

PEARY DENIES COOK'S CLAIMS

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New York, Sept. 8.—The following dispatch was received here early today:

Indian Harbor, Labrador, by wireless via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 7.—To Melville E. Stone, Associated Press, New York.

I have mailed the news and stories to the north pole. This is authentic and correct.

Cook's story should not be taken too seriously. The two Eskimos who accompanied him say he went no distance north, and not out of sight of land. Other members of the tribe corroborate this story. (Signed)

COMMANDER ROBERT E. PEARY.

New York, Sept. 8.—A dispatch from Commander Peary, which was received by Herbert L. Bridgman in Brooklyn today gave some details of the explorer's return from Etah, told of the movements of Harry, Wilkes, the Arctic hunter of New Haven, Conn., and mentioned Dr. Cook. The message follows:

Indian Harbor, via Cape Ray, Sept. 8.—H. L. Bridgman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Food Whitney on board at Etah. Cook gone to Copenhagen. Met Gen. of Saunders Island Aug. 23. Concluded Northern Bay. Whitney went on board Jeanie. Parted company after 21th.

(Signed)

"PEARY."

The Jeanie is the Peary relief steamer which sailed from New York this summer to search for the explorer.

The text of Commander Peary's message to his wife was made public here today as follows:

"Delayed by ice. Don't worry about Cook. Eskimos say Cook never left sight of land. Tribe confirms. Meet me at Sydney."

(Signed)

"BERT."

Commander Peary's dispatch today from Indian Harbor to the Associated Press gives his first expression concerning the claim of Dr. Cook that he reached the north pole almost a year prior to Peary, on April 21, 1909.

Peary's latest telegram is hardly less reliable than his first announcement, which attracted the attention of the entire world, as it gives concrete facts to the leisurely and vaguely outlined scientific quarters on the authenticity of Dr. Cook's announcement and the question of priority in reaching the pole. At the same time it is the first expression of opinion from any one in a position to know the facts of the arctic region on which Dr. Cook's claims are based. It contains a direct statement that Cook never reached the pole at all.

The dispatch from Commander Peary is responsive to an inquiry sent by wireless telegraph to him at Indian Harbor, immediately following his first announcement. The first message from Peary received by the Associated Press was a 100-word telegram with startling suddenness that the most urgent measures were immediately taken to confirm its absolute authenticity. This was done and the message traced to its source and verified.

At the same time an urgent dispatch was immediately sent to Commander Peary by cable to Halifax, and thence to land lines and wireless to Indian Harbor, asking him for additional particulars and corroborative details, and informing him that "Dr. Cook arrived at Copenhagen, Sept. 4, claiming to have reached the pole on April 21, 1909."

This dispatch to Peary was sent within a few minutes of the receipt of Peary's first telegram announcing his achievement and it was evidently the first word received by the commander after coming within range of civilization that Dr. Cook had set up the claim of having first discovered the north pole. Cook's claim, therefore, embodies his views as first having the news that his announcement of the discovery of the north pole was disputed by Cook.

The attention of American and European audiences to be centered on the answer to Dr. Cook's lecture at Copenhagen last night when he had ample opportunity to substantiate his claims as received without the indication that he was accepted as conclusively correct. It is not believed that the increasing skepticism reflected from foreign capitals.

Commander Peary's reply, the Roosevelt, sailed from Indian Harbor at noon today for Seattle, Wash., and is expected tomorrow when it is expected to reach Seattle.

PEARY SAILS FOR SEATTLE, N. F.

Indian Harbor, Labrador, via Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 8.—Commander Robert E. Peary and his party sailed from here today for Seattle, Wash.

The Roosevelt arrived here Sunday night and has been detained until this morning by a heavy fog. On the arrival of the Roosevelt, Mr. Peary and Capt. Bartlett came ashore and personally filed the dispatches which were sent by wireless to the United States.

Commander Peary expressed gratification at his successful completion of his life's work in discovering the north pole. He and Capt. Bartlett appeared to be in the best physical condition.

