

PEARY ARRIVES AT PORT OF ETAH

Started North Into Arctic August 17.

STORMY SEASON IN FAR NORTH

Heavy Snow, but No Ice on Voyage to Pole.

STEAMER ERIK DAMAGED

Collier Which Supplied Explorer's Vessel Has Collision With Iceberg—Lays in Good Supply of Walrus Meat.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—The Peary Arctic Club today received the following dispatch from Commander Robert Peary, who sailed from here in July on the steamer Roosevelt in an attempt to reach the North Pole:

Etah, North Greenland, Aug. 17, via Indian Harbor and Cape Race, N. F. Sept. 26, 1908.—Peary Arctic Club, Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary: Arrived Cape York July 31. Roosevelt went to Etah to overhaul and trim for the ice. With steamer Erik visited Eskimo settlement to secure Eskimo dogs and material for equipment. Thirty-five walrus killed by party.

Stormy Season, but No Ice.

"Rejoined Roosevelt at Etah with Erik, August 11. Coaled Roosevelt for relief of cook, who had not yet returned. Put two men in charge and sent Cook's companion home disabled. Whitney will remain through the winter to hunt musk oxen and bear.

"Unusually stormy season, but no ice yet. Snowing furiously now— plenty of it. From Littleton Island and Sabine north all depends on ice conditions beyond. Have good supply Eskimo dogs and walrus meat. All well on board. Expect to steam north some time tonight. PEARY."

Erik Damaged by Iceberg.

A second dispatch forwarded by the same route was also received by Mr. Bridgman from Captain Samuel W. Bartlett, telling of the steamer Erik's having collided with an iceberg and sustaining serious damage. Captain Bartlett also reports that Peary's steamer Roosevelt left Etah August 17. The dispatch follows: "Collided iceberg Monday night, damage serious. Proceeding along shore. Roosevelt left Etah August 17. Prospects good."

Etah is an Eskimo settlement on the northwest coast of Greenland, opposite Grinnell Land on the American shore of Davis Strait.

THAW DENIED JURY TRIAL

Court to Give Summary Hearing on Insanity Question.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 26.—Harry K. Thaw's plea for a jury trial to determine his present mental condition was denied today by Justice Mills in the Supreme Court. At the same time, however, Justice Mills informed counsel in the case that on October 5 he would give Thaw a summary hearing under the application and that in the meantime the prisoner will be held in the County Jail here.

One of the interesting developments of the day was the formal withdrawal from the Thaw case of District Attorney Jerome of New York. Mr. Jerome said he did not feel justified in incurring any more expense to his own office in connection with the case outside of his own county. However, he offered his personal assistance to District Attorney Winslow, of Westchester County, who now will assume the conduct of the case against Thaw. Justice Mills, in his decision today, held that the original commitment of Thaw to Matteawan was lawful and authorized.

CRAZY ITALIAN SCARES NEW YORK

SHOOTS HAT FULL OF HOLES IN CROWDED PARK.

Distances Pursuing Police and Fights Like Madman Before Put in Straitjacket.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—An Italian of huge proportions, with swarthy face and a bandanna handkerchief around his neck, created a wild scene in Washington Square Park today when he tossed his hat in the air and, drawing a big revolver from his pocket, began to shoot the headpiece full of holes. The park was filled with longers and on sight of the bandanna-like figure with the blazing weapon in his hand, they went scurrying in every direction.

The man paid not the slightest attention to his surroundings, and when the hat, riddled with bullets, had fallen to the ground, he calmly tossed it into the air again and renewed the fusillade. The gun had been twice emptied when two policemen rushed to the park. When the Italian saw the officers, he darted away like a deer, bounding over fences and other obstructions with an agility that soon left his pursuers far in the rear. He was finally captured by policemen who had cut around the park. He made the hardest kind of a fight before he was arrested. He was sent to the psychopathic ward of Bellevue Hospital in a straitjacket.

ROBBED AND ABANDONED

Eloping Daughter of San Francisco Millionaire in Sad Plight.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Mrs. William Titus, who said she was the daughter of a San Francisco millionaire whose name she refused to give, fainted in the office of the Chicago police department today after she told a story of having been robbed of \$400 worth of diamonds. According to her story she ran away from home and married in Buffalo. After her arrival in Chicago several days ago, she said, her husband disappeared with her entire belongings.

Telegrams sent by the police to an address in San Francisco given by the woman, were responded to with money orders and a postcard to whom more money could be sent. The police would not give further information.

