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FIERCE FIGHT FOR HONORS BETWEEN ARCTIC EXPLORERS

Controversy Taken Up by Friends of Cook and Peary And Bids Fair to Rival the Sampson-Schley Quarrel.

ROOSEVELT TO REACH CHATEAU THIS EVENING

Adverse Weather Delays the Return of Peary's Party—Foreign Criticism of Cook Is Growing.

(American News Service)
New York, Sept. 8.—Rivalling in its bitterness the controversy which was waged between the friends of Admiral Sampson and Admiral Schley over the battle of Santiago in the Spanish-American war, the dispute between the supporters of Commander Robert E. Peary and Dr. Frederick A. Cook was in full swing today. New allies were aligned on both sides and the dispute grew in its volume as well as its international importance.

With Dr. Cook in Copenhagen, proclaimed by the Danish people as the discoverer of the North Pole, feted by royalty, decorated with medals and acclaimed as the first to reach the coveted goal of the north, Commander Peary is enroute back to New York with reports of his supremacy.

In America and throughout Europe scientists have taken sides and in this controversy it has passed the stage of the retort courteous.

Savage Attack on Cook.
Commander Peary is said to make a savage attack on Dr. Cook in letters which are in the possession of his friends here. He charges that Cook took advantage of his preparations, appropriating dogs which had been trained and taking two Eskimos whom Peary had been teaching.

These letters do not indicate Peary's disbelief in Cook's claims. They strengthen the belief that Cook actually did discover the pole but at the expense of the commander.

A Rap at Peary.
Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic club of America and champion of Dr. Cook said:

"With all due respect to Commander Peary he has no patent on the Eskimos and he didn't invent the Arctic ocean so far as I know. Suppose Christopher Columbus had asked for a patent for crossing the Atlantic for himself and all his family until he had discovered all he wanted and was quite through with that same body of water, do you think that the science of geography would have advanced to any considerable extent?"

The Peary letters will be published later and will arouse to even greater fury the storm which now rages.

One document said to be in the hands of Mrs. Peary is said to give figures showing that Dr. Cook could not substantiate some of the claims he had made.

Charges of Bridgman.
Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, made the same charges.

"May be this is not the time nor place to intrude etiquette nor ethics, yet those who have followed Arctic matters don't forget that Peary made all this possible," said he today.

"The people should reserve their judgment until the facts are known. Eskimo had been trained by Peary, land explored and only an unlucky delay of contractors, for which he was in no way responsible, kept him at home in the summer of 1907."

"Everybody knew the facts; that his work was unfinished, postponed, and the fitting out of the Bradley, (Cook's ship) by stealth, equipped for inland and sea ice marches, while of course within the prescriptive rights of her owners invites remark among men who respect honor and fair play."

Peary's Plans Were Open.
"Peary's plans were all as open as the day, and all his countrymen knew that fifteen years of dauntless and undaunted work, in which he had accomplished many times more than all who had preceded him, were to be crowned by one final attempt."

"That his men, methods and reasoning should all be appropriated and the long-struggle finished before he had had his fair and final opportunity is a transaction upon which the American people will render their judgment when they know all the facts. And in the meantime the past is closed."

(American News Service)
London, Sept. 8.—Led by the press, doubt and criticism of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims are spreading. The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs "Cook is deceiving the whole world." He declares that Cook has not produced one particle of proof and statements upon which the story depends are repudiated by men of science. The royal Geographical society congratulates Peary and invites him to lecture before members of the oldest and most representative body of the kind in the world.

(American News Service)
St. John's, N. F. Sept. 8.—The Roosevelt with Peary and party aboard is

The Last Group Picture of E. H. Harriman and His Family



The most alarming reports are now coming from the sick bed of E. H. Harriman, and it is feared that the railroad king will not survive his last relapse. The picture shows, from left to right: Mrs. George A. Dixon, Miss Mary A. Harriman, Miss Carol A. Harriman, Albert Goelt, Mr. Averell Harriman, Dr. George A. Dixon (Mr. Harriman's family physician), E. H. Harriman and Mrs. Robert Goelt.

