

DEATH SUMMONS DISCOVERER OF THE NORTH POLE

Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary Succumbs After Lingering Illness; Achieved Goal That 700 Previous Explorers Failed to Attain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Rear Admiral Robert Edwin Peary, retired, Arctic explorer and discoverer of the North Pole, died here today with an aneurysm after several years' illness. He will be buried with full naval honors. Admiral Peary submitted to a blood transfusion ten days ago, which was the 35th transfusion within two years. The effort to maintain his strength was unsuccessful and he gradually grew weaker until he died.

It was on the afternoon of September 6, 1909 that the following few words reported to the civilized world for the first time this crowning achievement of three centuries of effort:

"Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, N. P., September 6.—To The Associated Press, New York.

"Stars and Stripes Nailed to North Pole.

"Peary."

Peary's actual attainment of the Pole had been just five months before, on April 6, 1909.

When this dispatch came, the world was, quite unknown to Peary, already praising Dr. Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer. Only four days previous to the Peary announcement, Cook, who was on his way back to Copenhagen on board a Danish steamer, had telegraphed the claim that he reached the Pole on April 21, 1908—nearly a year ahead of Peary.

While Dr. Cook's claim did not go unquestioned from the first, he had four days at least been widely acclaimed as the discoverer of the Pole. With Peary's message there arose one of the greatest controversies of all ages over the honor of actual first discovery. There can be no one who has forgotten the dispute. Peary's assertions were not seriously questioned, but among newspaper readers there came to be two great camps, for and against Cook.

Peary with his record of seven successful trips to the Arctic, his official standing in the United States Navy and in scientific circles, easily held the commanding position in the controversy. But it was only after the scientific bodies one by one had sifted the evidence and pronounced Cook's claims unfounded that Peary's title as discoverer of the Pole was really won.

The bitterness of this episode is only one item in the price which Peary paid for the immortal fame that is now acknowledged to be his. 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.

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 30 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 draughtsman 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 Lieutenant Peary, U. S. N.

His first assignment was to the tropics. He was a leader of the surveying for the Nicaragua canal route. It was when he returned to

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DOCTORS OPERATE ON INJURED LEG

X-Ray examination of the right leg of H. H. Jenkins, groceryman, who was injured accidentally yesterday when struck by an automobile that he was displaying to a prospective purchaser, showed that the bone had been badly crushed, necessitating an operation.

The operation was performed this morning by Drs. Soule, Lamb and Goddard, who made an incision exposing the injured bone, which was then sutured with tendons.

The physicians expect that the injury will keep Mr. Jenkins confined to his bed for some time. It may be three or four months before he will be able to use the leg to any extent.

FATHER OF CITY PHYSICIAN DEAD

Dr. A. A. Soule, city health officer, today received word of the death of his father, Andrew Soule, at his home at Montague, Cal., at 3 o'clock this morning. Dr. Soule left this afternoon by automobile to attend the funeral and will be absent for two or three days.

Besides the local physician, the decedent is survived by a widow and three children, Mrs. D. C. Ehrhart of Hornbrook, Mrs. George Brown of Montague, and Clarence Soule of Yreka, California.

Andrew Soule was past 88 years of age. He had been failing for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was a native of New York state and one of the early California pioneers, having crossed the plains by ox team in 1854, suffering many hardships by the way and having many hairbreadth escapes from the Indians. His party was the next behind a band of immigrants massacred at Bloody Point, but the military expedition from Yreka had tamed the hostile Modocs and they were not harmed.

Mr. Soule in all the years since he resided in Siskiyou county. In the early days he mined extensively and in later years devoted his attention to stock-raising and farming.

FRENCH MEMORIALS WILL BE MAILED

Because of the health board's order against public gatherings, the American Legion will not hold a meeting, as planned, Sunday for the presentation of the French memorial certificates of gratitude to the relatives of soldiers who died in the great war.

Instead the memorials will be mailed today. Eleven certificates will be forwarded. The local post has the names of 14 men who were killed or died in the service, but the relatives of three of them, if any survive, are unknown.

