

WHITNEY GIVES OUT A STATEMENT

Tells Why He Did Not Return to the North and Bring Back Cook's Property From the Rocks.

PEARY KIND TO HIM

Dr. Cook Told Him His Secret About Finding the Pole and Pledged Him Not to Tell Rival.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The following dispatch has been received from Harry Whitney, the New Haven hunter, who arrived at St. John's N. F., by the schooner Jeanie, on his way home:

STEPHENVILLE CROSSING, N. F., Sept. 29.—So many questions are being asked of me by different papers that I desire to make the following statement: My reasons for not going back to Etah after Dr. Cook's things was that the engines of the Jeanie, one of the smallest boats that ever went to the Arctic, were not working satisfactory, and we were depending partly on sails, which, later, we had to do entirely. There was no reason why the Jeanie could have gone back, but not knowing that Dr. Cook's things left with me were of so much importance, as they have since turned out to be, I did not return.

In addition, I had promised the Eskimos, who were with me after musk oxen in Ellsmere Land, certain things which I expected on the ship coming for me, but they were not aboard the Jeanie, and I did not want to return and disappoint them. Another reason was that I wanted to prolong my hunting trip, which I was able to do by not going back, but by cutting across Smith Sound from North Star Bay and following the edge of the ice south.

I do not believe that either Cook or Commander Peary, if placed in my position, would have done any differently than I did, nor would they, having started south for civilization, have turned back. I had never seen Dr. Cook until I met him in the Arctic. He told me he had been to the north pole and I was pledged not to reveal the fact to Commander Peary, but I could say that he went further north than Peary in 1906.

Commander Peary to my knowledge knew absolutely nothing about what had been left with me by Dr. Cook, except that I mentioned instruments, clothes and furs and also a narwhal horn. Dr. Cook's belongings left in my charge were placed in boxes, which were nailed up. Then I saw the Eskimos cover them with rocks.

No one could have been kinder to me or shown me more consideration than Commander Peary while I was on the Roosevelt, and he said he would be glad to have me remain aboard and return with him, instead of joining the Jeanie.

(Signed) HARRY WHITNEY.

COL. MORRISON PASSES AWAY

Well Known Democratic Leader Was a Pioneer of Illinois and Well Known.

WATERLOO, Ill., Sept. 30.—Colonel William R. Morrison, a pioneer of Illinois and for years a leader in the democratic party died at his home here last night after a ten days' illness. Colonel Morrison, who was for many years a member of congress and author of the "horizontal tariff bill," had recently celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday. The occasion was observed by a large gathering of friends and influential politicians. He served for some years on the interstate commerce commission, having been appointed by President Cleveland, and frequently was mentioned for senatorial honors. He had been in comparatively good health up to two weeks ago. Despite his advanced age he was active and his mind was alert. His eyesight was his only failing faculty.

Broke the Record.

DES MOINES, Sept. 30.—The Polk county grand jury "busted" all records yesterday afternoon when it returned two indictments charging first degree murder, one against John Smeltzer, slayer of Detective Frank Delmege, and the other against Frank Webster, held for shooting and killing George Talburt. These, with the indictment for murder in the first degree returned Tuesday against Mrs. Nellie Taylor, makes three first degree murder true bills in two days, which the court house officials say breaks all records.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

Arrangements Made For the Big Baseball Event Between the Pittsburgs and Detroit.

OCTOBER 8TH TO 14TH

Three Games in Each City and List of Players Eligible Has Been Selected From the List.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 30.—After promulgating rules governing the championship series, the National Baseball commission vigorously criticized President Murphy, of the Chicago National league club, and imposed a fine of \$500 against the club as a penalty for Murphy's alleged attempt to "coax away" player Peffer from the Toronto team. The fine will be applied as damages in favor of the Toronto club. All rules heretofore adopted by the National and American leagues and the commission will apply to the championship series. The schedule provides for games at Pittsburg October 8, 9 and 13, and at Detroit or Philadelphia October 11, 12 and 14. The following players are declared eligible as participants in the championship games:

Pittsburg (National)—Abbaticchio, Abstein, Adams, Brandon, Byrne, Cammitz, Clark, Frock, Gibson, Hyatt, Leach, Leever, Leifield, Maddox, Miller, Moore, O'Connor, Phillips, Powell, Simon, Wagner, Willis, Wilson.

