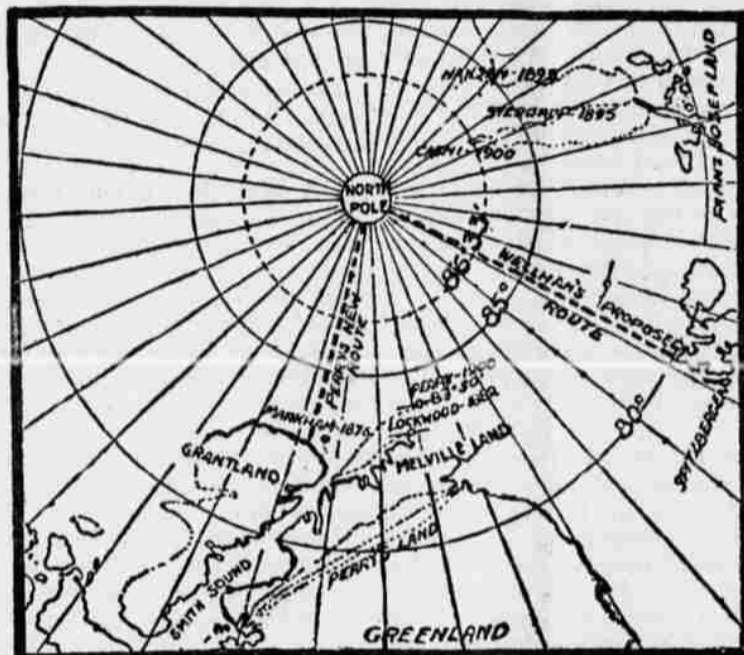




Walter Wellman plans to solve Arctic problem with the aid of Santos - Dumont as Aeronaut

That the twentieth century will witness not only the attainment of the North Pole, but conquest of the South Pole as well, is a common belief, and each new Arctic or Antarctic expedition that sets out for the reduction of these mysterious icy fastnesses is expected to succeed. With the rapid advances made during the nineteenth century in every branch of human knowledge, the great task becomes less and less seemingly impossible. There is a disposition to consider the North Pole for instance, a good deal nearer than it once was. The constant additions to maps of the polar regions is responsible for this feeling. The area marked "unknown" or "unexplored" is gradually becoming smaller and the eve of the conquest of the pole is evidently at hand. The only question to be asked is, Who will reach the goal first?

At the present time Peary is somewhere in the ice in Smith Sound, or, perhaps near the base in Grant Land, from which he expects to make his "dash for the pole" on sledges across the polar pack. The only explorer in the Arctic, he probably has had a year's start of the next contestant in the race for the North Pole. Who his nearest competitor will be is a question, for several Arctic expeditions are being prepared, and next spring



MAP SHOWING PROPOSED ROUTE AND ROUTES OF OTHER EXPLORERS.

of Alaska rather than a polar "dash," although, if conditions are favorable, he may enter the race for the pole.

The greatest interest, however, attaches to the attempt to reach the North Pole which Walter Wellman is to make in an airship now being built for the purpose by Santos-Dumont, the young Brazilian aeronaut. Thirty years ago the proposition would have been considered as much a dream as one of Jules Verne's romances. It would also then have been impossible. But is it impossible now?

M. Santos-Dumont is supervising the building of the giant of the air which is designed to carry both these intrepid seekers across the North Pole. It is expected the airship will be completed in April, and that the start to the northern base—Spitzbergen—will be made in July.

This airship will be a monster. "It will be," says Mr. Wellman, "the largest practical airship ever built. It will be 196 feet long, and its greatest diameter will be 49 feet. Its surface will measure 23,000 square feet and its volume will be 226,000 cubic feet. Inflated with hydrogen, it will have a total ascensional force of 15,300 pounds. Seven thousand pounds will be the weight of the ship and its equipment complete, leaving 8,000 pounds for cargo. The ship will be provided with three motors, with a combined energy of 70 horsepower.

"If the winds hinder no more than they help and there are no delays, this ship can motor from North Spitzbergen to the pole in forty-five hours. The airship will have an endurance capacity in buoyancy sufficient to enable it to remain twenty-five to thirty days in the air. It will carry 5,500 pounds of gasoline, and its distance capacity dur-

ing calm weather will be 1,800 miles more than the distance from Spitzbergen Strait across the pole and the whole Arctic Ocean to Alaska. Besides the 5,500 pounds of fuel mentioned, the ship will carry five men, a comfortable car to live in (which is also a boat in case of need), food and supplies for seventy-five days, and a complete sledging outfit ready for use, should it be necessary to abandon the airship and take to the ice.

