

LIEUTENANT ROBERT E. PEARY AND FAMILY AND THE SHIP "WINDWARD."



Mrs. PEARY AND HER BABY



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LIEUT. ROBERT E. PEARY'S latest dash to the pole ended at 84 degrees 17 minutes north latitude—343 miles from the pole.

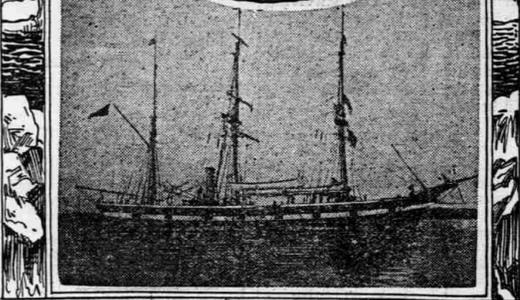
At 57.47 north latitude Peary found the ice cap broken by immense ridges difficult to surmount.

It was not to be a quick rush through the ice-bound region. Rather was it to be a siege.

Expeditions of the sort that drive the bravest men from their appointed missions confronted the daring explorer in the four years that he spent in the frozen fastnesses of the North.

Lieut. Peary made his first exploration of the North in 1886, when, having been granted leave of absence by the Navy Department, he penetrated far into Greenland and reached an elevation on the Greenland ice never before attained by a white man.

In 1891 he made his second venture, accompanied by Mrs. Peary and a small party.



THE "WINDWARD"



MAP OF THE REGION TRAVERSED BY PEARY.

The map shows the route taken by the explorer. Following is an explanation of the letters in the map: an, Nansen's farthest north; no other Arctic explorer has reached this point.

cient funds to make the journey a possibility at all. Mart Henson, the black boy servant, was with him this time and was his constant companion in all the arduous struggles that followed.

ions to cross the great ice cap. Lee felt ill and was left behind. Peary and Henson reached a latitude of 81 degrees 47 minutes, ten miles farther north than the explorer had gone before, and then, actually starving, were forced to turn back.

TWO CAMPAIGNS

ON the James River some miles below Richmond is a plantation manor house that was built in 1600.

A German baron proposed for Barbara and was accepted by the mother, who did not consult her daughter in the matter.

Had she been aware of this attachment she would not have brought her daughter back to America, which she did, thinking it proper that the baron should come for her at her own home.

Benton urged her to marry him at once without her mother's consent, but she dared not. Soon after, while Benton and Barbara were still in Richmond, came the news of the firing on Fort Sumter.

ed, and the two were made man and wife. Benton reached Washington safely. Barbara went home to her mother and broke the news of her marriage.

Then a sound, like a storm that had come, roared from the top of Malvern hill, but a short distance away. Evening had come and with it only the cracking of rifles on the picket line when a young officer rode up to the plantation, announced himself as Lieut. Benton, and, upon being told that the family were there, demanded to see his wife.

Mrs. Ritchie came into the drawing-room and received him with a haughty manner by no means softened by the fact that he was an invader of her State and her plantation. She told him that Barbara was ill and that she did not wish to see him.

"If my daughter comes into this room and confirms what I have said, will you believe her?" "I will."

Half an hour later a young girl stood upon the threshold, pale apparently with illness. Benton seeing what appeared to be the shadow of his wife stepped forward. The girl motioned him back.

Benton staggered from the house, mounted his horse and rode away. Two years later Grant laid a pontoon bridge across the James, advanced to Petersburg and besieged the troops.

mounting handed a negro a note addressed to Mrs. Theodore Benton. It read: "Are you of the same mind as in the summer of 1862? If so, I will go away, and when you wish an annulment of our marriage I will not oppose it."

In a few moments Barbara appeared at the door, and between hysterical tears and laughter held out her arms. Benton sprang from his horse to her embrace.