The Roosevelt is unharmed from her long and arduous voyage through the ice packs of the polar sea.

When the Roosevelt stops at Red Bay, Labrador, to permit Commander Peary to file the details of his successful expedition, it is not believed that his interesting story can reach the outside world for at least three days.

RECEIVED FROM RED BAY, LABRADOR

received here from Red Bay, Labrador, Sept. 8.—The Roosevelt, bearing Commander Peary's north pole expedition, is short of fuel, having missed the supply ship sent from Newfoundland several weeks ago and she left Indian Harbor this morning going at the rate of about five knots an hour. The ship is battered and may be burning some of her woodwork for fuel.

CANT UNDERSTAND ENGLISH ATTACK ON COOK

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Herr Maschin, editor of the Berlin Geographical Institute and a member of the Dreyfus expedition, was interviewed today on the claims of Dr. Cook and Commander Peary each to have discovered the north pole. He said:

"Neither I nor most of the other German geographers can understand why the English scholars have attacked Cook. Hitherto it has not been the custom in scientific circles to attribute falsehoods to explorers returning from unknown regions. Most polar discoveries have been made by the explorer alone. Peary, Cook and Hansen reached the highest altitudes alone, or accompanied only by a few Eskimos. Their measurements were taken by one person and it is of little importance whether the bystanders were white men or Eskimos. The time of day would be in a position to testify the measurements."

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The reports telegraphed from Copenhagen up to this evening have no doubt regarding the correctness of Dr. Cook's narrative upon the points where a comparison with facts previously established is possible.

CALL ISSUED FOR PRIMARIES

For Election of Delegates to the Citizens' Party Convention Next Week

AT THE SALT LAKE THEATER

For the Nomination of Candidates For Mayor, Recorder and City Ticket Generally.

Call for primaries for choosing delegates to the Citizens' convention: Primaries for the election of delegates to the city convention to be held in the Salt Lake theater at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, for the nomination of candidates for mayor, recorder, auditor, treasurer and attorney, and the election of a city campaign committee, and also delegates to conventions in the respective municipal wards to be held on Friday evening, Sept. 17, for the nomination of two city councilmen and the election of ward campaign committees, will be held at 8 o'clock, at the following places opposite which is placed the representation to which each district is entitled at each convention:

FIRST MUNICIPAL WARD.

Dist. No. 1, 12 delegates, residence Thomas H. Woodbury, 1433 south Fourth East street; Dist. No. 14, 14 delegates, residence John A. Burr, 149 south Ninth East street; Dist. No. 16, delegates, residence Grayson Parry, 167 south Seventh East street; Dist. No. 4, 8 delegates, 524 east Seventh South street; Dist. No. 5, 15 delegates, residence W. H. Lavery, 432 east Seventh South street; Dist. No. 14 delegates, residence Ed. Stromness, 745 south Third East street; Dist. No. 9, 9 delegates, city and county building; Dist. No. 12, 12 delegates, residence M. Woodbury, 445 Third East street; Dist. No. 11, 12 delegates, residence H. J. Bywater, 412 east Fourth South street; Dist. No. 12, 11 delegates, place announced tomorrow; Dist. No. 13, 8 delegates, residence A. S. Reiser, 554 north Eighth East street; Dist. No. 14, 9 delegates, residence J. K. Keddington, 82 east Fifth South street; Dist. No. 9, 9 delegates, place announced tomorrow.

SECOND MUNICIPAL WARD.