Following are the names of the deceased service men and the names and addresses of relatives who will receive the certificates: Van A. Cornish, Mrs. Clara Davison, 412 N. 11th St., Klamath Falls, Ore.; Frank E. Tucker, Mrs. Maude Tucker, 339 Michigan and Menloway, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Ed F. Parker, Mrs. L. A. Parker, 610 N. 11th St., Klamath Falls, Ore.; Albert E. Hamilton, Hulda Hamilton, 1205 Worden Ave., Klamath Falls, Ore.; Thomas J. Griffin, H. V. Griffin, Chiloquin, Ore.; Raymond I. Tower, Charlotte I. Tower, Worden, Ore.; Don C. Redfield, Fannie W. Redfield, Klamath Falls, Ore.; James H. Boggs, T. F. Boggs, Lorella, Ore.; James E. Parazzo, Mrs. Ellen Asvads, in care of Reservation, Chiloquin, Ore.; Albert W. Jones, Mrs. C. W. Kaler, 203 Michigan Ave., Klamath Falls, Ore.; Cecil O. Weeks, Mr. Henry J. Weeks, Klamath Falls, Ore.

WAITER LEFT \$35,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The \$35,000 estate left by Harry Hastings, a waiter at the Elk Club here, will go to the state because the public administrator has been unable to locate any relatives. Hastings came here from the east 25 years ago.

NO PAPER MONDAY.

For reasons given on Page 4 of this issue, there will be no paper issued on Monday.

AGED WOMAN IS SUMMONED

Word has been received here of the death at the home of her son at Galt, Cal., of Mrs. Margaret Routley, affectionately known as "Grandma" Routley, mother of Mrs. Burrell Short and James Dixon of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Maud McDonald of North Dakota, and John Dixon of Galt, Cal.

Mrs. Routley was past 80 years old. She was born in Newry, Ireland, and emigrated to Ontario, Canada, when a small child. She grew up there and was twice married. After the death of her husband, about 25 years ago, she came to Oregon and has since made her home with her daughter and sons here and in California. Most of the time was passed with her son and daughter in Klamath county. She had lived here for about 20 years, mostly with her daughter, Mrs. Short.

For the past ten years she had been practically helpless with paralysis and rheumatism. Her death was due to the natural dissolution brought about by age. Besides her children she is survived by two brothers, who live in Ontario, Canada. Two sisters died about a year ago.

The body will arrive here tonight and be taken to the Burrell Short home. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon, from the church at Mt. Laki, and interment will take place in the Mt. Laki cemetery.

JUROR'S ILLNESS HALTS I. W. W. TRIAL

MONTESANO, Feb. 20.—The trial of ten I. W. W. members for the murder of Warren Grimm was halted temporarily today by the illness of Edward Parr, juror. Physicians said it was unsafe to ask him to attend the trial, due to a high fever. The judge decided to postpone the sessions. The Washington laws prevent the separation of the jurors, so discharge of Parr as a juror and substitution of one alternate can be made only in case of a probable lengthy delay in the trial. Three alienists are to examine Loren Roberts, one of the defendants, in an effort to determine his sanity. He is alleged to have made a confession. The defense claims he is insane.

MASONS PREPARE TO ATTEND CONCLAVE

At a meeting of local Masons last evening arrangements were made for a special Pullman coach to carry the Klamath Falls delegation to the Orient reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites Masons and the pilgrimage to the Ashland Shrine, to be held at Eugene, March 5 and 6.

Fifteen local members of the fraternity have signified their intention of taking the trip and they met last night to perfect plans for transportation. Most of the party will take the Scottish Rite and Shrine degrees on this occasion. A few have already had the work.

Those who have signified their intention of going are: George Burton, Jack Kimball, Marion Hanks, Dave Lennox, Oscar Peyton, Frank Ward, Merle West, Curt Setzer, Lloyd Brownell, C. J. Ferguson, Glenn Garrett, Oliver Spiker, A. B. Epperson, Emmitt Magee, and A. J. Vove. Dr. Truax and W. E. Lamm may go if their business permits.

The pilgrims have a program arranged that will not fail to attract attention of the natives in the parts to which they journey, and both en route and during the conclave their allegiance and loyalty to Klamath Falls will be plentifully heralded.

The special car will leave here March 4, and will return March 7.

MEXICO FAVORS

THE BOY SCOUTS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—(By Mail.)—The Boy Scout movement is looked upon with favor in Mexico. Its expansion in the republic is to be under direct supervision of the Department of War which has recently appointed a commission to visit the United States and Latin-American countries with a view to establishing a close relationship among the various organizations.

