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CALLS PEARY FAKE HERO

Congressman Macon Toasts Alleged Discoverer of North Pole.

CALLS HIS STORY AN "IMPOSSIBLE TALE"

Friends of the Captain Retort in Kind—Speech Characterized as "Unjust, Outrageous and Offensive"

Washington, Feb. 17.—A bitter denunciation of Captain Robert E. Peary as a "fake hero" who by means of an "impossible tale" seeks recognition by congress...

Several friends of Peary retorted hotly, among them Moore of Pennsylvania, who characterized the speech as "unjust, outrageous and offensive."

"Heroes like these have not time to deal with every dog that barks at their heels."

Macon's speech abounded in acrimonious criticism and sarcasm.

Attacks "Pea-Eyed" Editors.

"There are many thousands of human beings who think just as I do about this matter," said Macon.

"I also remember to have read a novel written in the first person whose hero was a bombastic upstart and braggart who never knew defeat or met an equal."

Resolution Adopted.

Liberals Endorse Reciprocity.

Refers to Teddy.

Commenting upon heroes in general and fake heroes in particular, Macon said:

"San Juan Hill had one of these for a time, but upon investigation it was shown that he would have been a Spanish prisoner instead of an American hero if it hadn't been for the intervention of negro troops."

"Less than a year ago a conquering hero of birds and beasts marched forth from the jungles of Africa and crossed the European continent with majestic tread. Finally he landed upon our shores, where he was met by thousands of hero worshippers who received him as an unworthy emperor. But it was not many moons before many of those who paid him homage upon that occasion hung their heads and tried to forget it. Thus it will be seen that it will not do to put fake heroes upon pinnacles of fame."

In conclusion Macon said there was a "paid lobby" of the Peary Arctic club and friends of the explorer at work "seeking to coax action out of congress."

PELAGIC SEALING WILL BE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The sealing treaty between Canada and the United States providing for a suspension of pelagic sealing for an indefinite term of years has been signed and as soon as the consent of Japan is secured to enter into a similar treaty, the schooners of the fleets of three nations will be ordered off the sea, according to advices received here today.

AMERICANS JOIN MEXICAN REBEL ARMY

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—A courier arriving today says Madero, the rebel chief, has taken the field and personally commanding 600 men at Guadalupe and is preparing to march into Chihuahua. It is reported that forty-two Americans are accompanying Blanco who with Orozco joined him at Ascension last night and have also started for Chihuahua 1000 strong.

Navarro at Juarez is reported to have sent 600 men to Guadalupe to retake the city.

Governor Vega Wounded.

Mexico, Mex., Feb. 17.—Beaten and in retreat, the army of Governor Vega of Lower California, is hurrying back today toward Ensenada by way of the Cocopa mountain pass south-west of here.

That Vega himself is sorely wounded was confirmed when American army surgeons stationed at Calexico received positive information that effect from couriers who had communicated with the fleeing federals.

One insurrecto bullet pierced Vega's neck and another his left side, causing serious wounds.

In a litter rigged like a sedan chair he is being carried southward by his men.

Red Cross Aids Wounded.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Responding to appeals by Mexicans wounded in the fighting near the American frontier, the National Red Cross society today telegraphed a thousand dollars to Major General Tasker Bliss, commanding the U. S. forces at Calexico, California which will be used for their relief.

CONSERVATIVES SEEK EXCUSE FOR FRIGHT

BENNETT'S ANNEXATION RESOLUTION IS WELCOMED

Liberals See It As Thinly Veiled Attack on Reciprocity—Measure Is Promptly Killed in Committee.

London, Feb. 17.—Serious consideration is given today by the Evening Standard (conservative) of Congressman Bennett's proposal to unite America and Canada. It says: "We need not suppose that either Clark or Bennett have unfriendly sentiments toward England, or that they propose to accomplish their design of annexation by illegitimate means. But they are not joking when they publicly express what thousands of Americans are saying privately."

The liberal press regards Bennett's resolution lightly, saying it thinly veils his purpose of defeating reciprocity.

Ruthlessly Slaughtered.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The house committee on foreign affairs at Taft's urgent request, voted down Bennett's resolution for Canada's annexation by a vote of 3 to 1.

Resolution Adopted.

Liberals Endorse Reciprocity.