"If at the worst our ship of air carries us only to the vicinity of the pole, or two-thirds of the way to it, we have an alternative method of travel by which we may reasonably hope to complete our success and make our return to land in safety.

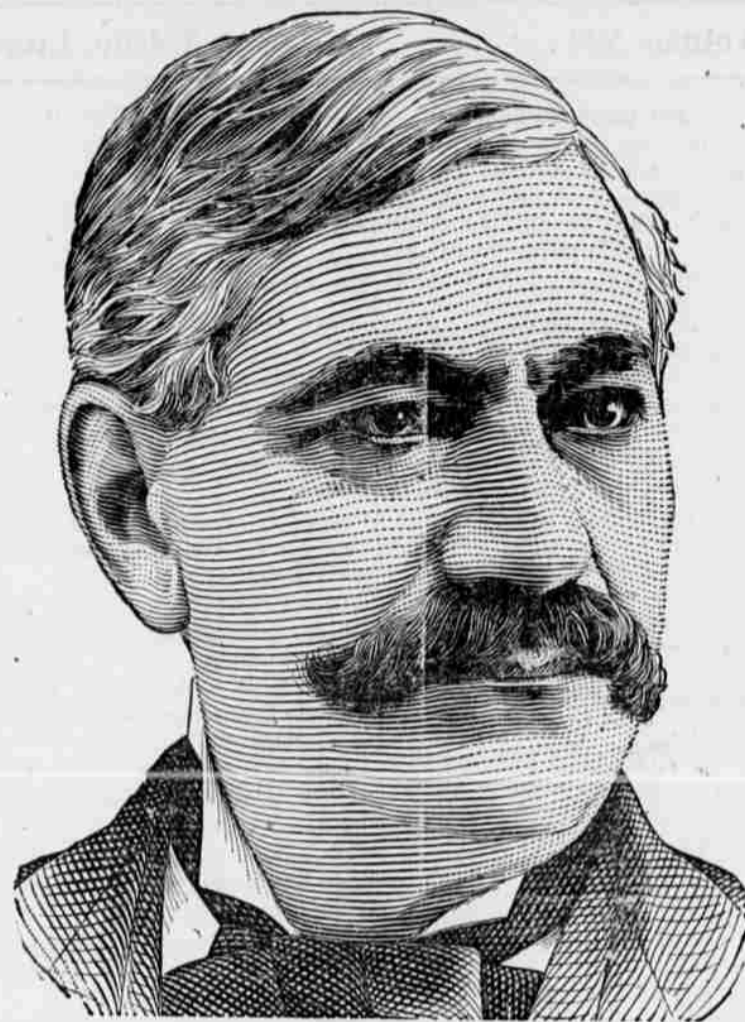
"At no time will our airship be out of touch with the surface of the earth. Our guide rope, so called, but in our case a smooth, tapering line of steel, is to drag its lower end over the ice to keep the ship at a fairly stable height (150 to 200 feet), the altitude most favorable to wireless telegraphy, and to maintain under ordinary conditions the vertical stability of the craft.

"Wireless telegraph stations will be established at Spitzbergen and Hammerfest, Norway, 600 miles distant. Further than this, a wireless equipment will be carried in our airship, and it will be our effort to send frequent—if possible, daily—dispatches to the outside world throughout all the time the expedition is in the Arctic regions, even from the pole itself, should we reach it."

The success of Mr. Wellman's entire campaign depends upon his ability to procure a really practicable airship. He believes he has this in the aerial machine which Santos Dumont has designed, and which the young aeronaut will himself guide.—Montreal Star.

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SANTOS DUMONT.

and summer may see some of them start.

The pole is to be attacked from various sides and in different ways. Captain Jules E. Bernier, the Canadian, expects to follow the wreckage of the ill-fated Greely expedition, entering the frozen polar basin north of Siberia and sledging to the pole. Dr. Variele, a Frenchman, expects to follow a course almost parallel to that mapped by Peary, and will sledge northward by the aid of mules, or burros and dogs. Einar Mikkelsen, a Danish explorer, hopes to enter the Arctic Ocean from the Mackenzie River, but his expedition promises to be a survey of an unknown region north

NEW RULER OF DENMARK.