Detroit (American)—Beckendorf, Bush, Crawford, Cobb, Delehanty, Donevan, Jennings, Thomas, Jones, David, Jones, Killian, McIntire, Willets, Work, Moriarty, Mullin, Summers, O'Leary, Stanaaga, Schmidt.

President Heydler of the National league, selected as umpires from his league, J. E. Johnstone and William Klem. President Johnson, of the American League, selected as umpires from his league, Frank O'Loughlin and Wm. G. Evans.

BLACKHANDER MADE CONFESSION

Others Under Arrest Were Thrown Into a Panic When Tony Baffi Tells Court That He is Guilty.

COURT ROOM GUARDED

Fear of a Demonstration From Other Members of the Band Which Murdered a Rich Grocer.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The Italian alleged blackhanders who were about to be tried for murdering Felix Phillipelli, a rich grocer, because he refused to give them \$1,000 were thrown into a state of panic today when Tony Baffi, one of their number was brought into court, pleaded guilty and promised to turn states evidence. The plea created intense excitement in the court room and Baffi as he stood before the bar was surrounded by armed bailiffs ready to suppress any outbreaks. Baffi was evidently a victim of terror when he was taken before the court. He was persuaded to turn states evidence only after being promised that he would be closely guarded while testifying and would not have to appear in court excepting on the day he testified. Fearing that Italian blackhanders would make a demonstration in the court room, the guard was doubled.

Hobsonized Cook.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 30.—Cook spent a triumphant day here. At his lecture yesterday afternoon the applause was deafening. At the conclusion the whole house arose and cheered. Leaving the stage, three ladies embraced him. He drove through shouting crowds to his hotel, where he was welcomed before the convention of the state medical society, the doctors honoring their brother physician. Cook left at midnight for New York.

PEARY ASKS SOME MORE QUESTIONS

Believes That He Can Throw Dust in the Eyes of the People by Asking a Lot of Them.

THE FRIDAY PARADE

The Roosevelt Has Arrived at Sandy Hook and May Take Part in the Naval Parade Tomorrow.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 30.—Commander Peary is here today waiting word from New York, upon which will depend on whether he will take part in the celebration, or return to his Eagle Island home to await the public verdict on his Cook accusations, after they have been made public by the Peary Arctic club. Peary himself, says his New York trip will depend on whether or not the Roosevelt reaches that city in time for Friday's parade, but it is also likely that even should the Roosevelt arrive in New York in time, his presence will largely depend on the place to be assigned the boat in the parade. Peary's latest statement is a series of questions which he says he would like to have Cook answer. The are as follows:

The Questions.

What did Cook have on his sledges that they were so loaded down that he could not take his instruments along to Uppernavik? Why, if Cook could carry provisions for three, himself and two Eskimos, when he went on the northern ice, not to speak of his dogs, could he not carry everything on his sled for a week for one Eskimo and himself?

What did Whitney do with the flag Cook gave him?

How did Cook bind Whitney and Pritchard, if the latter figures in the subject, to absolute secrecy and yet allow Capt. Adams of the whaler Morning to mention Cook's claims of the discovery to Peary?

Peary's Ship.

SANDY HOOK, Sept. 30.—Peary's vessel, the Roosevelt, arrived here today from St. Johns, and dropped anchor in Sandy Hook bay to await orders from Peary. It is the expectation of her commander, Captain Bartlett, that he will be ordered to participate in the naval parade up the Hudson tomorrow.

Peary Goes to New York.

PORTLAND Sept. 30.—Satisfied apparently by advices from New York that the Roosevelt would be given a conspicuous place in the marine parade tomorrow, Commander Peary announced today that he would start for the metropolis this evening and would be on the bridge of his ship when she goes up the Hudson. Peary has so far inclined to make any further attacks on Cook. It is expected Mrs. Peary will go to New York with her husband and will probably be on the ship in the parade.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL BE USED

James Bryce Will Make the River Trip From St. Louis With President Taft.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30.—James Bryce, British ambassador to the United States has accepted the invitation to come to St. Louis October 25 and accompany Taft on his river trip to New Orleans. Further, according to a letter received by the secretary of the lakes to the gulf deep waterways association, the ambassador has suggested to his own nation that a British warship be sent to New Orleans to greet Taft when he arrives.