RUSK STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT BILL THROUGH

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—Speaker Rusk made a particularly strong fight on the floor for passage of a bill in which he was interested and by his personal popularity won out. The bill gives to voters of counties the right to discontinue county high schools by a majority vote. The question is of chief interest in Rusk's home county, Wallowa, where the county high school has been established in Enterprise. Many of the residents of Wallowa think the city of Enterprise should support the school and Rusk received petitions from 400 or 500 voters asking for the passage of the bill. He had no easy task in achieving this, because of objections from several members.

SPECIAL SESSION TO REMOVE CERTAIN TARIFFS

Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 17.—Declaring the present tariff on necessities too high, Assemblyman Wilson today introduced a joint resolution petitioning Taft to call an extra session of the newly elected congress to remove the tax from such commodities as he believes are causing the high cost of living.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL LAW IS IN EFFECT

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The long and short haul provision of the interstate commerce law became effective today.

POWERS MAY STOP RUSSIA

China Believes Enemy is Trying to Take Advantage of Plague and Famine.

UNITED STATES MAY INTERVENE FOR CHINA

European Powers Warn Czar to Go Slow With War Demonstrations—State Department Hourly Expects to Receive Call for Aid from Chinese Government.

Peking, China, Feb. 17.—The semi-official opinion here today is that the Russian threat is intended to take advantage of the plague and famine to force China to renew the treaty of 1881, granting Russia free trade in Mongolia and other concessions. For nearly a year negotiations on the treaty have been progressing and China has shown an unwillingness to submit to Russian demands. Her determination to act is looked upon as a last desperate means to force the concessions. It is intimated that China will resist by every means save war, trusting that the powers will intervene.

Sympathy With China.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The state department hourly expects China to appeal to the United States to help against the menace of a Russian invasion. Sympathy here is with China and it is not improbable that the United States will intervene in China's behalf.

Russia Warned to Go Slow.

London, Feb. 17.—All European chancelleries today sent warnings to Russia to proceed cautiously with her military demonstration against China. English papers particularly are apprehensive that Russia's move may result in the gravest consequences.

China Given Until March.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 17.—It was semi-officially announced today that unless China yields to the demands of Russia before March, an ultimatum will be sent. Minister Korotvitz has been instructed to deliver a note to China saying that Russia cannot keep up friendly relations owing to China's alleged unwillingness to abide by the treaty and asks China to do so immediately.

JUSTICES OF PEACE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGES

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—Justices of the peace will be known as district judges and their authority will be extended if house bill number 159, passed by the lower body is approved by the senate. The bill also provides for an additional justice, to be appointed by the circuit judge and to hold office until the next election.

WILL PREVENT DEALING IN "COTTON FUTURES"

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The senate committee on intra-state and foreign commerce today decided to report favorably on the amended form of the house bill suppressing "future" contracts in cotton.

GIANT POWDER KILLS THREE JAP LABORERS

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 17.—Three Japanese men were killed and one seriously injured when 100 pounds of giant powder demolished a cabin near here today.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE SEATTLE VICE

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—The grand jury which will investigate the vice syndicate in Seattle is being selected today. The identity of the men summoned for duty is kept secret to prevent tampering.

The evidence, including eighty alleged confessions, was gathered by Detective Burns.

It is reported today that much evidence gathered against the so-called vice ring was secured by a Burns operative who masqueraded as a wealthy broker and who did nothing but have a good time.

Big Spelling Match.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17.—A spelling match for the championship of Indianapolis and the county will be held tomorrow.

STATE AID MAY PASS YET

Warring Factions in House Finally Unite on Important Bill.

FULL APPROPRIATION OF \$680,000 PROVIDED

Harmony Prevails at Last—Measure Reported Favorably This Afternoon—Bill Bonding Act Also in Line—Investigation of Bribery Charges Demanded.

State Aid Killed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—The bill bonding act, was passed this afternoon. The state aid bill, amended in committee of the whole to appropriate \$340,000 instead of \$680,000, failed to pass.

Dimick's eight-hour law was defeated in the house this afternoon by a vote of 59 to 16.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—With a harmonizing of the various factions of the house in their attitude towards the good roads it is probable that the state aid proposal, carrying an appropriation of \$680,000 will be passed today. The committee has taken favorable action on the bill already and reported it to the house this afternoon.

Under its provisions each county raising \$10,000 for good roads will receive \$20,000 from the state. The bill bonding act before the house will likely be passed today.

