

ADVANCES NORTH THROUGH ICY AIR

Cook Fights Arctic Cold on Polar March.

WEARS RINGLETS OF ICICLES

Every Hair Carries Frozen Load on Face and Head.

CRAWL SLEEPING TO BED

Cook Describes Laborious but Pleasing Process of Going to Bed in Igloo—Teeth Grind Hard Frozen Pemican.

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The ice about was much disturbed, and numerous black lines of water opened on every side, from which oozed jets of frosty steam. The great difference between the temperature of the sea and that of the air made a contrast of 19 degrees, and the open spots of ice water appeared to be boiling.

Anxious to move away from the troubled angle of ice, the usual breakfast was simplified. Melting some snow, we poured down the icy liquid as an eye-opener, and then began at the half-pound boulder of pemican, but with cold fingers, blue lips and no possible shelter, the stuff was unpalatable.

To warm up, the sleds were prepared, and under the lash the dogs jumped into harness with a bound. The pemican, somewhat reduced with the ax, was ground under the molar as we went along. The teeth were thus kept from chattering and the stomach was fired with durable fuel. As we advanced, the ice improved to some extent, and with a little search a fine crevasse was found over all the new crevasses, though a strong westerly wind carried a piercing cold. Good progress was made, but we were not allowed to forget at any time that we were invading the forbidden domains of Polar environment.

All Kinds of Arctic Torment.

In starting before the end of the winter night and camping on the open ice-fields in the long northward march, we had first accustomed our eyes to a frigid darkness and then to a perpetual glitter with shivers. This proved to be the coldest season of the year. We should have been hardened to all kinds of Arctic torment, but man only gains that advantage when the pulse ceases to beat. Far from land, far from other life, there was nothing to attract the eye, and along the line there had been calm and gales and an inspiring contrast, even in the dark days and nights, but here the frigid world was felt at its worst. The wind, which came persistently from the west—now strong, now feeble, but always sharp—inflicted a pain to which we never became accustomed. The kind of torture most felt in this wind and humid air of an Arctic pack was a picturesque mask of ice about the face. Every bit of exhaled moisture condensed and froze, either to the facial hair or to the line of foxgalls about the hood. It made a comical caricature of us.

Iceicles Adorn Long Whiskers.

The frequent turns in this course brought both sides to the wind and arranged a line of icicles about every hair offering a convenient nucleus. These icicles offered a pleasing dash of light and color as we looked at each other, but they did not afford much amusement to the individual exhibiting them. Such hairs as had not been pulled from the lips and chin were first weighted, and then the wind carried the breath to the long hair, with which we protected our heads and faces from the driving frost.

Accumulated moisture from the eyes coated the eyelashes and brows. The humidity escaping about the forehead laid a crescent of snow above, while that escaping from under the chin, combined with falling breath, made a semi-circle of ice. The most uncomfortable icicles, however, were those that had formed on the coarse hair within the nostrils. It is to free the face of this kind of induration that the Eskimos pull the facial hair out by the roots, hence the real poverty of moustaches and beards.

Pleasures of Sleeping-Bag.

During two days of chilly bluster, the sleds were forced along with encouraging results, and on the evening of March 23, with a pedometer and other methods of dead reckoning for position, we were placed at latitude 84 degrees, 24 minutes, longitude 94 degrees, 55 minutes. The western horizon remained persistently undisturbed. A brisk storm, it seemed, was gathering, but it was a long time in coming eastward. On the evening of the 25th we prepared for the blast and built the igloo stronger than usual, hoping that the horizon would be cleared by a good blow on the morrow and afford us a day of rest. The long, steady marches, without time for recuperation, had begun to check our enthusiasm. In the daily monotony of hardship we had learned to appreciate more and more the joy of the sleeping bag. It was the only animal comfort which afforded a relief to our life of frigidly, and with it we tried to

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GUARANTEED BANK IN SORE STRAITS

COMMISSIONER TAKES CHARGE OF OKLAHOMA INSTITUTION.

