

PEARY GREET'S HIS WIFE AT SYDNEY

ARCTIC EXPLORER TELLS OF EVENTFUL TRIP

Believes That Eventually the North Pole Will Be Reached, and May Decide to Make Another Attempt

By Associated Press. SYDNEY, C. B., Nov. 23.—Flying the flag of the United States, which had been placed nearer the pole than any other national standard, and weather beaten and disabled, the Peary arctic steamer Roosevelt arrived here today under sail and steam after sixteen months' vain effort to reach the pole.

Though not entirely successful, the expedition nevertheless got to 87 degrees 6 minutes north latitude, or within 233 miles of the pole. The Roosevelt was soon visited by the American consul and various local officials, and an invitation was extended to Commander Peary on behalf of the Sydney board of trade to be the guest of the commercial body at a banquet in his honor tonight.

Commander Peary came ashore almost immediately after the steamer came to anchor and joined Mrs. Peary, who has been here for two weeks awaiting her husband's return.

When asked what he thought of the suggestion embodied in President Roosevelt's recent interview to the effect that Peary's latest experience served to strengthen the plan of reaching the pole by drifting from Bering sea, Commander Peary said he always believed there were great possibilities in the drifting theory for men of the temperament to stand imprisonment for several years in the ice. For his part he could not adapt himself to it.

Describes Gale Touching the outbreak of the gale which has unexpectedly come up in the Arctic and destroyed the ice bridge, Commander Peary said the prevailing wind was westerly in the Arctic region, but it was not always of the force of a gale. No person could anticipate the coming of a gale either in the Arctic region or elsewhere. He would not talk about the Wellman expedition plans, as he said he made it a point not to discuss the ideas of other explorers.

Plans for another expedition probably will soon be made. Dr. L. J. Wolf said the health of the party had been excellent. There were no deaths and practically no sickness. Dr. Wolf said that he had not the slightest doubt if the gale in the early part of March had not occurred the pole would have been reached without difficulty.

Dr. Wolf said the other members of the expedition intended to stay by the Roosevelt until she reached New York.

Stockholders Will Receive \$12,000,000

By Associated Press. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—By a decision of the supreme court today the stockholders of the Miller & Luxe company will receive annual dividends amounting to \$200,000 a year from 1902 to 1907, inclusive, a legal technicality having been removed which has kept the money from them.

The stock of the company amounts to \$2,000,000 and will now be divided among the stockholders.

Auto Causes a Runaway

SALINAS, Cal., Nov. 23.—Fenwick Lambert, son of a prominent and wealthy rancher of Corral de Tierra, while driving a high-spirited team toward Salinas, was thrown from his seat and fatally hurt. The horses became frightened at an automobile which approached without warning. Despite the fact that the people in the automobile saw the accident they did not stop. Lambert was found several hours afterward unconscious where he had fallen.

Flight Problem is Solved

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—At yesterday's session of the National Academy of Sciences convention Dr. Alexander Graham Bell of Washington, D. C., expressed the opinion that the problem of flight had been solved by Langley and his flying machine.

PEARY STARTS FOR NEW YORK

Commander Robert E. Peary of the Arctic steamer Roosevelt and party will leave tomorrow by rail for New York. They may stop for a day or two en route at Portland, Me. The Roosevelt will undergo temporary repairs here, a new crew will be signed and the steamer will sail next Tuesday for New York.

NYE SECURES POLITICAL PLUM

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 23.—Governor Pardee today appointed A. B. Nye to be state controller to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of State Controller E. P. Colgan, and Mr. Nye will enter upon his new duties tomorrow after filing his bonds and qualifying for the office.

A. B. Nye has filled the position of private secretary to Governor Pardee during the four years that the governor has ruled the office. With his appointment as state controller some changes will be made in the force of the governor's office.

J. A. Elston, who has been executive secretary to the governor, will be advanced to the position vacated by Mr. Nye and E. C. Twogood will be given the place of executive secretary. These changes will go into effect tomorrow when Mr. Nye steps out of the governor's office into that of state controller.

ENGINEER LOST LIFE IN FREIGHT WRECK

SONORA, Nov. 23.—Engineer William Stemm is dead and Conductor Bishop injured as the result of an accident near Camp 17 on the Hetch Hetchy railroad, the West Side Lumber company's narrow gauge railroad above Tuolumne.

