

LOCAL I. W. W. TO BE TRIED UPON CRIME CHARGE

Among the criminal cases to be tried next week in circuit court in Jacksonville is that of T. J. Smith, a young man of no where in particular with a hatred of work, on the charge of criminal syndicalism. Smith, who is a member of the I. W. W.'s, was indicted by the grand jury this week, and inasmuch as he is without funds Judge Calkins will appoint an attorney to defend him.

Although since his arrest in Medford some time ago an insanity inquiry was held at the instigation of County Prosecutor Roberts at which he was pronounced sane, a number of persons still think the man is mentally deficient and may urge that another inquest be held before he is tried.

Smith was picked up by the police here as a vagrant after he had been in the city a week or so because he would not work and loitered around in the pool rooms. He then claimed to the officers that he was an I. W. W. member, although without his card.

He said that he had thrown the card away because he had grown tired of being arrested everywhere when it was found on him, and asserted that he had been confined in almost every jail and prison between Seattle and Medford.

Although prior to his arrest he was very quiet and orderly both in actions and expressions and never advocated I. W. W.ism or uttered unpatriotic sentiments, under close examination by the authorities he made some very radical statements. Among other things he said he believed in violence against the government to bring about reforms to ratelged wrongs.

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tional law and conduct; and to urge upon the civilized nations as a long step forward in promoting permanent peace, their assent to such a code of law defining the rights and duties of nations, such as was adopted by the American Institute of International Law at Havana, Republic of Cuba, on January 23, 1917, known as the recommendations of Havana.

Fear Class Domination

"The chief enemy of democracy based upon universal suffrage and majority rule no longer is the arbitrary government of a monarch or of a hereditary aristocracy but the cruel and relentless domination of a class bent not upon protecting liberty and equality of opportunity, but upon exploiting all who are not of their own kind and group. We support and urge the most vigorous measures to prevent by education the spread in this country of the doctrines of this dangerous and undemocratic movement.

"We earnestly urge upon the legislatures of those states that have not yet acted on the pending amendment to the constitution of the United States that it be promptly ratified in order that women generally may participate in the elections to be held in November next for president, vice president, the senate and the house of representatives.

Opposed to Strikes

"The wage worker is entitled, as a human being, to a proper wage, reasonable hours and healthful conditions of labor and to a share in determining the circumstances under which his personal co-operation shall be given. The strike is a weapon of industrial war and should be made increasingly unnecessary and infrequent by the better organization of industry and by the establishment of a commission or commissions on industrial relations. Increased production, stimulation of enterprise, checking of private extravagance and waste and the reduction of public expenditures are a national necessity. Our system of taxation and of business regulation should be revised with the definite purpose to promote

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rather than to prevent enterprise and production.

DISCOVERER NORTH POLE DEAD

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He spent practically all he had in money, gave all that was in him for hard work and suffered all that the human frame could endure from hunger, cold and disappointment. He made eight journeys into the Arctic, spent upwards of half a million dollars and several times he barely escaped the death which in various forms had been the fate of more than 700 explorers before him.

Started at 30 Years Old

The first step that led Peary toward the Pole was taken in Washington one day when he walked into a book store to browse and picked up a fugitive account of Greenland. He became an insatiable reader on the subject of the Arctic.

He was then 20 years old. He was born in Cresson, Pa., in 1856. His father died when he was three years old, and his mother took him to Portland, Me., where he spent his boyhood roaming about Casco Bay. He went to Bowdoin college, won fame there as a runner and jumper, and stood in the honor column of scholarship. It was a little later that he had gone to Washington to work as a draftsman in the coast and geodetic survey offices. He spent his spare time studying civil engineering and passed in that branch into the naval service. He became Lieut. Peary, U. S. N.

His first assignment was to the tropics. He was a leader of the surveying for the Nicaraguan canal route. It was then he returned to Washington that he fell upon the book about Greenland, and thereafter virtually consecrated himself to polar exploration.

Obtaining leave from the naval service, he led an expedition into Greenland, to determine the extent of this mysterious land. He determined its insularity, discovered and named many Arctic points which today are familiar names—such as Independence Bay, Melville Land, and Heilprin Land, and in one of his later voyages discovered the famous meteorites which he brought back to civilization. One of them, weighing 80 tons, is the wonder of visitors to the Museum of Natural History in New York.

Between voyages Peary resorted to the lecture platform to raise funds for further exploration. In one instance he delivered 168 lectures in 96 days, raising \$13,000.

Feet Were Frozen

On his sixth voyage, with the Pole in view, he had to give up because both of his feet became frozen. Although he had reached the most northerly land in the world—naming it Cape Morris K. Jesup at the tip of Greenland—and had also attained Lat. 84.17, the northernmost record in the western world, he was still in great despair. He wrote in his diary:

"The game is off. My dream of sixteen years is ended. I have made the best fight I knew. I believe it

was a good one. But I cannot accomplish the impossible."

By the time Peary reached civilization, however, he had decided upon still another trip. With the especially designed ship *Roosevelt*, Peary drove further into the frozen ocean than navigator had ever before. On foot he advanced until his record of this seventh trip stood at 86.6, where starvation and cold again checked the party.

The explorer was 52 years old when in 1908 he set out on his eighth and successful invasion of the Polar region.

Captain Bartlett, the veteran navigator for Peary, shouted to Colonel Roosevelt as the ship was leaving its wharf at New York: "It's the Pole or bust this time, Mr. President."

Finding the Pole

The method of attacking the Pole was in five detachments, pushing north in the manner of a telescope. At the 88th parallel Peary parted with Captain Bartlett, in charge of the 4th detachment, and he with one member of his crew and four eskimos made the final dash. They covered the 135 miles in five days.

Thirty hours from April 6 to 7 were spent at and around the Pole—a great tract of frozen sea—none of the land which Dr. Cook reported. The weather was cloudless and flawless. The temperature ranged from 33 below to 12 below. Where open places permitted soundings, 9900 feet of wire, which was all that Peary had fallen to touch the bottom.

When he got back to civilization Peary was surprised to find such a fierce controversy raging over him and his rival, Dr. Cook, but he easily established his claim before scientific bodies throughout the world. He was raised to the rank of rear admiral of the United States navy and retired on pay. Congress voted him its thanks in a special act and gold medals, decorations and honors of many kinds were showered upon him.

Last Years Quiet

A scientific and popular narrative of his success he wove into a book called "The North Pole," while his other expeditions are described in detail in his "Northward over the Great

Ice," and "Nearest the Pole."

Peary's closing years were spent in well-earned rest, living for a large part of the time with his family of three—wife, daughter and son—on Eagle Island, off the coast from Portland, Me. Mrs. Peary was formerly Josephine Diebitsch of Washington, D. C., marrying the explorer in 1888. She frequently accompanied her husband on his northward journeys, and one of these trips Marie Ahnighito Peary was born and bears the distinction of having been born farther north than any other white child in the world. She is popularly known as "The Snow Baby."



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