

GERMANS IN RACE TO COMPETE IN SOUTH POLE CONTEST.

Will Use Part of the Shackleton Route and Establish a Depot Upon It.

Berlin, March 5.—A German South Polar expedition virtually has been arranged by Lieutenant Fliedner, of the General Staff of the army, under the auspices of the Geographical Society.

Lieutenant Fliedner announced at a meeting of the society this evening that the expedition would start in October of this year. If the necessary funds were forthcoming, he said that it would take \$200,000 if two vessels were used and \$300,000 if they confined themselves to one vessel.

The plan is to send a vessel with provisions over the route followed by Lieutenant Shackleton and form a depot about the half way point to Shackleton's winter quarters. The regular expedition would start later from Weddell Land, on the opposite side of the pole, and make a dash across in an endeavor to reach the depot.

Dr. Penick, chairman of the Geographical Society, announced that an anonymous donor had given \$75,000 toward defraying the cost of the expedition, and Lieutenant Fliedner also had promised a further \$15,000, and it was hoped that they would be able to send two vessels, in order to save time.

Lieutenant Fliedner is a well known explorer and was one of the first to reach Lhasa, Tibet, in 1902 and 1905 he explored Turkestan and Persia. In an interview to-night he said: "I am prepared to start at any moment. Although I have not done any polar exploring and do not know any polar explorers personally, I fully believe in the practicability of the plan. I have obtained leave of absence from headquarters, and already many influential persons are interested in the scheme."

Dr. Otto Nordenskjöld, the Antarctic explorer, who was present at the meeting, also expressed the opinion that the plan was feasible.

Washington, March 5.—"The more the merrier" was the comment of Henry Gannett, president of the National Geographic Society, to-day, when he learned the news that the Germans had decided to enter the field for the honor of discovering the South Pole, thus making the race for that coveted point a three-cornered one instead of a two-sided affair, between the British and Americans.

Whether the Americans finally will be represented in the Antarctic race by a joint expedition of the Peary Arctic Club, of New York, and the National Geographic Society of Washington is dependent upon the result of a request made by the Geographic Society to its fifty-five thousand members for funds to make up the \$50,000 necessary as its share for the outfitting of the expedition. It was reported at the headquarters of the society to-day that the members of the society had made a good response to the call.

Some announcement as to whether the society will be able to undertake the joint expedition is expected during the coming week. President Gannett to-day expressed his gratification that the Germans had determined to send out an expedition, saying that the more scientists that went into the Antarctic, the more knowledge would be gained of that little known region.

The route laid out for the expedition of Lieutenant Ernest J. Shackleton, from which he returned a year ago, began in the ice pack which lay a thousand miles south of New Zealand and is five degrees of latitude wide. Crossing this to open water again, he planned to skirt South Victoria Land and finally reach the great ice barrier discovered by Sir James Ross, Mount Erebus, still an active volcano, toward the western end of this barrier, and at the eastern end, four hundred and fifty miles away, is the recently discovered King Edward VII Land. On this bit of solid ground, Shackleton planned to land his stores and equipment and then dash for the pole, laying out a line of provision depots on the way.

Actually, however, the ice prevented landing as he had planned, and he wintered instead at the foot of Mount Erebus. From there he made the dash that brought him within 11 miles of the South Pole.

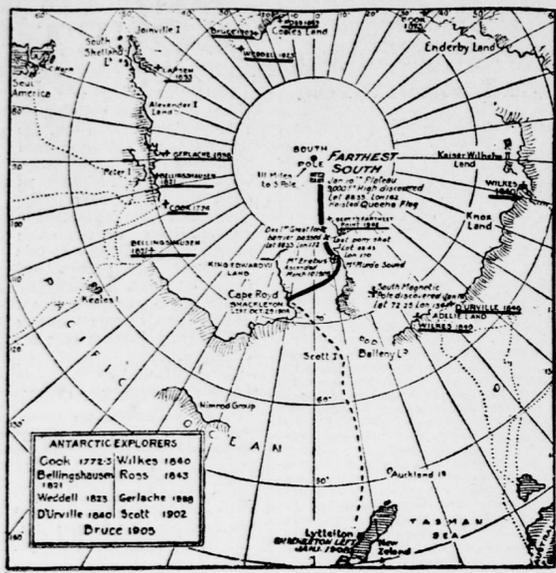
The expedition to be headed by Captain Robert E. Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, will pursue a route far to the east of that taken by the new English expedition under Captain Scott. Its main purpose will be to explore Wilkes Land. It is planned to start next fall and reach Cape Land about March, 1911. This is directly opposite the base of the British expedition. It is hoped by following this course to reach the pole by December 31, 1911. The American expedition will have the longer route, but possibly the easier one.

