

BERLIN SUIT ECHO OF POLAR DISPUTE

Francke's Charges That Peary Compelled Surrender of Trophies Heard by Court.

STORY IS DENIED IN TOTO

Cook's Friend Says Commander Gave to Roosevelt and Taft Pelts Improperly Obtained—Right of Jurisdiction is Denied.

BERLIN, June 28.—Charges concerning the disposition of Arctic trophies left by him at Etah, which Dr. Frederick A. Cook made against Commander Robert E. Peary during the height of the controversy over the claims of discovery of the North Pole, were aired in a German court today when the suit instituted against Peary by Rudolph Francke was opened.

Francke, who was associated with Cook in Polar exploration, demands \$10,000 in satisfaction of prizes of the hunt, which, he alleges, Peary required him to surrender in consideration of bringing him back to America.

The defense sets up a general denial and further questions the jurisdiction of the court on the ground that the defendant is an American citizen, having no domicile in this country. After hearing the opening arguments, the court adjourned to consider the point of jurisdiction.

Peary Not at Trial.

Commander Peary was served with papers in the suit when he came here recently to fill lecture engagements. At that time he said he would be unable to remain here for the trial and that he had placed the matter in the hands of American Ambassador Hill. Subsequently Commander Peary returned to the United States.

Peary's interests were looked after today by Attorney Jablonski, a partner of Victor Schneider, counsel to the American Embassy. Herr Thiel represented Francke. The latter was present, but was not called to the witness stand.

The proceedings were before three judges of the Provincial Court. In opening for the plaintiff, Thiel spoke for more than an hour, going over the whole story of the equipment of the expedition, the building of the supply station at Etah, on the northwest coast of Greenland, the hunting in that vicinity, Cook's departure toward the Pole, Francke's illness, the arrival of Peary and Francke's return home in the Peary relief ship Erik.

Francke Feared Death.

The lawyer asserted that Peary had caused the illness to turn over to him certain blue fox skins, furs and narwhal tusks as the only condition on which he would take him from the Arctic, where, if deserted, he believed he would die.

The attorney argued that the transaction was illegal in that it was consummated under duress and that the narwhal tusks then given up were later presented by Peary to Colonel Roosevelt and some of the blue fox skins were given to President and Mrs. Taft by Mrs. Peary. Counsel asserted that the German courts had jurisdiction in the matter, because Francke is a German, unable to obtain redress in the United States.

Replying for the defense, Herr Jablonski insisted that the trial under jurisdiction, for the reason that Peary had neither property nor home here. "We commented," he said, "to appear in court only because our absence would have been construed unfavorably in some quarters."

Counsel Denied the Allegations of Francke from Beginning to End and said they had the same foundation as did Cook's assertion that he had been at the North Pole.

UNIFORM SIGNALS SOUGHT

Railroads Seek Change to Prevent Confusion by Employes.

CHICAGO, June 28.—Uniformity in signaling is to be adopted on the railroads of the United States if plans now under consideration by the various railroad operating associations can be worked out. The question is being considered by a committee of operating experts, which probably will report upon the subject at the Fall meeting of the American Railway Association.

The committee is composed of delegates from the American Railway Association, the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, and the Railway Signal Association.

It is the opinion of many operating experts that one position of the semaphore of a block signal should mean the same thing on every railroad in the United States, to prevent confusion when operating men go from one road to another.

CHIEF THOUGHT SUICIDE

Canadian Bureau Head Believed to Have Jumped in River.

DETROIT, June 28.—E. S. Gouldthrie, the missing chief of the Canadian Bureau's purchasing department at Ottawa, Ont., is believed to have committed suicide by leaping from the steamer Eastern States today when the vessel was coming up the river on her trip from Buffalo. The Canadian police had been seeking Gouldthrie because of irregularities in his bureau.

A bloodstained shirt was found in the man's stateroom. This is taken to indicate that he has attempted to kill himself with a knife before he took the fatal plunge. The missing man's hat, found on the stern of the vessel, contained a note stating his body would be found in the river.

HARBOR WORK TO GO ON

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Delve betterments in the Oregon coast. In one lump sum \$400,000 has been voted for the Coos Bay undertaking, of which \$350,000 is for the construction of a sea-going dredge, of the same type as the Oregon, now on Puget Sound. Plans for the digger are to be assembled in the East, either at Washington or Philadelphia, and she will be built there or at San Francisco. Eighteen months may be spent in the preliminaries and construction, but \$50,000 remaining will insure her operation at least for a year.

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Half Million Dollars Damage Done Before Paterson Blaze Quenched.

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discussing the charge of cowardice on the part of superintendents in defending their teachers and supporting them when carrying out policies laid down by the superintendents themselves. It was intimated that failure of superintendents was more often due to lack of character to stand firm and fight for their rights and those of their teachers than any other thing.

Superintendent Rigler began his series of lectures on supervision, to conclude at the end of the first term, July 1. This with the round table each day at 4 o'clock, conducted by some prominent Oregon educator, constitutes the course in school supervision.

In all there will be 20 formal lectures by Superintendent Churchill and Rigler and ten round tables.

At other hours during the day the superintendents and principals attend the lectures and classes in agriculture, manual training, cooking, sewing, primary methods, grammar, grade methods and high school methods. Other courses also given during this term are public school drawing and music, vocal culture, piano and stringed instruments and physical culture.

Director E. D. Resner reports an average of five to six applications daily for enrollment in the second term, which begins July 5.

2 BROTHERS ARE DROWNED

Searchers for Bodies Think One Died Trying to Save Other.

WEISER, Idaho, June 28.—(Special.)—Yesterday evening at Midvale, 30 miles from this city, Nleno and Clarence Leger, of Weiser, Theodore Leger, minister of the Baptist Church at that place, were drowned in the Weiser River. The boys, aged 17 and 15 years respectively, went to bathe and when they failed to return a search was made for them and their clothes found on the bank of the stream. The river was very deep and swift at the point at which they were drowned, but immediate search was made for the bodies. One body was found late last night, the other was found at 10 A. M. today.

The searchers are of the opinion that one died trying to save the other and both were drowned. This is the third case of drowning in this section within a month.

JEALOUS HUSBAND KILLS

Young Farmer Slain While With Wife of Neighbor.

McMINNVILLE, Or., June 28.—Wright Clark, a young farmer living near Ballston, was killed yesterday at 5 P. M. by A. R. Fisher. Clark was caught in a back, Fisher was killed himself up to the Polk County officers.

The funeral of Clark will be held here tomorrow. Clark was recently left him, alleging cruel treatment, after having attempted suicide by drowning.

Uniform Rate Upheld.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., June 28.—The law prohibiting railroads charging more for hauling freight a short distance than for a longer distance in the same direction was upheld by the Supreme Court today.



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