WILL CARRY NEXT HOUSE

But McKinley Admits Republicans Must Fight for Many Seats.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Declaring that the next National House of Representatives would be Republican, but admitting there were many doubtful districts, William B. McKinley, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, returned to New York from Chicago today.

"The control of the House is one of more or less uncertainty," said Mr. McKinley. "The Democrats have about 122 districts in the solid South to which they are not obliged to give any attention, as the Republicans cannot contest them seriously. This permits the Democratic party to concentrate its strength on districts in the North. Many of the northern districts in the last Congressional election were carried by small pluralities, making them doubtful ground."

ROOSEVELT WILL REPLY

Will Hit Back at Bryan in Statement Tonight.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt is expected to issue a statement tomorrow in reply to Mr. Bryan. The President retired too early tonight to receive Mr. Bryan's latest communication. He, however, had been expecting it and had deferred on that account the issuance of a statement which he had already prepared in more or less tentative form. It was felt that he might avoid two statements by awaiting the expected Bryan letter, which was promulgated tonight.

WORK FOR YOUNG TEDDY

President's Son to Learn Trade of Carpet-Making.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is to begin service with the Hartford Carpet Works at Thompsonville on Monday next. It is thought he will enter the operating department.

VICTORY GAINED BY LOCAL OPTION

Dramatic Scene in Indiana House.

TEARS AND CHEERS GREET VOTE

Member Yielding to Daughter's Pleadings Weeps.

ISSUE OUT OF CAMPAIGN

Republicans Believe Taft's Chances of Carrying Indiana Improved. Taggart Storms Against Democrats Who Supported Bill.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The final vote on the county local option bill in the Legislature today, when it was passed by 56 to 45, was a surprise to both Republican and Democratic managers, as six Democrats voted for it and four Republicans against it.

The scenes attending the taking of the vote were intensely dramatic. Fully 500 abstention workers were massed in the Hall of Representatives, and every vote from an unexpected source was received with cheering. One member, who had been counted against the bill, explained his vote and cried like a child as he sank back into his daughter's arms after voting for the bill. He said he knew he was committing political suicide, but pressure had been so strong from every side that he had finally decided to yield and take the consequences.

Tears and Cheers of Joy.

Women in the hall wept as he took his seat, but a smile was on his daughter's face and it was clear to what influence he had succumbed after standing out against the bill till it came up for passage.

When the vote was announced by the clerk and corresponded with the individual tallies that many had been keeping as it progressed, the hall rang with cheer after cheer as the abstention workers marched through the aisles, shaking hands with the men who had voted for the bill and with Speaker Branch, who had been surrounded by a dense crowd at his desk. For more than an hour the congratulations continued and it was not till the ministers and other workers actually were themselves out that they retired from the hall.

Victory for Hanly and Taft.

The result today is a complete victory for Governor Hanly and it was not till the praise of the abstention people as the only man who could have brought about such a victory. The Republican managers, drawn into the fight against their will, believe that the victory takes the liquor question out of the campaign and to that extent enhances their chances of carrying the state.

Taggart Bolts With Fury.

Thomas Taggart, who has been working against the bill, accused the Democrats who voted for it of having violated their party pledges and forfeited all right to stand on the Democratic platform. He said that they ought to resign from the Legislature, and that they should be nominated for another term in the Legislature, and intimated that they would be disciplined by the party.

INDIANA HAS LOCAL OPTION

Governor Signs Bill Allowing Counties to Decide on Saloons.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 26.—Governor J. Frank Hanly late today signed the Cox County option bill. The bill provides that upon 20 per cent voting population signifying their desire, a special election shall be held to decide whether that county shall have saloons or not. If it is decided the county shall be "dry," no change can be made for two years, after which time another election may be held.

RANGE OF GUNS ALMOST DOUBLED

GOVERNMENT TESTS NEW POWDER AND SHELLS.

Effectiveness Increased to About 75 Per Cent by Use of Secret Preparation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The War Department has recently made improvements in powder and in shells which promise to increase the effective range of ordnance about 75 per cent. Tests of the powder have recently been made at Sandy Hook with excellent results. The formula used in the new powder is secret. Tests were made with a six-inch shell, which has been elongated and other changes made in it. The increased efficiency is said to be due mostly to the changes in the shell, by which its range is increased 50 to 60 per cent, the efficiency of the powder being increased about 15 per cent. The present extreme range of the six-inch shell is six miles and its effective range about two-thirds of that distance, and the range increases about one mile for each inch of added diameter, the 12-inch shell carrying 12 miles and being effective up to eight miles. The improvements would make the 12-inch shell effective at 12 to 14 miles. If these results are realized in actual warfare it will be possible to engage an enemy before he can get anywhere near fighting distance, and annihilate him before he can either escape or get within fighting distance.