Peary Bitter Against His Rival; Cook Leaves the People to Judge

WHAT COOK SAYS.

(American News Service)
Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—"I am indifferent to Commander Peary's doubts regarding my discovery of the North Pole," declared Dr. Frederick A. Cook today.

"I would not degrade myself by answering Peary now, but will withhold my reply to the doubters until they are based on scientific data," continued the physician-explorer emphatically.

"I credit Commander Peary's claim that he reached the North Pole. My case is in the hands of the scientists and the world. The people shall be the judge."

According to the present arrangements Cook will leave tomorrow for Brussels where he will remain until Monday when he proceeds to Antwerp and boards the Danish steamer Oscar II, sailing direct to New York.

Dr. Cook today proudly wore the gold medal of the Royal Danish Geographical Society with which he was decorated in the presence of King Frederick. Although not expressing the thought it was apparent that Dr. Cook looked upon the medal as vindication of the harsh expressions made against him.

It was announced that the University of Copenhagen would make Cook an honorary professor of science to day.

WHAT PEARY SAYS.

(American News Service)
New York, Sept. 8.—The following dispatch was received in New York today from Peary:

"I have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the North Pole. This is authoritative and correct."

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

(Signed) "Robert E. Peary."

The message came from Indian Harbor, Labrador. It was sent by wireless by way of Cape Ray, N. F., and created a sensation upon its arrival.

Peary's message from Indian Harbor indicated that he had interviewed either the Esquimaux taken by Dr. Cook or others who knew of the progress Cook had made.

Arctic explorers and others who know of the Northland and its peoples felt sure before Peary's message was received that either Peary knew of Cook's progress or Cook knew of Peary's. Both were believed to have touched at Etah and roving bands of Esquimaux patrol the polar routes in a more or less desultory manner on their hunting trips.

off Battle Harbor. It is thought he will continue to Chateau, where he will arrive late this evening. He is making very slow time and has been delayed owing to adverse weather.

GEN. CORBIN IS DEAD

Veteran of Several Wars Fails To Survive Operation at Roosevelt Hospital.

WAS BORN IN OHIO IN 43.

(American News Service)
New York, Sept. 8.—General Henry Clay Corbin, a veteran of the Civil, Indian and Spanish American wars, is dead, following an operation at the Roosevelt hospital. He was born in Clement county, Ohio, in 1843. He enlisted in the army at nineteen and was with Garfield when he was shot. He was married to Miss Edith Patten in 1901.

Dr. Cook and Stepdaughter, Ruth Hunt



The great explorer's wife was a widow when he married, her first husband having been Dr. Willis H. Hunt, of Camden, N. J. When little Ruth was taken ill one night, Dr. Cook was summoned and it was then that the Dr. met Ruth's mother and following a brief courtship, married her in 1902.

AWAKENED TO FIND MAN IN BED ROOM

Unpleasant Experience of Miss Edith Hilbert, at Her Home Monday Night.

CRIES SCARED INTRUDER

QUICKLY LEFT WITHOUT TAKING JEWELRY WHICH LAY IN PLAIN SIGHT—MAN ENTERED THROUGH CELLAR WINDOW.

Upon awakening about 1 o'clock yesterday morning Miss Edith Hilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hilbert, 221 North Seventeenth street, was surprised to see a man standing at the foot of her bed. She screamed for aid and the intruder was frightened away. The unknown visitor made no effort at robbery, although he could have been remunerated for his visit by appropriating the jewelry lying on the dresser in the bed room.

The police have been informed of the intrusion of the unknown man, but have not made any arrests. It is doubtful if any will follow owing to the incomplete description which Miss Hilbert is able to give them. She was too frightened to notice details of his appearance.

Miss Hilbert did not awaken her parents by her calls for aid, but in the morning informed them of the unknown man's visit. An investigation showed that he had gained entrance by removing a cellar window and made his escape through the kitchen door.

