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SYMPATHIES

ARE WITH COOK

There is no mistaking the meaning of Commander Peary's proposal as to disproof of Dr. Cook's claim or that of Secretary Bridgeman's warning message to the commander not to give details until the two have met. It is evidently Peary's notion to get a long statement from Cook with a map and then proceed to tear it to pieces by finding petty flaws and contradictions in it. He has, of course, no plain "proof" as he has been intimating, but if he can get an elaborate account from Cook, who is confessedly no scientist, he will endeavor by the aid of his superior knowledge and perhaps of his learned friends, to cloud Dr. Cook's story with suspicion. Nor is Secretary Bridgeman's course much more edifying. He himself has said that Peary's story corroborates Cook's in important particulars, and he is evidently afraid that further details from Peary will operate to the same effect. This is not the generous, the manly, the ingenuous thing. It inspires the suspicion that Bridgeman hopes he and Peary can concoct some modification or omissions that will make the Peary report less confirmatory of Cook's exploit. It is sometimes said that we Americans are an unsentimental people, but this controversy reveals them in a contrary attitude; for the ungenerous and reckless words of Peary have seemingly driven almost the whole country to the hope that somehow he may be worsted in the final decision, even to the point of seeing his own claims set aside. The remarkable coincidences between the two accounts certainly put the burden of proof on Peary, and he has started out by prejudicing the jury against him.—Indianapolis Star.

Talk of Mr. Harriman's successor is idle. From Alexander to Caesar, from Caesar to Charlemagne, from Charlemagne to Napoleon, first to last, each to the other marks a grand division of history. The Alexanders and Caesars and Napoleons do not come more than one to the generation, even when the mills of the gods work overtime grinding out genius. Edward Henry Harriman was a class and one not likely to be soon repeated.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

They York Wall street speculators waited the death of Harriman manipulated things so that there was a ripple in the market when death was announced. On the hand, they managed to boost stocks that were thought likely to slump, and by so doing skinned a number of speculators who were not in on the game. Those Wall street sharks never lose an opportunity to make good and are always

on the alert for an opening.—Columbia City Post.

MAY BE PROMOTED.

Washington, Sept. 14.—A. L. Lawshe of Converse, Ind., third assistant postmaster general, is under consideration as assistant secretary of the treasury to succeed James B. Reynolds, who has been named as a member of the new tariff commission. Mr. Lawshe is desirous, it is understood, of making a change from his present position. President Taft knew Mr. Lawshe in the Philippines when the president was at the head of affairs and has been in New Mexico for his health since July and probably will remain during September.

WAS WELL KNOWN

Wilhelm Reichert, Prosperous Farmer of Monroe, is Dead

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Lived Here Many Years and Was Highly Respected—Funeral Tomorrow

Wilhelm Reichert, of south of Monroe, one of the best known farmers of this county, died yesterday at the home of his son Julius, after a long illness with Bright's disease. For a year past he has known that his days were numbered and the fact prepared him for the end. He was able to be about until a few days ago, when his illness took on an acute form and he slept away yesterday noon. Mr. Reichert came to this county many years ago and was an industrious man, accumulating a good share of this world's goods. He was very well known in this city. He is survived by one son Julius, four daughters, Mrs. Wetter of Allen county, Mrs. Berger and Mrs. Dilling of near here and Miss Louise, and two brothers, Charles Reichert of New York and Jacob Reichert of Virginia. The announcement of his death caused many expressions of sorrow in this city, for he was highly esteemed, by those who knew him and with whom he had dealt during the years he spent in this country. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning from the Reformed church at Berne.

ESTATE VARIOUSLY ESTIMATED

New York, Sept. 14.—Although it is confidently believed that the will of Edward H. Harriman was read to members of the family last night by ex-Judge Lovett and Charles A. Peabody, no intimation of its contents will be made public until it is filed for actual probate in a week or more. There is much speculation as to what the will contains and whether it intimates the amount of the Harriman estate, which has been variously estimated at from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. It was noted that J. P. Morgan did not attend the Harriman funeral yesterday, although it is known he went secretly to Arden house a week ago last Thursday and had a long conference with the dying man. At this conference it is said that Harriman urged Morgan to take over the management of his great system, believing that Morgan was the only financier in America capable of grasping the situation. Morgan is said to have agreed. Morgan was never a close personal friend of Harriman, and there is no significance in the fact that he did not go to the funeral. They were business foes or business friends as the occasion demanded, but their personal relations were never close.

Mrs. D. E. Studabaker and son David left this afternoon for Cincinnati, from where they will proceed to Staunton, Virginia, where David will enter the Staunton Military Academy, one of the best boys' schools of the east. Mrs. Studabaker will remain in the east a month or so, visiting a number of cities.

Among the other Decatur young people who will leave soon for college are Misses Bessie Boyers, who will go to Illinois next Saturday, Helen Niblick who goes to Ferry Hall and Harriet Morrison, who will spend the year in New York.

Many Children are Sickly

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

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Mrs. W. W. Ralston, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: "I have been raising chickens for fifty years and Bourbon Poultry Cure is the most satisfactory remedy I have ever used or chicken cholera and gapes. I would not be without it. Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp."

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Sold by all dealers.

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LET THE CONTRACT

Low Pressure Steam Heating Plant to Be Placed in the M. E. Church

BIDS ARE OPENED

P. J. Hyland Was the Low Bidder and Landed the Contract

The trustees of the Methodist church had a meeting last evening, and awarded the contract for a low pressure steam heating plant for the church. Three bids were submitted, they being Robert Spice, Fort Wayne, \$1,880.80; Laman & Lee, \$1,830; P. J. Hyland \$1,627. The contract was given to the lowest bidder, so P. J. Hyland will do the work, and has entered into contract for the completion of the job by the first of November. The plans were drawn by Oscar Hoffman, and are complete in every detail, and when complete will be a warm addition to the Methodist church. Mr. Hyland is a splendid contractor in this line of work, and will give them a complete heating system.

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