Dist. 16, 16 delegates, Cottrell store, 176 West street; Dist. 17, 17 delegates, Twenty-sixth ward store, 366 south Fifth West street; Dist. 18, 18 delegates, basement, Fourth street; Dist. 19, 19 delegates, Fifth ward annex, Seventh South and Third West; Dist. 20, 11 delegates, residence Jon. Freeman, 64 south Third street; Dist. 21, 10 delegates, basement, Seventh ward hall, 114 west Fifth South street; Dist. 22, 13 delegates, Sixth ward annex, 434 south Third West street; Dist. 23, 4 delegates, Twenty-fifth ward hall, 424 south Eighth West street; Dist. 24, 3 delegates, residence H. Alma Reiser, 431 west Fourth South street; Dist. 25, 8 delegates, residence Myron Whitaker, 6 Whitaker court; Dist. 26, 8 delegates, 14 west Third South street; Dist. 27, 8 delegates, basement, Fourth street; Dist. 28, 10 delegates, residence W. S. Burton, 118 south Second West street; Dist. 29, 9 delegates, Fifteenth ward annex, 118 south Second West street; Dist. 30, 10 delegates, residence Isaac Hancock, 65 south Eighth West street.

THIRD MUNICIPAL WARD.

Dist. 31, 7 delegates, residence A. E. Hyde, 41 west North Temple street; Dist. 32, 10 delegates, hall, 271 west First North street; Dist. 33, 11 delegates, residence George L. Riser, 31, 245 north Fifth West street; Dist. 34, 8 delegates, residence C. Frank Emery, 38 Emory avenue; Dist. 35, 9 delegates, residence A. E. Carr, 235 Condit street; Dist. 36, 12 delegates, Twenty-second ward annex, 636 west Third North street; Dist. 37, 12 delegates, residence Langston, 537 north Sixth West street; Dist. 38, 3 delegates, residence C. M. Nelson, 30 Rosella avenue; Dist. 39, 5 delegates, Twenty-third ward hall, Cleveland avenue; Dist. 40, 12 delegates, Annexment hall, Wall and First West street.

FOURTH MUNICIPAL WARD.

Dist. 41, 12 delegates, Odson hall; Dist. 42, 12 delegates, Twentieth ward annex; Dist. 43, 15 delegates, 407 B St.; Dist. 44, 13 delegates, Murdoch's store, 79 1/2 street; Dist. 45, 14 delegates, 281 Fifth avenue; Dist. 46, 14 delegates, Twenty-first ward hall; Dist. 47, 10 delegates, 390 First avenue.

FIFTH MUNICIPAL WARD.

Dist. 48, 11 delegates, to be announced tomorrow; Dist. 49, 12 delegates, 815 East Second South street; Dist. 50, 13 delegates, Elevator, Dard street; Dist. 51, 12 delegates, Old Twelfth ward hall; Dist. 52, 13 delegates, 247 East First South street; Dist. 53, 11 delegates, 142 East Second South street; Dist. 54, 5 delegates, Farrington's office, 164 South State street.

CAPT. CODY ACHIEVES RECORD FLIGHT.

Aldershot, England, Sept. 8.—During a record flight at an early hour today, Capt. F. S. Cody, the American aviator, who has been in the service of the British army for several years, achieved what is believed to be the world's record for a cross-country flight in an aeroplane.

Capt. Cody remained in the air for 1 hour and 3 minutes, covering more than 40 miles. His machine was under perfect control, and at times flew at an altitude of 400 feet. It traveled occasionally at the rate of 50 miles an hour.

Cody had to land because his fuel gave out.

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HUGE BULK OF EVIDENCE.

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That the defense of the Pacific in the case instituted by the government against two of the leading members of the Harriman fraternity of railroads, charging that the merger of the lines named is in violation of the provisions of the interstate commerce act in that it stifles competition and is in restraint of trade, and asking that the merger be dissolved, will be an elaborate proceeding by the railroads for their answer, made up to date in the offices of the Oregon Short Line, a leading branch of one of the lines concerned, something like 15,000 pages of figures and statistics have been already compiled for presentation before the special examiner in charge of the hearings, and this represents perhaps only about two-thirds of the total mass of evidence to be marshaled by the Pacific roads.

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WORK OF MANY MONTHS.