Miss Hilbert's twin sister, Miss Edna, who was sleeping in the same room was awakened and both suffered greatly from the nervous shock of the affair.

Miss Hilbert said this morning that when she awakened she saw the dim outline of a man standing at the foot of the bed. She said her own and her sister's jewelry was lying on the dresser and in plain view of the intruder.

PARKER QUESTIONED

But County Commissioners Finally Decide to Grant Him Liquor License.

OTHER LICENSES AWARDED

Licenses to sell liquors were granted to Lewis Parker, Edward Roser, Frank Thompson and Albert Stauber, this afternoon by the county commissioners. In but one instance, that of Mr. Parker did the commissioners examine very closely to see whether his past record was such as to permit them granting the license. Several business men from North E street were called in as witnesses and after their examination the commissioners decided that there was no reason why Parker should not be given a license again.

DYNAMITE WAS USED

Attempt Made to Wreck the Citizens' Gas Company Plant at Indianapolis.

PEOPLE THROWN FROM BED

(American News Service)
Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8.—A deliberate attempt was made this morning to wreck the Citizens Gas Company plant. Two charges of dynamite placed against the iron supporting columns of the four-story steel coal bunker, exploded simultaneously. People in the building were thrown from their beds. Comparatively little damage was done. Different theories are advanced as to the motive, but it is believed to be labor trouble. The police and detectives are making a thorough investigation.

WILL HAVE TAG DAY

In order to enable the Associated Charities to raise funds for ensuing year, it was decided at the board meeting, at the Y. M. C. A. chapel yesterday afternoon, to set aside a day in the near future which will be known as Charity Day.

Stations will be placed in different prominent places of the city, where the collections will be received. It is probable that the contributors will be tagged or otherwise marked so that the general public can tell who has contributed.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Thursday with expectation of probable showers in north.

REPORTS INDICATE DEATH IS NEARING

E. H. Harriman at Last Seems To Have Met a Master He Cannot Conquer.

THREE DOCTORS ADDED

PLUCK AND WILL POWER ARE BEING RELIED ON BY FRIENDS OF FINANCIER TO PULL THE SICK MAN THROUGH.

(American News Service)
Arden, N. Y., Sept. 8.—E. H. Harriman is in a critical condition in his mansion upon the mountain top. Three additional doctors and two more nurses are in attendance today and some reports early today were to the effect that Mr. Harriman was dying.

A very close friend of the financier, who is in constant communication with the family at Tower Hill, today said:

"Mr. Harriman is dangerously sick. Dr. Lyle told me this much. I am in constant touch with the situation and knew early Sunday night of the relapse in Mr. Harriman's condition. I believe ultimately the man's pluck and will power will result in his recovery."

"The physicians tell me that acute indigestion often proves fatal even to persons possessing abundant vitality and in the case of a man like Harriman might result in grave consequences."

KNOCKS INDIVIDUALS

And Favors Corporations, Is Charge Made by Attorney Shiveley.

APPEARS BEFORE COUNCIL

Ray K. Shiveley appeared before the county council this morning and urged that it recommend an appropriation of \$27 from the county commissioners for the payment of James Clark, who constructed the Bertram bridge in Center township last winter. Consulting engineer Miller, of the county council, had recommended that the appropriation be not allowed, as he stated that Clark had not done additional work to the value of \$27 on the bridge as Clark claims. Mr. Shiveley said that the consulting engineer of the council was in the habit of "knocking" the efforts of individual bridge contractors, while approving of the work done by large corporations. The council refused to allow the appropriation.

JOHN OLER IS DEAD

John Oler, well known in this city and county, died this morning at his home, northeast of Williamsburg. He was about 75 years of age and is survived by several children and his wife. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

COEUR DE LION TO PICNIC.