Wants Bribery Charges Probed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—Grover Fraser, head of the labor legislative committee today requested the senate to investigate the charges that money is being used by corporations to influence legislation. In a letter to President of the Senate Selling, Fraser requests that witnesses be called to testify concerning the rumors that \$17,000 was taken from Portland to bribe senators.

The house today appropriated \$724,000 for the insane asylum and \$579,000 (total) to the agricultural college at Corvallis. Other state institutions were given large sums, making a total of a million and a half.

GLENN CURTIS MAKES REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 17.—Glenn Curtis today made a demonstration flight in his new hydroplane proving he can easily land alongside a warship and then be hoisted to the deck with his machine.

Curtis left the aviation camp at North Island at 8 o'clock. He sailed along the water near the cruisers and stopped alongside the cruiser Pennsylvania, the same vessel with which Ely at San Francisco made a sensational flight, and was hoisted aboard by a boat crane.

The whole operation did not consume over five minutes. He remained aboard for fifteen minutes. He made the demonstration for naval officials.

ADVENTURERS GO IN SEARCH OF TREASURE

San Diego, Calif., Feb. 17.—Headed by A. Henry, who previously made an attempt, 20 local adventurers will sail soon for Coeca Island off the coast of Lower California, in search of supposed Spanish treasure. They have charts giving the supposed location of the wealth.

SOLDIERS TO STOP INDUSTRIAL ARMY

Scranton, Cal., Feb. 17.—Companies A and B of Redding and Chico, California have been ordered to be in readiness today to intercept 208 Industrial Workers of the World who on freights are enroute to Fresno to fight the anti-street speaking ordinance. The men left Portland yesterday.

Pile Debris on Track.

Ashland, Ore., Feb. 17.—The industrial army was today thrown off a freight train at Ashland whereupon the men congregated down the track a mile, piled debris on the track. They stopped a freight and compelled the train to proceed with them aboard. The Southern Pacific will make another attempt to throw them off at Dunsmuir.

PENDLETON GIRL IS SHOT IN PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—(Special)—At St. Vincent's hospital Minnie Hemmelgarn admitted that she had accidentally stepped in front of a 22-rifle when a Greek was discharging at a target.

The bullet penetrated her neck, but it is believed it won't prove serious if properly cared for.

She worked in a shooting gallery at Fourth and Couch street. For a time she refused to give her name at the hospital but one of the surgeons knew her.

She went to the hospital unassisted.

Minnie Hemmelgarn is 19 years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hemmelgarn, residents of Pendleton for the past 13 years. At present Mr. Hemmelgarn is proprietor of the Brewery Depot saloon, while two of his sons, Will and Ed Hemmelgarn, conduct the Pendleton Soda Works.

The injured girl spent several months in an Astoria hospital where she was taking a nurse's training course. A few weeks ago she visited her parents here. Going from here to Portland she was taken ill and spent some time in the hospital. Upon leaving the hospital she took up her residence in the Grand Union Hotel and accepted employment in the shooting gallery.

It seems that following the accidental shooting she went to the hospital for treatment but refused to give her name. Her relatives in this city knew nothing of the incident until informed last night by the local correspondent of a Portland paper.

E. J. SOMMERVILLE NAMED AS RECEIVER

APPOINTMENT MADE BY CIRCUIT JUDGE PHELPS

Attorneys for Coe and Furish Interests Could Not Agree on Man Acceptable to Both.

E. J. Sommerville of this city was this morning appointed by Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps as receiver of such properties of the Inland Irrigation company in the possession of Henry W. Coe, his companies and sub-agents, the Coe attorneys failing to file any authorities why such action should not be taken.

Sommerville was selected by the court to act in this capacity inasmuch as the Furish and Coe attorneys could not agree upon a man acceptable to both.

The order of appointment was filed this afternoon and by it the receiver is given the power to secure competent legal counsel to assist him in his duties and he has selected Judge James A. Fee to perform this service.

In outlining the duties of the receiver, the order states that he shall take possession of all moneys, contracts, notes or other properties in the possession of Coe, the Columbia Land company, Sloan & Co., or any of their sub-agents which belong to the Inland Irrigation company and all book accounts kept by Coe or these companies in the transaction of business for the Inland Irrigation company. Further, it states that in case such accounts are kept in the private books of Coe or his companies, the receiver shall take transcripts from the records. He is also directed to take possession of only such correspondence of the defendants in the suit as pertains directly to unfinished business of the Inland Irrigation company.