CLOSING ORDER MAY END SUNDAY

Regardless of any action the health board may take toward lifting the ban on public gatherings Sunday, the Presbyterian, Methodist, First Baptist and Emmanuel Baptist churches will hold no meetings. It was announced by the Rev. E. P. Lawrence today after a conference of pastors. The Christian church may hold services if the order is lifted. Dr. Soule intimated today that if the courthouse hospital was operating by Sunday, permitting the isolation of the cases now scattered throughout the city in the lodging houses, the ban on public gatherings might be lifted. There are about 15 cases reported in various rooming houses and hotels.

Beds are installed in the courthouse building and it has been cleaned, heated and lighted, but the bedding shipped by regional Red Cross headquarters failed to arrive last night. It is expected tonight, however. If it comes, the hospital will be ready at once and the closing order against public gatherings, unless there are more developments, will probably be lifted Sunday.

MOTHER, BABY SLEEP TOGETHER

Dennis Franklin Lakey, aged one year and seven months, was buried this afternoon at the Mt. Laki cemetery with his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Lakey, from the Whitlock chapel. The mother died Wednesday, leaving a husband, Levi Lakey, and the child. The infant passed away last night from pneumonia, the same disease that caused the mother's death.

AGED MAN DEAD

Charles St. Peters, aged 64 years, died this morning at the county infirmary. Death resulted from infirmities attendant upon his age. As far as is known, he is without relatives.

MERRILL WOMAN VICTIM

Mrs. Lydia Todd of Merrill died last night from pneumonia, according to a message received by Earl Whitlock, funeral director. She leaves a son in Portland, who has been notified of her death. Funeral arrangements are awaiting the son's direction.

WORKING HARD ON O. A. C. ANNUAL

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Feb. 20.—Mildred L. Thrasher of Klamath Falls received mention in the Barometer, official publication of the student body, for work done on the Beaver annual, the college year-book.

"Students of the art department," says the item, "with the help of F. D. McClouth, professor of art, are working hard on illustrations for the Beaver."

"Only those connected with the work can realize the effort and time required for these illustrations. Some students are employing every vacant hour in the school week, and Saturdays and Sundays also, to finish the work, as the time is short.

"The work being done by the students is of high quality and all are willing and anxious to help. They are determined to make this year's Beaver the best possible. The work in illustration of this group of students not only adds to the interest of the annual, but the experience gained is of value to those intending to continue the study of art."

WITHIN DAY OF EACH OTHER

News has been received here of the death at Beatty, February 17, of Mrs. Della Hutchinson, wife of John Hutchinson, and the death of their son, Rudolph Hutchinson, on the following day. Death of both mother and son is attributed to pneumonia.

COALS TO NEWCASTLE

EUREKA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Humboldt county, Cal., Swiss cheese has been shipped to Switzerland where it is having a ready sale, according to the Central California creameries.

NEW YORK G. O. P. IS FOR SENATE RESERVATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Im-mEDIATE ratification of the peace treaty with the Senate ratifications retaining for the United States its right to withdraw from the league of nations on proper notice, and the declaration against Article Ten in its present form, was advocated in a platform adopted today by the New York State Republican association.

Emphasis is laid on the demand for protection by the treaty for the Monroe doctrine, both "in letter and in spirit."

SPOKANE MAN BUYS TULE LAND

Arthur B. Clark of Spokane, Wash., has purchased 1400 acres of tule land near Midland from L. Jacobs and plans to plant it this spring. Mr. Clark has been here for the past three weeks looking the tule land possibilities over. The deal with Mr. Jacobs was closed today.

Mr. Clark has had a great deal of experience with Washington swamp lands and is said to be one of the largest operators in reclaimed land in the state. He has been operating in this class of farming for the last 18 years.

He is leaving at once for Spokane but plans to return here next month with tractors and farming outfit to put the land in shape for planting this season. He is well pleased with his purchase and sees big possibilities in its development for the growing of potatoes, onions and other vegetables, although he will probably start with grain and alfalfa farming.

He is leaving with the intention of interesting friends in Klamath county tule lands and when he returns expects to bring some of them back with him to purchase more acreage in this tract.