The St. Louis centennial is to be held next week and quite a number of Keokuk people who have relatives in that city, will attend. Not many will go however from this vicinity on account of the big celebration in Keokuk which offers a very splendid opportunity for an outing.

It is possible to get four different kinds of two cent stamps at the local postoffice at the present time, the Lincoln, Seattle and Hudson stamps all being on sale besides the regular issue.

There will be many strangers in Keokuk next week and likely some of them may be of a class that are not wanted. The public should take especial care during the week and guard against petty thefts. The city will provide extra special police during the week.

THE OFFICERS OF EIGHT NAVIES

Present at the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Banquet Last Night at the Hotel Astor.

TOASTMASTER SHERMAN

Addresses Were Made by the Vice President and Admirals of Germany and English Navy.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Vice President Sherman and Governor Hughes, the personal representative of the emperors of Germany and Japan, the diplomatic representatives of twenty-five nations, and special delegates from twenty-eight, banqueted last night at the Hotel Astor as the guests of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission. There were also present officers of eight navies, Senator Root, members of the New York legislature and officers of the city of New York. Vice President Sherman said:

"The dream of the northwest passage brought Hudson hither and led him to perish on the northern bay which bears his name. He did not find the way to the orient, but by his discovery commerce has been created, wealth developed and splendor exhibited beyond his most golden dreams, while civilization received a profit beyond all he desired from the short route between Europe and the Indies.

"The north star governed the whole career of Hudson. His farthest advance was indeed toward the pole, and the planting of our flag there by an American—it matters not be it one or two—marks the final goal. Old Glory floats at the extreme north, because Hudson gave this river to the white men. To the pledges of friendship and peace with our foreign governments extend by their presence, we for nearly a hundred million well wishers, return thanks, while we proclaim the assurances that our most earnest desire is for peace to all mankind, and the brotherhood of all nations, with justice everywhere supreme."

The speeches by German Admiral Von Koester and British Admiral Seymour both breathed peace.

Von Koester said: "Your feet recently accomplished a brilliant record unattained by any other. The German navy, from the emperor to the youngest officer, watched that cruise with the keenest interest. We express the sincerest congratulations on this proof of efficiency. It has proved that a mighty fleet does not object to peace, but it is a guarantee of it."

PRESIDENT TAFT AT EXPOSITION

Visited the Big Display at Seattle Today But He Did Not Shake Hands With the People.

REVIEW OF NATIONS

The President Called at the Philippine, Alaska, Japanese and Canadian Buildings of the Fair.

SEATTLE, Sept. 30.—The presidential program at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition began at 9:15 this morning, when Mr. Taft witnessed a review of all nations at the fair grounds. During the morning, he inspected the exhibits at the Philippine, Alaska, Japanese and Canadian buildings. He took lunch at the New York building and this afternoon delivered an address at the amphitheater. This evening he will be entertained at dinner by Governor Hayes of Washington. Remembering the McKinley tragedy at Buffalo, the President did not shake hands with the multitude at the ground this afternoon.

After several days of rather chilly weather, the atmosphere has become extremely pleasant. For a few days it began to look as though winter was arriving ahead of time.

ADD TWO MORE TO THE LIST

Automobile Wreck Takes a Couple of More Lives, Including an Eastern Newspaper Owner.

CARRYING A BALLOON

Car Was Bringing a Balloon Back to Town and Two of the Three Men Met Death on the Road.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Edward Baker, proprietor of the Mineola, Long Island, garage, and Parker Norton, owner of a newspaper, there, were killed early today in the wreck of an automobile in which they were bringing Lee Stevens' balloon back to Prugh's Corners from Hicksville. The chauffeur escaped with slight injuries. They had volunteered to follow the balloon which ascended from along the Hudson river late in the afternoon and to bring it back after the landing. The aeronaut and his companion, Dr. Lucas, were in another machine. When the party with the balloon failed to arrive at the hotel after the car bearing Stevens had arrived, they set out to search for them and found the machine wrecked against a telegraph pole. Near it lay the body of Baker with a broken neck and Norton with a fractured skull.