At an early hour this morning engine No. 1, with Engineer Stemm and Conductor Bishop in the cab, was backing down to the water tank. It left the track, running against the bank. Bishop jumped, and bearing another train approaching ran back to flag it. Just as he did so he dropped to the ground in a faint.

Back near his engine was found the lifeless body of Engineer Stemm. His head had been crushed in. It is believed that in the engineer's attempt to get out of the cab his head was caught between the cab and the tank. Conductor Bishop's injuries are not thought to be serious.

Prosperity Arrives

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel company, today announces that the wages of the common laborers in the plants of the subsidiary companies of the United States Steel company will be increased 10 cents a day, beginning May 1 next. The wages of day and time labor will be adjusted accordingly.

Storm Interrupts Shipping

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—The heavy windstorm that has prevailed for the past three days continues, with the result that shipping has been considerably interrupted. The barkentine Arago, which was driven ashore near the Fulton Iron works last night, was towed off today by a tug. The Arago sustained no damage.

Quake Followed by Tidal Wave

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 23.—Alarming earthquake shocks in German New Guinea, the Bismarck archipelago, followed by tidal waves, causing much loss of life among natives, are reported by the steamer Mlowera from the South seas.

Effect was plain ashore, fissures being visible in the mountain. A tidal wave swept the low lying coast, devastating the country for forty miles.

QUAKE FOLLOWED BY TIDAL WAVE

MANY NATIVES LOSE THEIR LIVES AS A RESULT

Steamer Captain Reports Fissures in Mountains Two Hundred Feet Long and One Hundred Feet Deep

At Chissel Island, in Dampier straits, the tidal wave wrought great havoc, hardly a native house being left. Along the new Guinea coast Capt. Prejawa saw fissures in the mountain sides 200 feet long and 100 feet deep.

The only property damage was the German mission station. He was unable to obtain the loss of life, but thinks it is considerable.

OUR WOOD PRODUCTS GREATLY IN DEMAND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Practically the whole world is asking for American wood and its products, says the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor in a statement issued today.

The exports of this character have increased 33 per cent during the nine months of the present year over last year. During the nine months the value of these exports was \$53,000,000. This total is raised to \$61,000,000 by adding shipments from American ports to contiguous territory.

Ten years ago the total value of exports of this class was \$22,000,000. The bulk of the exports is classed as boards, planks and scantling, is furniture.

Fireman Meets Death in Head-on Collision

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 23.—Six engineers were injured, one of them fatally, three engines were wrecked and one baggage car was demolished in a head-on collision of the Colorado Midland railroad about midnight between two engines running light west. The wreck occurred at Helgate, 16 miles west of Leadville.

Fireman Victor Bigelow of the passenger train was killed. No passengers were badly hurt, though a number were severely shaken up. The wreck occurred at Helgate, 16 miles west of Leadville.

Rome Papers Comment on Caruso's Arrest

ROME, Nov. 23.—The local press has received long dispatches from New York concerning the trial of Signor Caruso.

It is recalled that several noted Italians have been unlucky in the United States. Mascagni, the composer, was arrested; Blond the sculptor, lost \$10,000, and now Caruso risks going to jail.

While the disappearance of "Mrs. Graham" is held to be significant the newspapers trust in the fair dealing of American justice.

Predicts War Between Uncle Sam and Japan

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 23.—The Novoe Vremya, which is continually raising the specter of a war between Japan and the United States, in a leading article today regarding the report of the Russo-Japanese war, said:

RELIEF FUNDS NOW TOTAL \$4,000,000

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—With \$4,000,000 still on hand to be devoted to the relief of the refugees, it is said that the relief committee has held several executive meetings to determine what shall be done with this money.

It is claimed that the directors of the relief work find that the need of relief has passed except in such cases as can be taken care of by the regular charity organizations.

Allan Pollak, it is said, is in favor of establishing a \$2,000,000 hospital with a part of the fund, while Herbert E. Law would turn the fund over to the regular charity organizations.

As the wishes of the donors of the relief funds may have to be consulted, no decision has as yet been arrived at by the relief committee.

CARUSO VERDICT SHOCKS SOCIETY

(Continued from Page One.) Kings and queens and princes and potentates, and in the private homes of the best people in this and other lands, must go into seclusion, disgraced and dishonored and with his great career blasted.

Deputy Mathot, in his closing argument, savagely attacked Caruso, declaring him to be a man of misfortune, unworthy of being received in any home and unfit to be associated with persons in decent society.