Says All Depositors Will Be Paid in Full, but Admits Situation Is Delicate—Cause Unknown.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Following a secret session of the Oklahoma Banking Board, which lasted until 5 o'clock this morning, and included several informal conferences today, Bank Commissioner A. H. Young tonight announced that the Columbia Bank & Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$200,000, was in his hands. The bank holds \$50,000 of the \$100,000 state bank guaranty fund. It also holds \$165,000 of the general funds of the state.

Bank Commissioner Young admitted tonight that the situation was very delicate.

"Should the bank close its doors tomorrow, however," he said, "the depositors will lose nothing. The bank guaranty fund deposit and the assets on hand will protect depositors to the fullest extent."

Mr. Young declined to give any hint whatever of why the bank finds itself in an embarrassed condition. It is believed some light on this feature will be forthcoming tomorrow.

JEROME SCORES GAYNOR

District Attorney Attacks Judge in Race for Mayor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—District Attorney Jerome, who is making an independent fight for re-election at the approaching municipal election and who filed his petition today, issued a statement tonight attacking Justice William Gaynor, a candidate for the Mayoralty, whose friends believe he will be the Tammany nominee.

Mr. Jerome describes Justice Gaynor as a "political charlatan," and as "that most abhorrent product, a political Judge, whose so-called personal liberty decisions have served as a protection to law-breakers."

"In the face of the clear opposition of all the decent elements of the Democratic party," continues Mr. Jerome, "those who control the nominating machinery of the party are about to force the nomination of a man who has been shown utterly destitute of political courage and whose erratic ability is tinged with a morbidness almost akin to mental unsoundness."

"I cannot stomach William J. Gaynor, and I cannot see selfish and desperate men force him upon the party. What I can do to defeat him I shall do."

TEMPLE CHURCH IN HOLE

Only Saved From Losing Other Pastor by Quick Intervention.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Only through the strenuous intervention of D. K. Edwards, second vice-president of the Baptist Home Missionary Society, has permission been granted to Rev. Edwin Brown, assistant pastor of Temple Baptist Church, to remain with his congregation two months longer.

Mr. Brown received instructions that he must start October 1 for Mexico City, where he is to engage in work under the auspices of the Home Missionary Society, but Mr. Edwards, who recently returned from a trip through Mexico, reported, in view of the fact that Temple Church is still without a regular pastor, that Mr. Brown is needed here.

It is expected that Rev. P. S. Hansen, of Boston, who arrived last week, will be engaged as temporary pastor for Temple Church.

WIRELESS SENDS AID

Boat's Message Brings Help When Propeller Is Lost.

SEATTLE, Sept. 28.—Word was received here tonight that the steamer Cottage City, which sailed from Seattle for Skagway Sunday morning, lost her propeller in Fitch Sound, 50 miles north of Vancouver Island, last night.

The steamer Humboldt, which sailed from Seattle for Skagway an hour ahead of the Cottage City, was communicated with by wireless, and came to the aid of the disabled steamer. The 25 passengers on board the Cottage City, among whom were Walter E. Clark, the new Governor of Alaska, and Bishop P. T. Rowe, of the Episcopal diocese of Alaska, were transferred to the Humboldt and taken to Skagway.

The Humboldt towed the Cottage City north to Bella Bella, where she anchored, awaiting a tug to tow her back to Seattle.

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WITNEY CREDITS BOTH EXPLORERS

Says Cook and Peary Found Pole.

STORES ONLY TRANSFERRED

Doctor's Supplies Placed in New House, Used First.

INSTRUMENTS LEFT BEHIND

Commander Refuses to Bring Rival's Property Back on His Steamer Roosevelt—Rich Hunter Ignorant on Strife.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Sept. 28.—Harry Whitney believes both Dr. Cook and Commander Peary found the North Pole. In expressing this belief today, Mr. Whitney said he knows no reason for doubting Cook more than Peary.

"Dr. Cook's story," he said, "seems to be truthful and probable. Nothing else explains his 12 months' absence. The schooner Jeanie arrived here today with Mr. Whitney aboard. He went north, he said, merely on a hunting trip, and now finds himself in the storm center of a Polar controversy."

