the waterfront, a part of which was desired for a sawmill site by a large concern of which Mr. Stein, now a well-known business man in Portland, and formerly of Michigan, was the agent.

BALLINGER QUITS BEVERLY

Secretary of Interior Ends Conference With Taft.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 8.—Although he had concluded his conference with Secretary Ballinger today, President Taft refrained from making any statement as to the controversy that brought the cabinet officer to Beverly.

Mr. Ballinger has returned to Washington. He will not see the President until September 29 in Seattle unless he finds time to reach Montrose, Colo., on the day the Presidents visits the Gunnison irrigation projects. Mr. Taft said that he had no appointment with Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot, but probably would see him sometime during the Western trip.

PROSPECT HOLE WAS RICH

Miners Take Out \$1536 in One Hour in Mormon Basin.

BAKER CITY, Or., Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Arriving here tonight from Mormon Basin, A. L. Longstreth and Moses Head, two old-time prospectors, displayed \$1536 in lead gold they removed from a prospect hole in less than one hour. The prospect is located between the Rainbow and Humboldt mines, both of which are producers.

Longstreth and Head are the original locators of the Rainbow and are known throughout Eastern Oregon as having "noes for gold."

TROLLEYS MEET HEAD-ON

Twenty-Seven Injured When Interurban Cars Crash.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Twenty-seven persons were injured, two seriously, in a head-on collision today between two interurban cars on the Elgin & Belvidere Electric Railway near Huntley, Ill.

MARS HAS WATER TO SUSTAIN LIFE

Astronomers See Vapor on Planet's Face.

LOOK FROM WHITNEY'S TOP

Climb 15,000 Feet to Discern Its Atmosphere.

PICTURE SPECTRA OF MOON

Clouds Interfere With One Day's Work on Top of Mount Whitney. Sharp Negatives Are Still Undeveloped.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—Professor W. W. Campbell, director of the Lick Observatory, and Professor Albrecht of Lick, with Professor Alexander McAfee, of the Weather Bureau, and Director Abbott, of the Smithsonian Institution returned last night from an expedition to the newly established astronomical observatory on the summit of Mount Whitney, where they had exceptional opportunities for observing Mars.

They established the existence of water vapor in sufficient quantities to support life. They also took many photographs at 14,500 feet above the sea level, a higher elevation than ever before attempted by such an expedition. These photographs, it is expected, will clear up many disputed points, as the atmosphere was exceptionally clear and Mars so near the horizon that very sharp negatives were secured. Of the expedition and its results, Director Campbell says:

"I have been waiting since 1894 to make a study of the spectrum of Mars in order to determine whether water vapor existed there in sufficient quantities to make life possible. The polar caps I have always considered as evidence of such water vapor. Spectroscopic observations by different English, French and German astronomers led them to believe that water vapor existed, but all these observations were made practically on the sea level.

Vapors Hinder Work.

"I became impressed with the difficulty of the problem brought about by the water vapor in our own atmosphere and determined to get as high an altitude above the horizon as possible. I have been looking forward to this expedition to Mount Whitney for many years. One year ago I went over the trail to the summit of the mountain to see how large an instrument could be taken up there, and how we could live while there."

"The Smithsonian Institution last year built a three-room shelter on the summit, made of stone, steel, cement and glass. Our instruments were a 16-inch (Continued on Page 3.)

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