WANTS TO MEET THE O. A. C. ALUMNI TONIGHT.

W. L. Kadderly, a representative of the Alumni association of the O. A. C. is in the city and wishes to meet all the alumni and ex-students of the O. A. C. at the County Agents office in the Swanson building this evening at eight o'clock.

Farm Bureau Items

L. A. West, chairman of the livestock committee of the county farm bureau, as a representative of the committee has left for northern Oregon and Washington to select the carload of pureblooded Shorthorn heifers, which the livestock committee will bring into Klamath county for auction. The sale will be held sometime in March.

Mr. West will be joined at Corvallis by an expert from the animal husbandry department of the Oregon Agricultural college, who will accompany him and lend his aid and advice in the selection of the Shorthorns.

The livestock committee's representatives will also choose some 20 or 25 Shorthorn calves for distribution among the members of the county boys' and girls' industrial club. These calves will be raised by the young folk for exhibition at the county fair, at which time prizes will be awarded. The stock will then be auctioned. The young people who raise them will have the privilege of bidding.

The livestock committee has been working on this plan for improving the county's livestock ever since the organization of the farm bureau and has the details well worked out. The community will watch with interest the experiment.

The carload of sulphur recently ordered is here, announces County Agent Thomas, and 1500 pounds of alfalfa seed has also arrived. Both are at the O. K. Transfer company's warehouse for distribution.

W. L. Kadderly of the Oregon Agricultural college, leader of the county agricultural agents of the state, is here conferring with E. H. Thomas, county agent, on the progress of agricultural work in Klamath county.

WILSON'S NOTE PROVIDES BASIS OF SETTLEMENT

President's Communication to European Powers Said to Offer Ground for Adjudication of Adriatic Situation; Tone Is Firm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The position of the American government on the Adriatic settlement has been made so plain in President Wilson's reply to the Allied note that it is believed that the answer from the European powers will provide the basis for a final settlement of the question.

The President is understood to have made it perfectly clear that the United States cannot accept the settlement reached by the Allied premiers, as concurred in by Italy and made the subject of the ultimatum to Jugo-Slavia last month. It is also made clear that the enforcement in the Adriatic of the terms of the secret treaty of London, made before the United States entered the war, would be wholly unacceptable to this country.

BAPTIST PASTOR GOES TO CONFERENCE

Rev. W. B. Stewart, who is state supply pastor for the Baptist convention board and who has been supplying for the Emmanuel Baptist church in this city for a month, returned to McMinnville Saturday. From there he will go to Portland to attend the state pastors' training conference to be held in the First Baptist church in that city, March 3 to 5.

Rev. Mr. Stewart is doing splendid work in Oregon, supplying churches that are pastorless and placing pastor in such churches as soon as possible. He hopes to place a pastor in this field soon.

I. W. W. CONVICTED OF SYNDICALISM

MONTESANO, Feb. 20.—Eleven alleged I. W. W. members, charged with criminal syndicalism under the statutes of Washington, were found guilty in the court of Superior Judge Von Sheeko. Thirteen originally were charged, one being dismissed for lack of evidence, another because of illness preventing him from attending the trial. All the defendants were arrested in southern Washington shortly after the Centralia Armistice day shootings. The trial was held across the hall from Judge Wilson's court, where ten alleged I. W. W. are being tried for murder. The trials have been running concurrently.

Telegraph Tabloids

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The principle of universal military training as part of the nation's future military policy was approved by the House Military Committee today by a vote of 11 to 9.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Bolshevik forces have captured Archangel on the White Sea, according to a wireless from Moscow. The "Whites" have abandoned the town and their troops have joined the Bolsheviks, the message said. Bolshevik possession of the city would mean a material weakening of the Dvina line. On February 18th, the Bolsheviks were reported by the British war office to be seventy miles south of Archangel.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 20.—Before answering the last Allied note relative to the extradition of the former German Emperor, the Dutch government is expected to assure itself that the erstwhile monarch is willing to settle down for life at Doorn, and not disturb the world's peace further. It is understood he is willing to accept Doorn as a haven.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Wilson Welsh Adams, American Mine Superintendent, has been released by Mexican bandits and arrived safely at Saffillo, a telegram received today says. It is unknown whether a ransom was paid or whether troops made the rescue.