For months past, in fact ever since the conclusion of the hearings on the merger suits which began in New York several intervals at Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis and early this year extended to Salt Lake City, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, the officials of the legal and statistical departments of the short line in this city have been working early and late compiling reports, statements of earnings, accounts of disbursements and operating expenses, comparative schedules of rates, etc., covering the period affected by the charges made by the government; and it is entirely probable from present indications that fully a month's work yet remains before all the facts and figures are collected. The next hearing, it is anticipated, will occur some time in October, when the side of the defense will have its saying.

Under the direction of trained experts practically the whole force of clerks in the auditing department of the short line have been working five days overtime every day in getting this evidence together. Every detail of history in connection with the case has been gone into; old files have been brought forth from their dusty places of repose and other records in the department of freight rates and passenger schedules, and the time the hearings are resumed next month, whether they be held in Salt Lake City or New York or Washington, the Harriman roads will be armed with their evidence and ready to present their side of the case.

AS TO RATES.

It was claimed that rates were fixed by the Harriman roads after the merger and that all other roads were completely done away with after the merger was effected. It was also alleged that the freight schedule prior to the merger between Omaha and Ogden was 100 hours, whereas at the time of taking the evidence, a schedule of 100 hours was in effect between the points named.

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LEUT. GEN. CORBIN DIES SUDDENLY

Had Undergone an Operation, Work of Surgeons Being Regarded as a Success.

HAD BEEN ILL FOR TWO YEARS—WAS DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SHOCKED.

Will Be Buried at Arlington.

New York, Sept. 8.—Lieut. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, U. S. A., retired, died in Roosevelt hospital in this city today after an operation for a renal disorder, Gen. Corbin would have been 67 years old in a few days. Mrs. Corbin and ex-Gov. Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, his personal friend, were at his bedside when death occurred.

Gen. Corbin had been ill for two years. Accompanied by Mrs. Corbin and his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Parsons of Ardsley, New York, he went to Carlsbad for treatment on June 12 last. The waters there appeared to have improved his condition after two weeks' stay, and he returned to England where his former trouble returned, and he went to Paris to consult with physicians there.

TROUBLE DEVELOPS.

The trouble developed more seriously while he was in Paris and he determined to return to America. J. G. Schindler of Cincinnati, who lived in Paris, and with Mrs. Corbin they sailed for New York on the steamer Rotterdam, which arrived here on Sunday last. The general was taken to the Hotel Marlborough in this city and Dr. Frank Edwards was summoned. The physician advised that Gen. Corbin be removed to the Roosevelt hospital, and he was taken there on Monday. The operation was performed Tuesday morning by Dr. Lucius Hotchkiss, the hospital surgeon, assisted by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Peck.

Ex-Gov. Herrick, who also was staying at the Marlborough, after an automobile trip to Magnolia, Mass., with the general, visited Mrs. Corbin in the arrangements for the general's removal to the hospital.

Following the operation, Gen. Corbin revived and the work of the surgeons was regarded as a success, but about midnight last night a weakness of the heart developed and death ensued a few hours later.

Gen. Corbin's body will be taken to his home at Highland, Chevy Chase, Md., Wednesday afternoon, and funeral arrangements will be made there. His burial will be in Arlington cemetery.

OFFICIALS SHOCKED.

Washington, Sept. 8.—War department officials were greatly surprised and shocked when informed of the death of Lieut. Gen. Henry C. Corbin. It was known that Gen. Corbin had not been well for some months, but that his illness was serious was not even considered.

During his service as adjutant general, Gen. Corbin was a conspicuous figure at the war department and in the social life of the national capital.

Gen. Corbin's first military service was as second lieutenant in the Eighty-third Ohio volunteer infantry, having enlisted July 28, 1862. He served in the war and with the army of the Cumberland, holding all grades from second lieutenant to colonel. He was brevetted brigadier-general of volunteers March 13, 1863.

HIS CAREER.

He entered the regular army May 11, 1868, as a second lieutenant of the Seventeenth infantry, and was promoted to lieutenant general on April 15, 1896. He retired September 15 of the same year. In recognition of "gallantry shown in the Spanish-American war," Congress, in June, 1900, conferred upon him the rank of major general. For eight years he served as adjutant-general of the army.