FOR A CHAIN OF DRUG STORES

Big Cigar Concern is Said to be Looking Toward Such a Scheme.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—It is reported that the United Cigar Stores Company is making preparations to enter the drug trade by operating a chain of stores under the name of the Lauer Drug Company. It is said that three stores in New York City have already been acquired, and it is expected to add to them until the company has a chain extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It is reported further that eventually the holdings of the Lauer Drug Company will be transferred to the United Chemists' Company, a \$20,000,000 corporation, which is said to have been incorporated by United Cigar Stores interests. William P. Posey, one of the vice presidents and a director of the United Cigar Stores Company, and Thomas R. Taylor, former comptroller of the United company, are vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively of the Lauer Drug Company.

ITALIAN WILD OVER INSULT

Was Thrust Away by a Sentry During the Aeroplane Exhibition.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Captain Alberta Triaca of the Italian army who alleges that he was maliciously thrust by a rifle in the hands of a sentry on Governor's island at the aeroplane exhibition, today threatened to bring charges. The captain is a personal friend of Curtiss. When he attempted to enter the aeroplane shed to get his overcoat, he says, sentries struck him in the chest without warning almost knocking him down.

As stated in this paper last evening, there is no law which prohibits the drawing of a check for less than \$1. In some manner the report got abroad that a check for a lesser amount could not be drawn but the government has put a stop to the rumor by declaring that a check for any amount can be issued—providing there is something back of it.

Farm work is about completed at the present time with the exception of the fall harvest of corn. Canteen and other melons are about ready to retire from the market and fruits are at the end of their string. The best part of the year is yet to come, for pumpkin pie season is coming.

Although the steamboat season is about closed, the owners of launches and other pleasure craft, have not made any preparations for putting their boats into winter quarters. The best part of the season is yet to come, for a ride on the Father of Waters on a lazy, hazy Indian summer day, cannot be excelled for real enjoyment.

Nauvoo Independent: Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany and son Harry Brinkman, Herman Meinberg, Arthur Foll, Rudolph Meinberg and wife, of Keokuk, spent Sunday with A. H. Meinberg and wife.

MOST POWERFUL WARSHIP AFLOAT

The British Monster Neptune Was Launched Today, the King's Sister Doing the Honors.

IS A GIANT OF POWER

Contains a Battery of Guns Which Can Empty Out Sixteen Thousand Pounds of Metal.

PORTSMOUTH, England, Sept. 30.—The Neptune, which completed, will be the most powerful warship afloat was launched from the docks here today by King Edward's sister, the Duchess of Albany, in the presence of a huge gathering of naval officers, politicians and society people. The launching was in great contrast to the launching of Germany's first super-dreadnaught at Hamburg last Saturday which was conducted with the utmost secrecy. The Neptune is expected to be capable of a speed of 35 knots. She will have a broadside fire of 10 twelve inch guns, throwing nearly 9,000 pounds of metal, with 8 more guns ahead and astern, throwing an additional 7,000 pounds. The ship's total length is 530 feet. The ship occupied by the Neptune will be immediately refilled by two new dreadnaughts. Four more will be commenced next year. According to the British Admiralty's information, the seven great maritime nations are spending on their armament at present \$614,000,000 annually. England ranks first with \$185,000,000, the United States second with \$143,000,000; Germany, France, Russia, Japan and Italy come next in that order.

Fell Over Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Sept. 30.—An unknown man, about 35 years old, jumped from the upper steel arch bridge into the Niagara and was drowned. The body appeared on the surface for an instance and then was lost to view.

WRIGHT FLYING FOR EMPRESS

Gave Her a Record Breaking Exhibition Today and Showed Her the Wonders of the Aeroplane.