Frederick VIII. is now king of Denmark. The new ruler, who ascends the throne in his sixty-second year, bears the weight of his years lightly, and is almost as popular with the people of Denmark as was his father. By the wish of his parents, he was brought up with great simplicity and his earlier education was obtained at the town grammar school, for not until he was 10 years old was the difficult question of his father's succession to the Danish throne finally settled.

It was Frederick's curious fate to see his younger brother and his own son become reigning monarchs of Greece and Norway respectively, while he himself was still an heir-apparent.

The new queen, Louise, is reputed to be the tallest and richest princess in Europe. She is a handsome woman, of the blonde type, and reflects the beauty of her famous grandmother.

Desiree Clary, the tradesman's daughter, who captured Bonaparte and married Marshal Bernadotte, who subsequently became king of Sweden and Norway.

The queen inherited large fortunes both from Prince Frederick of the Netherlands and Prince Charles of Sweden. Nevertheless, she and her husband have adhered to the simplicity characteristic of the Danish court, showing the nation the happy spectacle of a united couple living on terms of the closest affection and sympathy with their eight children. Though they have paid many visits to foreign courts, they are essentially a home-keeping couple when compared with most other royal personages.

The Remnant of a Regiment.

On the opening day of the Sha-Ho battle there were many deeds of heroism, writes the author of "An Eye-Witness in Manchuria." One incident, he says, brought out clearly the terrible nature of the encounter.

During the Russian retreat a general commanding a division noticed an officer and some forty men returning through the lines. It appeared as if it were a small party which had been charged with some outpost duty and had shown the white feather.

Incensed at their apparent cowardice, the general rode up to the officer

and asked him what he meant by deserting his post. With a somewhat grim smile the officer, saluting, said: "Sir, this is all that is left of my regiment."

That regiment had gone into action over two thousand strong.

Primitive Postal Facilities.

The inhabitants of the Island of St. Kilda have to rely upon a novel postal conveyance. Letters are packed in cotton wool covered by tarred canvas and placed in a tin. The bundle is then attached to an inflated sheepskin bag, acting as a buoy, together with a wooden float with the words "St. Kilda Mail; Please Open," roughly cut on it. Recently a "mail" was picked up in Shetland which had been 62 days on its passage from St. Kilda, and when opened, was found to contain two letters and eight postcards, together with 1s. for postage. These letters were in due course forwarded to their respective destinations by the postoffice at Lerwick.

The Best Policy.

"Do you believe honesty is the best policy?" "Well, it has the deferred dividend feature."—Puck.

The wise old hen chuckles to herself when she sees a man trying to make a fortune with an incubator.

Chinese Girls Stay at Home.

Chinese girls as a rule are not sent to school; the mother superintends their training in housework. As soon as the girls are old enough they are taught to cook, sew, make and mend clothes and indeed do all domestic work. But the enlightened Chinese sends his daughter to school when near a mission or some other school.

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"Mayhap, it is even so, Rupert Fitzgobler. But by my troth you would have to be a whole lot richer than anybody else in the world, I'll tell you that."—Cleveland Leader.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Lazy Philosophy.

Mrs. Ascum—Doesn't that lazy husband of yours work for you at all?

Mrs. Jackson—"Deed, ma'am, he say he ain't gwine ter, kase he's a-tryin' to lib up to the bible teachin'."

Mrs. Ascum—What bible teaching?

Mrs. Jackson—He say de bible done tell us dat "Contentment am bettah dan great riches," so he des nacher'ly bound ter be contented.—Philadelphia Press.

Dr. Laurence I. Flick, an expert on tuberculosis, is planning an international convention, to be held in Washington in 1908.

Plenty of Time.

They were discussing the canal. "I don't think," said one, "that Bigelow stayed down there long enough to learn anything about conditions." "Oh, I dunno," said another; "a man can get considerable bit up by seas in less 'en twenty-four hours."

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The Way of It.

The Misus—Mary Ann, please explain to me how it is that I saw you kissing a young man in the kitchen last night.

The Maid—Sure, I dunno how it is, ma'am, unless yez were lookin' through the keyhole. —Cleveland Leader.

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