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BRYAN PLEADS HE DID NOT KNOW

Ignorant of Haskell's Oily Record.

SENDS REPLY TO ROOSEVELT

Says Haskell Will Defend Character in Court.

DISCUSSES TRUST ISSUE

Denies Having Aid of Trusts and Compares Platform Declarations. Talks at Length on Publicity of Campaign Funds.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 26.—Defending his knowledge of Governor Haskell against the charges which have been brought against him "until the charges can be examined in some court where partisanship does not bias," William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for President, on his way from Madison to this city today gave out for publication his reply to President Roosevelt's recent letter in response to his telegram on the subject.

Mr. Bryan speaks of the election of Mr. Haskell as Governor of Oklahoma and says that "the constitution was adopted and Governor Haskell was elected in spite of the efforts of your Administration and in spite of the speech made in Oklahoma by Mr. Taft."

Mr. Bryan charged, among other things, that the steel trust "with your express consent" purchased one of its largest rivals and thus obtained control of more than 50 per cent of the total output. He asks the President if he will insist "that in permitting this you showed less favor to the monopolistic corporations than I do in opposing it."

Hughes Beneficiary of Trusts.

Mr. Bryan abruptly charges that Governor Hughes, quoted by Mr. Roosevelt as having "ridicled the Democratic trust remedy" was himself the beneficiary of the trusts, and cites the campaign contributions to the Hughes election fund two years ago. Among these are J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie and William Nelson Cromwell. Mr. Bryan says that, as the President quotes Mr. Hughes, he takes it for granted that Mr. Taft has not expressed himself satisfactorily on the trust question. The letter of Mr. Bryan follows:

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 26, 1908.—Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.—Dear Sir: While I have not yet received your letter and shall not until I reach home next week, I have read a copy of it in the press and beg leave to submit the following reply:

Let Courts Decide on Haskell.

Mr. Haskell, having voluntarily resigned from the committee that might be more free to prosecute those who have brought charges against him, I need not discuss the question of his guilt or innocence further than to say that the public service which he has rendered in the past and the confidence which he has received from the people of his state ought to protect him from condemnation until the charges can be examined in some court where partisanship does not bias and where campaign exigencies do not compel judgment. I would not deem it necessary to address you further but for the fact that you allude upon the charges and attempt to make political capital out of them.

You even charge that my connection with Mr. Haskell's selection as a member of the resolutions committee and as treasurer of the committee raises questions as to my sincerity as an opponent of trusts and monopolies. As an individual and as the candidate of my party, I resent the charge and repeat the insinuation. I have been in public life for 14 years and I have been sufficiently conspicuous to make my conduct a matter of public interest. I have passed through two Presidential campaigns in which party feeling ran high and epithets were hurled at me, and I have no hesitation in saying that you cannot find an act, a word or a thought of mine to justify your partisan charges.

Oklahoma Vindicated Him.

I had never been informed of any charge that had been made against Mr. Haskell connecting him with the Standard Oil Company or with any other

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MAKE "RATS" OF HAIR OF CORPSES

GREWSOME PRACTICE AMONG THRIFTY CHINESE.

Shave Heads of Dead and Send the Product to America for Use of Women.

SEATTLE, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The steamer Kumeric, which arrived from the Orient yesterday, brought 20,000 pounds of human hair, cut from the heads of dead Chinese, which will be made into "rats" for the use of American women. The hair will be sent East, thoroughly cleaned, sterilized and dyed and then manufactured into thousands of the little devices for aiding Madame to dress her hair in the most approved fashion. The hair is acquired, according to the story brought by the Kumeric, by Chinese who dig up graves, shave off the hair of their deceased countrymen, bring it to a central market and dispose of it. Among a certain class of Chinese this is said to be a profitable source of revenue. The hair is kept until a large quantity of it is accumulated and then it is shipped to America or to Paris, where it is manufactured into aids to feminine beauty. On the Kumeric were found two Chinese stowaways, who had been supplied with food by their countrymen among the crew of the vessel.

CHINESE AVOID HEAD TAX

Hundreds Admitted Into Canada on False Statements.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—A scheme has just been laid bare by the Controller of Chinese Immigration at Ottawa, which is believed to be the most elaborately conceived fraudulent device for effecting the Chinese "invasion" of Canada ever perpetrated.