Speaking of Dr. Cook's detailed account of his trip, Mr. Whitney said Cook showed him how the Western drift of the ice had landed him in a region far remote from where he had expected to go.

He could not speak with authority as to whether Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos could carry on their three sledges enough food for their journey to the Pole, as he himself is a novice in Arctic traveling.

He declared he knew nothing of the controversy beyond vague details. The first he heard of it was at Indian Harbor, when he received messages from several American papers asking for a statement. These he answered briefly.

Mr. Whitney denied that Commander Peary had removed Dr. Cook's stores from Annotok to Etah. What Peary really did was to transfer a few things and rebuild the house at Annotok. Whitney added many details showing Commander Peary's suspicious and hostile attitude towards Dr. Cook. He also corroborated Dr. Cook's statements as to the instruments and equipments he brought back from the Pole and the doctor's reasons for intrusting the instruments to Whitney.

Cook Said He Reached Pole.

Mr. Whitney was questioned regarding the statements made to him by Dr. Cook in Greenland. He said Cook arrived at Annotok in April of this year and declared that he had reached the North Pole a year before. He pledged Whitney, however, not to tell Commander Peary, who was to be informed only that Cook had gone farther north than Peary's previous record, 87 degrees, 6 minutes.

Murphy, Peary's boatman, who was in charge of the stores, was absent from

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WILSON TO LEAVE FEDERAL SERVICE

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO RETIRE IN JANUARY.

Successor Not Named—Ends Record Service as Member of Cabinet Since 1897.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 28.—James Wilson, who has been Secretary of Agriculture since March 4, 1897, a longer period of service than any Cabinet officer in history, is expected to step out about January 1 next. Whom the President will name in his place is not known, even if Mr. Taft has made a selection. Reports have been frequent hitherto that Mr. Wilson was about to go. He and Secretary of the Navy Meyer were the only holdovers from the Roosevelt Administration. Mr. Wilson's greatest claim to retention was the popularity of his department with the farmers. The bare suggestion of retirement was sufficient to bring a protest from the West, but it is now understood that his portfolio will pass to other hands.

CRITICISES GENERAL GRANT

Object to His Appearance in Uniform in Temperance Parade.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Protest against the appearance of General Frederick D. Grant in the uniform of his rank in the United States Army in the temperance parade in this city last Saturday was sent today to Secretary of War Dickenson by W. R. Michale, of the executive board of the United States Societies for Local Self-government.

Michale asks if there is any rule of the War Department governing such an appearance and requests that the reply be in the form of an open letter.

Taft to See Newlyweds

President to Be Host of Honeymoon Couple.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—President Taft in his tour of California next month is to be the host of a honeymoon couple. Congressman Joseph R. Knowland, of Alameda, Cal., representing the Third California district, who was married here tonight to Miss Emily West, of Craddock, Va., will, with his bride, be the President's guest.

The Congressman and his wife, accompanied by Governor Gillett, of California, will join the Presidential party October 5.

BRYAN TO MEET BAILEY

Texas Formally Accepts Invitation for Tariff Debate.

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 28.—A joint debate on the tariff by William J. Bryan and Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Texas, at Atlanta is assured for some time next month.

Today Senator Bailey wired his acceptance of the formal invitation extended by the Young Men's Democratic League of Atlanta for the debate.

CURES SLEEPING SICKNESS

French Doctor Finds Remedy for Dread Disease.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—Dr. Laveran, of this city, has announced to the Academy of Sciences a new cure for the sleeping sickness.

It consists of sub-cutaneous injections of an aniline emetic.

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TAFT WILL URGE LAWS FOR WEST

To Ask Bond Issue to Aid Irrigation.

UPHOLDS HIS LIEUTENANTS

Ballinger and Pinchot Come In for Praise.

SPEAKS ON CONSERVATION

Says He Favors Roosevelt Policy, but Must Ask Congress for Right to Enforce It—Possibilities in Dry Land.