Coeur de Lion lodge, Knights of Pythias will hold its annual picnic a week from next Sunday. The following committee is to have charge of the event: Richard Allen, Thos. Hayward and Harry Mills.

DELINQUENCY CHARGE.

An affidavit has been filed in the juvenile court against Mildred Clay for delinquency. An affidavit was also filed against Oliver Burden, also colored, for encouraging the delinquency of the child.

COUNTY COUNCIL KEEPS DOWN TAX BY PARING FREELY

Budget Published Some Time Ago Was Slashed and Rate For Coming Year Remains at 45 13-20 Cents.

APPROPRIATION FOR INSANE WARD IS REFUSED

Tax Ferret to Be Employed—Auditor Coe's Statement to Council Shows Financial Condition of County.

After making appropriations for the year 1910 which in the aggregate approximate very closely the appropriations for the present year, the Wayne county council adjourned at 11 o'clock this forenoon. The budget as published some time ago was slashed in some places and the total reductions were sufficient to enable council to pass a tax levy ordinance which provides for the same rate as last year, 45 13-20 cents on each \$100 valuation. That there was not an increase in the rate this year was due to the fact that the council eliminated from the budget the proposed appropriation of \$10,000 for an insane ward, the proposed appropriation for the purchase of voting machines and proposed appropriations for several bridges.

Dr. S. E. Smith, medical superintendent of Easthaven gave much information to the council in his address yesterday, and it was deemed wise not to make provision for the care of the insane in a special hospital at this time. Next summer if it shall be shown that there still is need for such an institution the suggestion of Dr. Smith that the county infirmary farm be the site, probably will be ratified and an appropriation made to carry out the plan.

\$12,000 For Tax Ferret.
The council appropriated \$12,000 for the employment of a tax ferret, \$2,000 to be available between now and January 1 and \$10,000 next year. This appropriation represents the percentage of the total collection of taxes on sequestered property which the ferret will receive. The county commissioners must make the contract.

The voting machine proposition met with divided opinion and the appropriation failed to carry by a vote of 4 to 2.

At a request of Walter Commons, president of the county council, County Auditor Coe submitted the following statement concerning the county's finances:

Statement by Auditor.
"To the Wayne County Council:
The county's indebtedness at the present time aggregates \$184,000 divided as follows:
Court house bonds \$100,000.00
Refunding bonds 60,000.00
School fund loan 24,000.00
\$184,000.00

"Considering the size of Wayne county, its assessed valuation and its general prosperous condition, the bonded indebtedness of the county is not heavy, in fact may be regarded as below the average in counties of equal importance. However, with the fixed expenses of the county at a high ebb and with little prospect of their being materially reduced but with every chance that they will grow in size as the county grows, the difficulty in keeping the county's tax levy down to the figures of recent years is obvious. The total rate last year for all county purposes was 45 13-20 cents and the aggregate appropriations as outlined yesterday in the original estimates reached a figure that the old levy would not have produced. The council, however, made reductions in many of these estimates and by so doing the total estimated expenditures for the fiscal year will be cared for by the old tax rate. The taxable valuation of Wayne county is approximately \$31,000,000 but in fixing a tax levy it would not be wise to base it on the full valuation. Allowance must be made for errors in valuations as certified and for delinquencies which figure to a considerable degree in calculating the net revenue of any county. Therefore by taking \$30,000,000 as the basis for a tax levy for the taxes for the next year the summary will be as follows:

Taxes for Next Year
Estimated expenses of county government which must be paid out of general county fund \$93,000.00
One court house bond of \$25,000 due Dec. 1, 1910... 25,000.00
Interest on total bonded indebtedness 7,700.00
Cost of free turnpike repairs 9,000.00
These expenditures will be cared for as follows:
General fund of county 31 3-20 cents; bond fund 8 1/2 cents; bond interest fund 2 cents; free gravel road repairs 3 cents; for bridge sinking fund 1 cent. Total county rate 45 13-20 cents.

"This makes the aggregate county rate precisely the same as it was last year and every source of expense conserved."