The first piece of news the husband received was that Mrs. Ritchie had died; the second was an explanation of the renunciation which had occurred when Benton had been there before. Mrs. Ritchie was a woman who, when her mind was made up, would stop at no means which she regarded legitimate to accomplish her object. She considered that her daughter had been stolen from her. Therefore she had a right to repossess herself of her own property. She would not lie. She had asked Benton, "If my daughter comes into this room and confirms what I have said, will you believe her?" Then she ordered Elizabeth to personate her sister. Elizabeth, without strength of character to resist her mother, had done as she was told. Barbara, on the arrival of her husband, had been locked in her room and had not known of the outrage that had been committed until after her mother's death, when her sister confessed and begged forgiveness.

Barbara, when she learned how she had been misrepresented to her husband, was in agony. She had resolved to go north in search of him when the Union troops appeared.

Benton sent a note to his commanding officer, announcing that he had found a loving wife, and asking that a leave be granted. It was given, and that night the wedding was celebrated, not by the attendance of the neighboring planters, but by the rejoicings of the negroes for whom with their new master the day of jubilee had at last come.

PAGAN RITES IN SCOTIA.

Many Scottish customs that originated in Superstition. Nearly all travelers in central Africa have referred to the curious customs prevalent among all pagan native tribes of driving quantities of nails into sacred trees and other objects that have been adjudged worthy of veneration, and this not in malice, but as a religious rite, the nails in question being intended as votive offerings.

Pennies and half-pennies also are to be seen in enormous quantities driven edgewise in the tough bark, and a friend of the writer's who visited the spot some little time back discovered in a cleft high up in the trunk what he took to be a shilling. On being extracted, however, it proved to be counterfeit. Probably the donor, finding that he could get no value for his coin in the natural world, concluded he might as well try, as a last resort, what effect it might have on the spiritual.

Of course, the poor cottars and others who flock to St. Maebriha with their nails and their pence do not for a moment admit that they are assisting at a pagan ceremony.

And here all hope soared on me. Of my fellow-critter's aid—I just flopped down on my marrow-bones, Crotch-deep in the snow and prayed.

By this, the torches was played out, and me and Lurid Parr Went off for some wood to a sheepfold That he said was somewhat thad.

We found it at last, and a little shed. Where they shut up the lambs at night. We looked in and seen them huddled thad. So warm, and sleepy, and white, And thar sot Little Breeches and chirped.

How did he git thar? Angels. He could never have walked in that storm. They jest stooped down and toted him To whar it was safe and warm.

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OLD FAVORITES

LITTLE BREECHES. I don't go much on religion, I never ain't had no show; But I've got a middlin' tight grip, sir, On the handful o' things I know.

I come into town with some turnips, And my little Gabe came along— No four-year-old in the county Could beat him for pretty and strong.

The snow came down like a blanket As I passed by Taggart's store; I went in for a jug of molasses And left the team at the door.

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Street Cars for Hearses, and Coffins Peddled from Door to Door. "Did you ever see a 'street car funeral'?" The questioner was a drummer for a large Eastern house, and had just returned from an extensive trip throughout Mexico.

"A street car funeral?" the reporter repeated. "Yes, sir! One meets with odd sights the moment he crosses the Mexican border, but he reaches the climax in the City of Mexico itself, and from what I can learn it is the only town in the world where 'street car funerals' are an everyday occurrence.

Funerals, like all other things Mexican, are divided into two classes. Those who can afford luxuries procure the hearse drawn by four black horses, with a coachman and a footman, and ornamented with gold and silver trappings of every description.

When a Mexican dies the street car company is immediately notified to have a hearse and the required number of coaches at a certain point on their track as near as possible to the late residence of the deceased.

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American Railways. Railway mileage in the United States has passed the 200,000 mark, which is considerably more than two-fifths of the entire railway mileage of the world.

Acted Like a Professional. She—Did you ever kiss a girl before? He—Am I doing this like a beginner?—Detroit Free Press.

It will make the women mad to say it, but the facts are that mighty few of them make good bread before they are forty.



"So Gayboy has recovered?" "Yes. The lucky fellow was too poor to be operated on."—Ex.

Voice from the upstairs, to sultor in parlor—George, when you leave will you please throw in the morning paper?—Judge.

Incompetent: "She doesn't know how to manage, does she?" "No. For years she has lived beyond her alimony."—Judge.

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