SPOKANE, Sept. 28.—President Taft delivered here today his long anticipated speech on the conservation of natural resources and outlined the policy of his Administration on this subject of supreme importance to all the West.

Mr. Taft broadly took the stand that while the present Administration is pledged to follow out the policies of Mr. Roosevelt, such a pledge does not involve him in any obligation to carry out these policies without Congressional authorization. The President added, however, that he would take every step and exert every influence upon Congress to enact legislation which shall best subserve the purposes and requirements of the situation.

To Recommend Bond Issue.

President Taft created a great deal of enthusiasm when he announced that he would urge upon Congress the necessity of authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue \$10,000,000 of bonds for the completion of irrigation projects in the West upon which work has been suspended because of lack of funds and the discovery that the projectors, in their enthusiasm, did not closely observe the limitation of the reclamation act.

"Hardships have been worked upon many settlers through the suspension of work, and Senator Borah, of Idaho, and other Western Senators and Representatives have urged upon the President that a bond issue was the only way by which justice could be done."

Quick Relief Necessary.

Mr. Taft declared today that Congress did not intend that the Government should undertake projects which could not be currently paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of public lands, but added that he has been impressed during his visit to the West of the necessity for immediate relief.

Credit to Both Officials.

President Taft today gave credit both to Mr. Pinchot and to Mr. Ballinger. He referred to the wonderful work of Mr. Pinchot and said that while that work had brought denunciation at first it was now generally realized that the reforms inaugurated by Mr. Pinchot were not only necessary but should have been begun ten years ago.

The President defended the reopening of

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BOY ADMITS HE BURNED HOUSES

IDAHO LAD, 13 YEARS OLD, FIRED BUILDINGS.

Confronted by Evidence He Confesses, Then Boasts of His Work as Pyromaniac.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Mystery surrounding the burning of Viola's two schoolhouses, Christian Church, barn and hay of J. B. Stoeker and Maccabee Hall, eight miles north of this place, was solved today by ex-Deputy Sheriff Grant Robbins, with the assistance of Prosecuting Attorney G. W. Suppiger, and ex-Sheriff James J. Keane, who wound around Albert Stoeker, 13-year-old son of J. B. Stoeker, such strong circumstantial evidence as to cause him to confess the crime.

When ex-Deputy Sheriff Robbins confronted Albert Stoeker with evidence the lad finally admitted, saying he was hired to do it, but would not tell by whom. He implicated Grover Thomas, another 13-year-old boy, from Palouse.

His own father and mother, whose counsel and help he had burned, protested their son's innocence, notwithstanding he told them tonight he did it. The officials are in doubt as to Grover Thomas being guilty.

Albert Stoeker tonight said:

"I fixed everything ready and I set fire to one school building with Grover Thomas. Then we ran to the Maccabee's Hall and set that on fire and went home. The following Sunday night I slipped out of our house while the other folks were sleeping and rode a pony two miles and set the Christian Church on fire and then rode back home and went to bed without any one knowing it. I fired father's barn and hay to throw suspicion off from me. When I fired the buggy shed last night the folks were playing on the phonograph and I slipped out, lit the fire and ran back before they knew it."

Other arrests will be made.

WEST VIRGINIA DISABLED

Armored Cruiser Unable to Sail to Far East With Squadron.

HONOLULU, Sept. 28.—In official circles it is now said that the armored cruiser West Virginia will not be able to sail with the rest of the squadron, which is preparing to start for Manila, as machinery repairs are being made that will tax the ship's resources and those of the machine shops ashore.

A broken piston must be replaced, and the probability now is that the cruiser will not be in shape for the voyage to the Philippines, which was scheduled to take place immediately after coaling.

The original itinerary provided for the division of the fleet into squadrons October 1, when they would depart for Chinese and Japanese ports.

JOY RIDE DRIVER INDICTED

Chauffeur in Whose Car Four Were Killed Must Stand Trial.

SEATTLE, Sept. 28.—Henry Hiler, chauffeur of a joy ride automobile, which was wrecked last Thursday, killing four of the occupants, was formally charged with manslaughter today.