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ARGUMENTS MADE AND BASS CASE IS GIVEN TO JURORS

Crowd Packs Court Room to Suffocation and Eagerly Listen to Testimony, Part Of Which Was Repulsive.

SEVERAL WOMEN REMAIN THROUGH HEARING

Miss Bass on the Stand This Morning and Says She Gave Engelbert a Throwing He Will Remember.

Arguments were concluded this afternoon in the Bass assault and battery case in the city court and the case is now in the hands of the jury. The testimony of all the witnesses was heard yesterday afternoon and this morning, and a portion of the evidence was of a most repulsive nature. As usual, in such cases, there was a large crowd present and the small court room was packed to its utmost capacity. Conspicuous among the spectators was the number of women.

The jury in the case consists of the following: H. C. Haemeier, August Staflhorst, John Evans, George Moore, J. M. Elrod, Henry Highley, John Sittlo, William Schuerman, A. L. Gregg, Peter Birch, Henry Haner, J. M. Miller, and Mr. Ellis.

Wm. Bass Confused.
In cross examination this morning William C. Bass became greatly confused. He contradicted himself on several occasions. He admitted having borrowed a black snake whip for the purpose of using it on Arthur Engelbert, but asserted that he took no part in administering the punishment himself.

Ellsworth Bass was the next witness called this morning. He freely admitted that he had waited for Engelbert on the street, and threatened him with immediate punishment if he did not go home with him. He stated that he did not use force to make Engelbert comply with his request. On his arrival at his home, Bass alleged that he unceremoniously threw him into the house and called his sister, Isabelle. He also denied that he took part in the punishment of Engelbert, but stated that his sister did it all.

Miss Bass on Stand.
When Miss Isabelle Bass appeared on the witness stand there was a perceptible stir among the spectators, who leaned forward eagerly and drank in every word of the testimony. Miss Bass acknowledged whipping Engelbert with the blacksnake, but denied trying to bite him or pulling his hair. She said that on last Thursday night her brother, Ellsworth, brought Engelbert to the house. She stated that she asked Engelbert if it were true that he had been spreading reports about her, and upon being told by him that it was, immediately started in to give him a sound thrashing, "and one he would remember." She stated that she probably struck him with the blacksnake ten or twelve times. Miss Bass attempted to show her dramatic training too much to suit Mr. Jessup, who frequently had to tell her to simply state the facts to the jury in a plain manner of fact way. The witness declared that neither her father mother or brother struck Engelbert, but that she administered all the punishment.

Lured, Says Attorney Johnson.
Attorney Henry U. Johnson frequently interrupted the proceedings this morning by asking of Attorney Jessup what the defense was. In his argument to the jury Mr. Johnson dwelt at length on the brutality of the offense, and the fact that Engelbert was lured to the house by young Ellsworth Bass. He declared that all the parties involved were just as guilty as Miss Isabelle Bass, whether they took part in the punishment or not as they were all implicated in the matter. He stated that there could be no question as to the guilt of the parties and asked that the jury show no clemency. He dwelt on the extent of Engelbert's wounds and the fact that he was weakened from the effects of the brutal treatment that it was necessary for Ellsworth Bass to take him to his home. In closing, Mr. Johnson stated that Engelbert was partly to blame if he circulated the reports credited to him, but that it had come to a pretty pass when the law was taken into one's own hands and punishment administered in such a brutal way as was accorded Young Engelbert last Thursday night.

Wilfred Jessup, counsel for the defense, spoke this afternoon. Mr. Jessup did not attempt to prove that the defendants were not guilty, but argued for a small fine. He declared that he did not think Mrs. Bass should be fined at all and pleaded for the minimum fine to be imposed upon the others.

JORDAN STUDENTS FROLIC.

Whitewater, Ind., Sept. 8.—All the former students of County Superintendent Jordan will have a picnic in Graves' Grove east of town next Saturday, Sept. 11. There will be good speaking and plenty of games.