SLIGHTLY CONFUSED

American Aviator Was Somewhat Embarrassed When Royalty Asked Him For Information.

BERLIN, Sept. 30.—In the presence of the Empress, Prince Oscar and several princesses today, Orville Wright made a record breaking aeroplane flight at Potsdam. He sent his machine aloft 833 feet. Before making the record flight Wright was received in audience by Empress Augustus Victoria who asked him to explain to her the mechanism of his aeroplane. The Empress and Princess then made their way to the aeroplane and Wright, slightly confused by the attention shown him, explained the various parts of the machine. After the flight, the Empress praised him warmly. The flight was one of the prettiest that Wright has ever made. The height he attained today is nearly 200 feet ahead of his previous records. Thousands watched the machine after it shot aloft and cheered the daring aviator.

—Harry Cleaver, son of Dr. Cleaver, a well known physician of Keokuk years ago, has just been made general manager of the Continental Oil Co., at Denver, the western department of the Standard Oil Co. The position is one of the most important ones in the commercial world.

—At the Elks club rooms last evening a luncheon was enjoyed by a number of the members. This is the regular Wednesday evening supper which will prevail during the coming months and is a social feature greatly enjoyed by the members.

ILLINOIS WANTS COMMISSION PLAN

Delegates From All of the Large Cities of the State Will Ask For Legislative Enactment of the Plan.

15 DELEGATES GATHER

Committee Appointed to Wait on the Governor and See if the Matter Cannot be Arranged.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 30.—Fifteen Illinois cities were represented by delegates at the convention held to promote the commission form of government. Other cities were represented by proxies and communications. The session boiled over with enthusiasm for three hours during which time many speeches were made. Resolutions were passed asking Governor Deneen to give the commission form of government his attention in the call to be issued for an extra session of the legislature. Representative Erickson was condemned for his action in blocking the measure in the house last spring, and a committee of seven was appointed personally to wait upon the governor in behalf of the movement for the new form of municipal government.

Delegates from Springfield, Decatur, Joliet, Rock Island, Moline, Chicago, Gillespie, Pekin, LaSalle, Peru, Ottawa, Freeport, Champaign, Rockford, Galesburg and Bloomington attended. While the speeches were being made the committee on resolutions, headed by George E. Greene, had formulated a set of resolutions to be presented to the governor. They were introduced and read. Though strong in their terms, they were unanimously adopted.

The convention appointed a delegation of seven, including the chairman and secretary, to go to Springfield and wait upon Governor Deneen in person. This delegation will attempt to see the chief executive next week.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 30.—Unprecedented cold weather in the valleys near this city has destroyed the corn crop. It is estimated that the loss will reach \$20,000,000. The thermometer this morning registered 2 degrees below the freezing point.

THE WEATHER.

Indications For Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Friday.
For Illinois: Fair tonight and Friday. Continued cool. Probably frost north portion tonight.
For Iowa: Fair tonight and Friday. Probably frost northeast portion tonight.
For Missouri: Fair tonight and Friday.

Weather Conditions.

Showers in the lake region and rising temperature in the eastern states has accompanied the movement of the center of low pressure from Minnesota to the lower lakes, and fair cooler weather in the upper Mississippi valley has followed as the high barometer from the Dakotas moved eastward.

The disturbance in Montana has disappeared, leaving a field of moderately low pressure in the mountain region, which is followed by a high barometer on the Pacific coast.

Over the southern states the weather continues fair and cool with moderately high pressure. Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Friday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage	Height	Change	Weather
St. Paul	14	3.6	-0.3 Clear
La Crosse	12	3.0	0.0 Clear
Davenport	15	3.0	0.0 Clear
Galland	8	1.7	-0.1
Keokuk	15	2.7	-0.1 Clear
St. Louis	30	6.8	-0.3 Clear

River Forecast. The River will continue to fall slowly.

Local Observations.

Sept. 29 7 p.m. 29.99 65 N Clear
30 7 a.m. 30.14 46 N Clear
River above low water of 1864 2 feet 7 tenths.

Change in 24 hours fall 1 tenth. Mean temperature, 62. Maximum temperature, 75. Minimum temperature, 50.

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