ZEPPELIN TRIP.

North Pole Expedition in Balloon to Begin on July 1.

Hamburg, March 5.—The Zeppelin North Pole Expedition Committee met here to-day under the presidency of Prince Henry of Prussia. Count Zeppelin, Professor Merz and Professor Leewald were among those present. The committee discussed the programme of the summer's work, which will be devoted to a preliminary expedition for the purpose of studying ice conditions. The government will be asked for the use of the exploring vessel Posidon for about two months.

The expedition will start for Spitzbergen July 1 on an excursion steamer, and there will transfer to the Posidon. A Norwegian steamer will be used for the purpose of forcing an entrance into the polar ice, and the expedition will return at the end of August. Apparently no airship will be taken for summer use.



LIEUTENANT SHACKLETON'S WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT

Map of the Antarctic regions, showing Lieutenant Shackleton's "Farthest South" record. Reproduced, by kind permission, from the "Daily Mail" of March 24.

The German expedition plans to establish a base of supplies half way to Lieutenant Shackleton's route and then, with the main expedition, make a dash from Weddell's Land (which is seen at the top of the map) to the pole and thence on to the supplies already mentioned.

CASES CLOG COURTS.

Nine Weeks Between Arrest and Trial in General Sessions.

With 123 more cases on the standing calendar of the Court of General Sessions at the end of the February term than at the beginning of the January term, the conviction of a criminal, from the time of his arrest until he is tried in the Criminal Court Building, takes now an average of nine weeks.

Although it is true that a number of old cases inherited from the former administration have gone to trial during the last two months, the records of the District Attorney's office show that the average time between the date of arrest and the date of trial in all of the cases disposed of during this period has been about nine weeks.

With the summer months approaching, during which only three judges of General Sessions usually sit, it is believed that District Attorney Whitman is facing a serious problem.

Some of the pressure will be relieved, undoubtedly, when the deputy assistant district attorneys proposed by him begin work in the magistrates' courts. It has been estimated by him that about two-thirds of the cases ordinarily sent to the grand jury and the Court of Special Sessions will be disposed of in the lower courts by this system.

GETS TRACY BOOKS.

Federal Judge's Decision Favors District Attorney.

Assistant District Attorney Buckner may retain the books of Tracy & Co. for use in the prosecution of the members of the firm who were indicted on charges of grand larceny on February 1. Judge Hand, in the United States Circuit Court, so decided yesterday. The concern failed for over \$1,000,000 on May 17 last. District Attorney Whitman's office had difficulty in getting the books for reference from the receiver, who later trustee in bankruptcy, and the indictments had to be found without them.

Howard Gans, the counsel for William W. Tracy, R. D. Covington and Frederick W. Parker, who composed the firm, wanted the books returned to him, and he and Mr. Buckner, representing Mr. Whitman, filed briefs with Judge Hand several days ago. The trustee, Edward G. Benedict, has possession of the books as an officer of the United States Circuit Court, and Mr. Buckner now has access to them. Judge Hand in his decision said:

"If the trustee proposed to show the books to trade rivals of the bankrupt so as to prejudice them in re-establishing themselves in business it clearly would be a wanton and illegal use of power. However, the trustee is an officer of this court, and this court cannot remain a disinterested spectator when the issue is one of the detection of crime."