The amount of the bonds of Mr. Sommerville has not yet been fixed.

UNDERTAKER WOULD PREVENT SEA BURIALS

New York undertakers have banded themselves together to protest against the custom of the steamship companies in burying at sea the bodies of passengers who die on board. The undertakers are of the opinion that this custom is barbarous, cruel and provocative of unnecessary grief to the relatives of the deceased, as well as a practice that causes considerable loss of revenue to the "laying-out" craft.

POPE PIUS IS MUCH IMPROVED IN HEALTH

Rome, Feb. 17.—The pope is greatly improved. He was allowed to leave his bed for a short time today.

Time Table Bill Killed.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 17.—The house killed the bill providing for the publication of time tables of railroads in newspapers of the cities where there are stations. The unusual part of this action was that no debate preceded the defeat of the bill. Mahoney's bill to prevent county school superintendents from conducting summer schools on the ground that they made charges for the tutoring and intimidated some of the teachers in joining the classes, was also defeated.

BORAH FLAYS NORTHERNERS

Declares They Play Hypocrites and Act the Parts of Moral Cowards.

IDAHO SENATOR DELIVERS POINTED REPLY TO ROOT

Westerner Insists Negro Has Been Used As Political Football As Long As Sense of Decency Will Permit—Calls Upon Fellows to Dispense With Soothing Syrup.

Washington, Feb. 17.—That prejudice against the negro is just as intense in the north as in the south, and that the north plays the hypocrite in its contentions to the contrary, was boldly and bluntly asserted in the senate yesterday by Senator Borah of Idaho.

Mr. Borah's declarations regarding the negro were made at the close of a prolonged speech in opposition to the Sutherland amendment to the senate resolution, providing for the election of senators by popular vote. That amendment would have the effect of giving congress control of senatorial elections.

The Idaho senator's pronouncement on the race question was made in reply to the recent assertion of Senator Root that without the Sutherland provision the resolution would deprive the southern negroes of federal protection in the exercise of the franchise.

Mr. Borah dissented from the New York senator's view and in doing so used language which elicited congratulations from many senators.

"The Idaho senator expressed deep regret that the race question had been brought into the controversy and asserted that its introduction was intended only to imperil the resolution."

"I wonder how long the north is going to play the hypocrite and the moral coward on this question?" he said. He insisted that a call of the roll of the northern states in which were an appreciable number of negroes would demonstrate that the north had not dealt more leniently with the negro than had other sections.

Same Prejudice.

"The northern states have exhibited the same race prejudice that has been shown elsewhere," he asserted. "In the north we burn the negro at the stake and here, as in other sections, we have our race wars. We push our negroes to the outer edge of the industrial world. We exhibit the same prejudices, the same weakness, the same tolerance that is apparent in the south."

Mr. Borah declared that if congress had power under the existing provision of the constitution giving constitutional control over senatorial elections, it should be exercised.

"If that right exists, the north has the greater obligation under it, because it makes claim to it. We assert the power, but we admit that we have not had the moral courage to exercise it."

For himself, he denied the existence of any such power and said that he resented such a position because of the position in which congress would be placed.

The race question, Mr. Borah said, had been brought into the discussion "in the fond hope that it would do service in defeating the resolution as a whole." He declared it had been used for a similar purpose for the last thirty years. In conclusion he said:

"The negro has been used as a political football about as long as our sense of decency and his developing intelligence will permit. We should no longer mistreat him but we should have the courage to inform him of the object of our sophomoric rhetoric. The colored race has advanced to the point where we well may dispense with the perennial distribution of soothing syrup and give them solid food in the way of facts. We should tell him the truth and conceal nothing."

New Chains Forged.

"The negro is beginning to realize that the white man of the north is of the same race as the white man of the south, and that in his blood is the virus of domination and power. He should know that while his slave chains have been broken, the chains of industry are being forged around him and will continue to hold him unless he himself can break them. This badge was placed upon him by his maker and it can be removed only by the negro himself, with the aid of those who have the courage to tell him the truth, which is that we have the power to guarantee to him the equal protection of law and to protect him against discrimination. To attempt anything more would be ruinous to the colored man and demoralizing to the whole political body. He

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