The proprietors and bartenders of three saloons where the joy party took liquor will be arrested for selling to minors. Survivors testified that all eight of the people in the automobile were stupid from drink.

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JUDGE M'CREIDIE MAJORITY CHOICE

CAUCUS NAMES HIM FOR CONGRESS.

55TH BALLOT DECIDES CONTEST

Delegates, Outside of Pierce Select Vancouver Jurist.

ASHTON FORCES OUTVOTED

Southwestern Combination, After Struggle Which Lasts Until 1:25

A. M., Center Strength on New Candidate.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—W. W. McCredie, Judge of the Superior Court of Clark County, is the choice of the majority caucus of the Republican convention, which will sit here at 11 o'clock this morning.

The selection came on the 55th ballot at 1:25 this morning. In the caucus were 123 delegates to the convention, counting nine from Pacific County, whose seats are contested, and one who was named by F. L. Stewart, of Cowlitz County, to take the place of E. W. Ross, State Land Commissioner, who in effect was asked to leave the caucus tonight amid hoots and shouts of "33 for you."

Caucus Expects to Control. Not counting the 10 named, the caucus represents 113, or one less than a majority of the convention, but under any circumstances it seems that the caucus will control the later convention. If no delegates from Pacific County are seated in the preliminary organization the 113 caucus members will constitute a majority and can seat the nine contested delegates who participated tonight.

The caucus tonight was called for the express purpose of defeating J. M. Ashton, of Pierce County, who had Thurston, Clallam and Mason counties lined up with him, making a total of 99 votes. In the caucus were the entire delegations from Chelan, Clallam, Cowlitz, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Pacific, Skamania and Waukegan.

Judge Miller Chairman. Judge A. L. Miller, of Clark County, who was put forth as a dark horse early today, withdrew from the race and was chosen chairman of the caucus.

On the first ballot the vote stood: E. C. Finch, of Chelan County, 32; E. E. Board, of Clark County, 25; F. L. Stewart, of Cowlitz, 22; L. E. Harmon, of Lewis, 22; John T. Welch, of Pacific, 9; W. B. Presby, of Klickitat, 12.

Judge McCredie's name was proposed more as a compliment at first than seriously. On the 30th ballot, when he ran up to 45 votes, his candidacy was popular, and soon developed into a formal one.

Jefferson and Pacific, Welch having withdrawn, supported Finch until the 54th ballot. Stewart, Beard and Harmon continued in the race until that time. In the last of the balloting, the contest had narrowed to Harmon, Finch and McCredie, with Finch and McCredie leading, and Lewis County's 22 votes holding the balance of power. Lewis delegates caused a deadlock between Fincha and a divided 11 for Finch and eight for McCredie.

Clark Changes to McCredie. Attempts were made to force a unit rule in this delegation, but failed, and Harmon refused to release his men. The eight votes would have nominated McCredie.

Then Harmon took the lead and on the 54th ballot, before the result was announced, Harmon had secured a majority of the caucus. Clark changed over to McCredie in the nick of time, however, defeating the nomination. In the next ballot Finch threw all his forces to McCredie and Lewis and all other counties swung into line, making the result unanimous.

If Judge McCredie becomes the convention choice, and no other result seems probable, there will be a vacancy on the Superior bench in the district composed of Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania and Klickitat. It is the understanding that some Cowlitz County man will be inducted for the appointment.

Ross' Play Spectacular. E. W. Ross brought about a spectacular play early in the proceedings. Although a delegate from Cowlitz County, and ostensibly for Stewart, he refused to sign the caucus call. He entered the caucus, however, and engaged in a controversy with the Cowlitz members as to whether or not he had resigned as a delegate. The delegation insisted that he had, and that Stewart had named a man to take his place. Ross asked to remain as a spectator and was denied permission amid the jeers and hoots of the delegates.

Finch to Be Chairman. The caucus, after hearing both sides, voted to support the Pacific County delegation named by the Republican central committee. Four of this delegation, which is on the other delegation also, did not participate. The caucus decided upon E. C. Finch for

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