He warmly defended the New York police department, and declared that it was absurd to charge against the case against Caruso was "framed" by the police.

"The real reason Hannah Graham did not want to appear as a witness was not because she feared that she would be unable to substantiate the charge, but that she did not want to see a host of perverts as would have gathered—such persons as now fill this court room," said the deputy commissioner.

Hisses Sweep Court Room

Hisses swept the court room and the officers were forced to rap repeatedly before order was restored.

Mr. Mathot declared that the allegations which have been made against Cain and the police department by the defense was because Caruso and his friends had found it impossible to procure immunity by the use of money.

He said Caruso had never denied the charge against him, but that he had annoyed two young girls and had thrust upon them the most hateful indignities.

"I am here," and Mr. Mathot, "on behalf of my wives and daughters, to ask you if these rascals and sexual perverts shall be permitted to use our public highways and the parks for the prosecution of their bestial performances."

Archer Dittenehoeffer, counsel for Caruso, when informed of the verdict, said an appeal would be taken. The appeal will be heard before the justices of the court of special sessions, probably within a week.

In commenting on the verdict he said: "We consider the decision unjust and unwarranted by the evidence. At the earliest possible moment Caruso will take an appeal. It would have made no difference if Caruso had been fined \$500 or \$1,000. If Caruso were a guilty man he ought to have been more severely punished. If innocent he ought not to have been fined at all."

BLAMES THE LORD FOR EVIL DEEDS

NEW YORK MAN TELLS WHY HE STARTED FIRES

When Arrested Walter Finney Says He Received a Message from on High to Cleanse by Fire

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Walter E. Finney, 23 years old, who, the police declared, has informed them that he has a mission from the Lord to "cleanse and chastise by fire," was arrested today, charged with setting the series of fires which created consternation and did considerable damage in the vicinity of Twenty-third street and Eighth avenue early yesterday morning.

The police say Finney has confessed he set one of the fires and that he was present when several of the other houses were burning, and also at numerous fires in the upper west side within the past few weeks.

Finney was arrested in the hallway of a tenement house in Seventeenth street, near Eighth avenue, today. His strange antics had attracted the attention of a policeman, who followed him when he entered the hallway of the house.

The police declare that the man confessed to setting fire to the tenement house at 320 West Seventeenth street yesterday morning. He is quoted by the police as saying he was passing 320 West Seventeenth street when the Lord lit—ARTHUR FINNEY has confessed to him to cleanse and chastise by fire, he is said to have told the police, and piled a lot of paper against the gas jet and set fire to the place.

Finney lives with a widowed mother.

Deaths of the Day

James Tracy

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 23.—James Tracy of Bonita, who has been making his home with Charles Edwards, was found dead in his room this morning when a member of the family went to call him for breakfast. Death is supposed to have been caused by old age, as Tracy was 84, but an inquest will be held.

General Willard Warner

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Gen. Willard Warner, former United States senator from Alabama directly after the civil war, died suddenly today of old age. He was colonel of an Ohio regiment and later commanded a brigade in the Union army.

Howard L. Cronkhite

FREEROCK, Ill., Nov. 23.—Howard L. Cronkhite, at one time speaker of the Illinois house of representatives and widely known in political and Masonic circles throughout the west, died suddenly at his home today.

Alonzo B. Hamilton

SAN JOSE, Nov. 23.—Alonzo B. Hamilton, a prominent contractor and pioneer citizen of this place, dropped dead this evening of heart disease while talking to friends.

MOROSCO'S BURBANK THEATER

Special Matinee Monday, Nov. 26

The Greatest Theatrical Event of the Season

Annual Entertainment of the Los Angeles Press Club

Everybody who sees this marvellous fine performance, with its wonderful representation of the wheat pit of the Chicago market of trade, in an enthusiastic advertiser of the merits of this surpassingly excellent production.

Next Week's Fine Offering

Captain Courtesy

The Auditorium

Belasco Theater

Lambardi Grand Opera Co.

Orpheum Theater

Grand Opera House

Mason Opera House

The College Widow

Morosco's Burbank Theater

Hotchkiss Theater

People's Theater

Advertisement for The Talking Machine and The Pianola Piano, featuring Victor Zon-o-phone and Regina Queen. Includes images of a gramophone and a piano.

Advertisement for From Snow to Flowers, featuring Snowballing on Mt. Lowe. Includes details about the event and contact information for the Pacific Electric Railway.