Gen. Corbin was a member of the Royal Legion.

He married Miss Edith Agnes Patten in 1901 and had his residence in this city.

Maj. William E. Horton, quartermaster, and Maj. Julius A. Penn of the Seventh infantry, who were Gen. Corbin's aides during the last active service he performed, were summoned to the funeral arrangements.

Gen. Corbin leaves three children by his first wife, Ruthford B. of this city, his only son, and his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Parsons of Ardsley, N. Y., and Grace Corbin, living in Wilmington, Ohio.

Only last year the beautiful Corbin home at Highland, adjoining Chevy Chase, in the suburbs of Washington, was completed and extensive entertainments had been planned for the coming season.

Gen. Corbin was in command of the Philippine division when he was appointed major general, having voluntarily relinquished the position of adjutant general of the army from a desire to wind up his military career by field service.

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Such is Dr. W. G. Lyle's Statement in Answer to Inquiries By Newspaper Men.

WILL GIVE OUT NO MORE NEWS

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Arden, Sept. 8.—A signed statement was obtained from Dr. Lyle at Arden house during the morning in line with his previous announcement. It read simply: "Mr. Harriman is better today."

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This statement was in reply to a note sent to Dr. Lyle by several newspaper men who drove to Arden house today. This note pointed out the fact that wild rumors regarding Mr. Harriman were still in circulation and previous statements from the house and offices of the Union Pacific have been unable to set them at rest. For this reason the newspaper men said that they would appreciate a direct and authoritative word from the physician.

REPORT MAY BE READY TONIGHT

Delegates Meeting Senate Committee Expect to Complete Their Work Tonight.

The delegates representing various irrigation projects who met at the Willson Hotel Monday and Tuesday, have not yet perfected their recommendations to the senate committee on reclamation, but there is another meeting this evening at which organization will be effected and some definite action decided upon.

The purpose of the gathering is to make suggestions, in a condensed form, to the senate committee, looking to changes and modifications in the present reclamation law. One change desired is to secure, for the settler, more time in which to pay the government fee water, at least two years after water is turned on to the land.

At last evening's meeting the temporary organization was formed as follows: Fulton H. Sears, president; Charles H. Bunker, secretary. The permanent organization will be effected this evening.

The delegates present, and the projects they represent, are as follows: Klappan—J. G. Stevenson and N. S. Merrill; North Platte—D. D. Davis and H. G. Stewart; Orland, Cal.—Frank S. Rogers; Strawberry valley—J. S. McBeth, J. M. Cross and J. L. Lytle; Garden City, Kan.—C. A. Schneider; Milk River—L. Newman; Williston, N. D.—D. M. Thomas; Truckee-Carson—Fulton H. Sears; Buford-Fremont—C. A. Whitman; Uncompahgre—W. E. Ober and John J. Tobin.

COMES TO ARRANGE FUNERAL

Mrs. George Klotz Arrives From Hyrum to View Body of Man.

Mrs. George Klotz arrived here from Hyrum this noon to make arrangements for the funeral of George Klotz, who died at a local hospital as the result of a fall from a horse yesterday afternoon, having left Cincinnati immediately upon receipt of the information of the attempted suicide.

A "News" reporter Mr. Hirsch said that the word of a distinct shock even though Louis had been known to have been in ill health and weakened condition for some time past.

For the past year or two, Mr. Hirsch said, "my brother Louis had been in bad health and it was with the hope that he would be benefited by a trip to the coast that my other brother, Samuel, and I sent him to Portland. We knew he brooded and was by nature melancholy, but we never thought for an instant that he would attempt to take his life. He was married twice, his first wife dying and his second leaving him, and this contributed to his despondency. I knew of no other cause of his, however. I will take his body back to Cincinnati for interment there."

Mr. Hirsch also stated that the deceased brother had never held a public office as had been stated, but that he had been devoted to commercial pursuits. The surviving brothers, Julius and Samuel, are engaged respectively in the liquor and wholesale cigar business in Cincinnati.