By means of this device hundreds of young Celestials have been flocking in at the Eastern ports of the Dominion and escaping the \$500 head tax by passing themselves off as merchants or other privileged classes. Canada has thus been victimized through honorific certificates of the charge d'affaires ad interim and Consul General at the Imperial Chinese Legation in Mexico.

Statistics in the Trade and Commerce Department here show that 230 Chinese immigrants were admitted into Canada recently at the ports of Montreal and Halifax alone, without paying the head tax and that not more than 15 Chinese should have been so favored.

LAWYERS SUPPORT TAFT

Many Democrats Join Club, Which Organizes in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—The lawyers of this city have organized a Taft and Sherman Club. The statement was made that many Democratic lawyers had become members. Three of the men who have been prominent in Democratic councils and who have joined the club are Frederick R. Couderc, William B. Davenport, formerly public administrator of Brooklyn, and Edmund Wetmore, ex-president of the Harvard Club. Charles H. Sherrill, secretary of the new organization, said today: "The number of responses has simply swamped us. We have sent letters to comparatively few lawyers so far, but have received already more acceptances than we enrolled in similar movements in the last campaign, when we got 1900 members."

PREFERS OPEN AIR LIFE

Prisoner Takes French Leave to Regain His Health.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—With honest intentions that he was compelled to seek the open air in order to preserve his health, J. D. Carr, a prisoner in the County Jail at Elko, yesterday broke his way to liberty, leaving behind a little note for the jailer, humbly asking his pardon in case his escape should cause him any embarrassment, as he sincerely believed he was dying of confinement and that liberty was his only hope of living more than a month. So far, the authorities have failed to locate Carr and he is enjoying the open-air rest cure with serene contentment.

SAY BRYAN KNEW HASKELL'S RECORD

Oklahoma Citizens Say They Told Him.

IGNORANCE IS IMPOSSIBLE

If Fact, Reflects on Bryan's Mental Capacity.

IF NOT, HE IS SMIRCHED

Intimacy and Close Friendship of Two Men Declared Proof Bryan Must Know—Candidate on Horns of Dilemma.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Has Mr. Bryan had guilty knowledge of Governor Haskell's Standard Oil duplicities and devious political and personal shortcomings, such as have forced even the uncompromising Haskell to resign under fire? All Oklahoma has been busy with this question, regardless of party. Answering the question outside of blind partisanship, however, the sentiment here practically asks two more questions in answering the one.

"If Bryan did not know, how can he keep up the front as a capable candidate for the Presidency?" "If he did know, how can he hope to uphold his pretensions of being an honest candidate for the Presidency?" "Tolerated Till Smoked Out." But in either alternative answer, the comment of Oklahoma's capital is that Bryan's organization tolerated Haskell until he was smoked out. Haskell is due to arrive home at 10:30 tomorrow morning. One Democratic paper announces for him the usual "troubling recitation," but if the Haskell reception materializes in Guthrie, it still leaves small consolation for Bryan's shattered organization.

To the observing outsider in Oklahoma it seems impossible that Bryan has been ignorant of the machinations of Haskell. The interchange of political and personal amenities between the two in this state ever since Bryan came here campaigning for Haskell's election leaves the thought of ignorance impossible. Oklahoma's constitution admittedly was Bryanized, while the Democratic National platform as adopted has been Haskellized. And in the movements necessary between Oklahoma and Nebraska the stench of Standard Oil has been ever present.

Charge That Bryan Knew.

Before the question "Did Bryan know all this?" became acute this morning, the former chairman of the People's Party organization in Oklahoma had started through the mails letters charging that Bryan did know. F. W. Jacobs, now a practicing attorney at Kingfisher, made the charge which was received this morning by Republican State Chairman Norris in Guthrie. After designating Haskell as a "political coxcomb and a commercial marauder invading Oklahoma," and declaring Haskell to be "not of the West, but of Wall Street," Mr. Jacobs says: "Now Bryan knew all this of Haskell, for I myself have informed him and especially in my open letters to Bryan, given to the public before the Denver convention."

They Were Bosom Friends.

The presumption in Guthrie that Bryan must have known "all this" upon the intimate personal and political relations which the capital has not failed to observe existed between Bryan and Haskell every time the two have come in contact here. Bryan, when in Guthrie, always has been the personal guest of Governor Haskell. He has been the executive's favored visitor and to all outward appearances the two have associated on a footing of warmest personal friendship. When Haskell has been in Lincoln, the Democratic candidate always has entertained him.

HARRY MURPHY DRAWS A FEW PICTURES TELLING STORIES OF THE DAY