There were stormy times at the offices of Tracy & Co. the day after the big failure was announced. The creditors were with difficulty restrained. Mr. Benedict was appointed receiver and an investigation was soon thereafter started, which resulted in the finding of the indictment last month. The charges are grand larceny of stocks and bonds.

THAT FREEDOM OF THE CITY.

No Alderman Has Nerve Enough to Force Payment for It.

Because no alderman has been found with sufficient nerve to introduce a resolution for the appropriation of \$240 to pay for engraving the elaborate document by which Dr. Frederick A. Cook received the freedom of the city, the firm that prepared it may have to sue. A representative of Malcolm & Hayes, of No. 492 Fifth avenue, was at the City Hall yesterday, and threatened to bring action unless the bill was settled soon.

There is nothing that will start trouble so soon in the Board of Aldermen as a mention of the royal welcome that the City Fathers gave to the alleged discoverer of the North Pole. It is not known whether or not Dr. Cook has the official document with him in his journey in the Andes. But he is welcome to get as much satisfaction as he can out of it. What the aldermen want to do is to forget the incident. They hate to face the laugh that will arise when they ask the city to pay \$240 for the honors they bestowed on the explorer.

INDIGNANT OVER ART.

Queens Gets Another Setback in Aesthetics.

Piqued and indignant at the action of the Municipal Art Commission, which has refused to permit a piece of statuary of their selection to be installed in Public School 68, Bergen and Rathjen avenues, Evergreen, in the Borough of Queens, the teachers connected with that school, who paid \$20 for the statue in a department store, would like to have the commission explain its position.

The statuary depicts a curly-headed, bare-footed, bare-legged boy, with legs crossed, and bending over, deeply engrossed in a book. When John Quincy Adams, secretary to the Municipal Art Commission, was approached in the matter he said it was the opinion of the commission that if statuary was to be placed in a public school then "something nice should be selected." Just what is meant by "something nice" is what the disappointed teachers of School 68 say they would like to know, but the best they can do under the circumstances now is to get a credit check from the department store and await developments.

Viewed from several different points, art is having a hard time these days in the Borough of Queens. Not so long ago the Topographical Bureau of the borough scandalized the church loving natives of the 2d Ward by renaming all its streets and avenues after ancient Greek and Roman gods and goddesses and graces and disgraces. Dido raved through one of the streets, while Pluto took up his reign in another. Bacchus made the thirsty ones on good old Horse Brook Lane sit up and take notice. Others of similar ilk held carnival in the streets of that village until the Rev. Edward J. McGuffey and other indignant citizens banded together and shooed the disgraceful band off the map.

The next attempt came when Alston T. Briggs, of the Queens Borough Public Library, returned from Europe with \$20 worth of prints of the old masters. What-

ever in the line of indignation remained dormant during the renaming of the streets now came to the surface with extra force. The Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Women's Purity League and the Mothers' Club combined and visited the station house. They informed Police Captain Gardinet that "those disgraceful objects" had to be removed forthwith from the walls of the public library, and they went.

CENTRAL EXPRESS CAR LOOTED.

Nearly One Thousand Packages Broken Open and Contents Scattered.

Rochester, March 5.—When train No. 27 on the New York Central reached Rochester at 6 o'clock this morning it was discovered that one of the ten American Express cars, a through car, had been looted. Nearly all of the one thousand packages had been broken open, their contents scattered. Just how much the robbers got will not be known until an inventory is taken at Buffalo.

The car was inspected here by H. C. Haycock, superintendent of the New York and Pennsylvania division of the express company, and Mr. Grobcock, station master of the company. The car looked as if a bomb had been exploded inside of it. Everything was in wildest disorder.

It is the belief of the express company officials that the robbery was the work of a gang, as one man could not have accomplished it in so thorough a manner in the time permitted. The gang evidently boarded the train at Utica, getting off at Syracuse.

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

Brockton, Mass., March 5.—Following a spirited campaign for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 14th District, William R. Bonham, publisher of "The Brockton Times," defeated his opponents in the party convention here to-day. Mr. Buchanan was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 74 votes to 38 for Judge Robert O. Harris, 17 for G. Wheatley and 3 for Elmer Curtis.

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