PIOCHE MINES CONSOLIDATED

The Nevada-Utah and Ohio-Kentucky Deal Consummated.

Pioche, Nev., Sept. 8.—There is great rejoicing here today over the announcement from New York that consolidation of the Nevada-Utah and Ohio-Kentucky mines here has been consummated. These mines are very valuable and capable of furnishing employment for many hundred men. It is understood plans will be made to erect a large milling plant at once and the expenditure of more than a quarter of a million dollars in equipment.

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CONDITION STILL GRAVE.

Edward H. Harriman's condition was not so grave today as to demand absolute quiet. Work was resumed today by the 200 men engaged in completing his magnificent estate at Tower Hill. The whistle of the steam engine about 200 yards from the sick man's chamber, which summoned these men to work, never blew a more welcome blast than that which sounded over the Rampage valley at 6:10 a. m.

This engine operates the steel cables that haul the cars of the incline railway connecting the house with the foot of the hill and the railroad. At 6:10, 6:25 and 6:47 it let off three blasts and shortly after the flat cars were seen creeping up the steep grade, as the alone masons resumed work on the masonry wall at 10 base.

There were few within sight of the lights that shone out over the valley from Arden house last night who did not believe that the master of all its magnificence lay gravely ill.

While Dr. Lyle did not talk with visitors late last night himself, he sent word that there was no occasion for a fresh bulletin because there had been no change in Mr. Harriman's condition since his announcement of his illness Sunday night. That statement included the assertion that Mr. Harriman was recovering and in no immediate danger.

A VERY SICK MAN.

No one, however, contradicted the belief that Mr. Harriman is a very sick man. Every employee on the estate who could talk today said that his condition is regarded by the family as extremely critical. Even if Mr. Harriman had not suffered the second relapse reported yesterday, this condition could easily be accounted for by the general state of his health and the attack of Sunday. There is no doubt that his vitality is very low. This fact in itself is enough to account for the anxiety displayed by all of Harriman's friends. A telephone call at 10 a. m. brought a statement from Mr. Harriman's house that there is nothing to announce at this time, but a statement would be issued from his New York offices some time today.

LOVETT AT ARDEN.

New York, Sept. 8.—Word was received at the Union Pacific offices from Mrs. Lovett this morning that he would not return from Arden in New York until this afternoon. Inquiries as to Mr. Harriman's condition were made and the statement that all such information must be obtained from Dr. Lyle.

RUNNING DOWN SLAYER OF MAY BELLE MILLMAN.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Sheriff Gaston and the police of the entire state started in with redoubled energy today to run down the slayer of May Belle Millman, whose headless, armless and legless body was found in Ecorse creek, Monday morning and whose head and limbs were recovered yesterday.

A clue today was furnished by Ernest and William Bucholtz, farmers, who a week ago Tuesday when on their way to market at 2 o'clock in the morning were passed by a motor car containing two men and a large bulgur bag. The bag was similar to that which contained the mutilated body and the machine was headed towards Ecorse creek. Another clue is that a young woman answering Miss Millman's description was seen near Ecorse creek last week in company with a Detroit man who formerly worked in Ann Arbor.

Drugging in Ecorse creek was continued today in the hope of finding some of the third victim's clothing and the lower portion of the abdomen which has not yet been recovered.

CALL ON NATIONAL BANKS.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for a statement of the business of national banks at the close of business on Sept. 1.

BP. HARRIS' WIFE DEAD.

Tokio, Sept. 8.—Mrs. Merriman Colburn Harris, wife of Bishop Harris, died of her home in this city. Mrs. Harris was the wife of Bishop Harris of the Methodist Episcopal church. He came to Japan for the first time in 1872, and has spent much time in the orient since then.

CROP REPORT.

Washington, Sept. 8.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture estimates the average condition of crops on Sept. 1 last as follows:

Corn, 74.8, compared with 73.1 last year; spring wheat, 55.8, as compared with 75.4 in 1908.