

ENGBRIGHT TO FIGHT FOR PEARY

FINDS DATA TO SUPPORT EXPLORER'S FIGURES WILL COMPEL COMMITTEE TO ACT REGARDING AWARD

Alaskan Mail Carrier's Records Show Longer Daily Journeys Than Lieutenant Claimed in His Proofs

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Representative Engbright, Republican, of California, the only member of the house committee who favored bestowing congressional honors on Commander Peary without an inspection of the explorer's proofs, does not intend to let the matter rest.

He says he will compel the committee to vote definitely for or against a Peary award if in case the various bills for the Peary award are still before the committee.

Mr. Engbright has, by a thorough search of the record, dug up interesting data concerning the speed that can be made in Arctic travel. The principal point made against Peary in the committee is that he could not have made the speed which he claimed in his final dash for the pole. This speed was thirty miles a day in the journey to the pole, and fifty miles a day on his return trip.

A. D. Nash, a former government mail carrier in Alaska, is quoted by Mr. Engbright as making a 1400-mile trip from Dawson to Nome with dogs and sledges in twenty-six days, or fifty-four miles a day. A single trip by Mr. Nash from Candler Creek to Neulbuk, a distance of 102 miles, is said to have been made in seventeen hours, with mail and a woman passenger on the sledges.

An average of 121 miles a day is said to have been made by the winning dog team in the race of the Nome Kennel club of Alaska over a 412-mile course, the full time being 82 hours and 2 minutes.

Mr. Engbright says that Representative Macon, who made the chief attack on Mr. Peary's record, did not quote fully enough from Greely's record, which shows that Lockwood made sledge trips averaging thirty-one and one-half miles a day, instead of nine miles, as stated by Mr. Macon.

TO RECLAIM MESOPOTAMIA AT COST OF \$225,000,000

Turkish Government to Undertake a Huge Project That Will Make a Great Area Fertile

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The reclamation of Mesopotamia by irrigation, one of the most extensive undertakings of its kind ever attempted, is described in a report to the bureau of manufactures by Frederick Simpich, United States consul at Bagdad, Turkey.

The consul says that "if the plan should succeed only in part it promises to revolutionize commerce and shift trade balances and traffic in this part of the world."

Four thousand coolies and the necessary engineers are already at work on the initial projects in northern Mesopotamia, and agricultural benefits are expected to follow in two or three years.

About 12,500,000 acres of land are to be irrigated, the work to occupy six or seven years. The Turkish government has submitted figures which estimate the cost of reclamation of the land at \$18 an acre, and which fix the value of the land when reclaimed at \$15 per acre.

Wheat, barley and cotton can be grown upon the land, and the present population of 2,000,000 souls is expected to be greatly increased as the project progresses.

POLICE HUNT MAN WHOSE CHECKS WERE VALUELESS

Search Begins After Fresno Storekeepers Report Loss of Sums from \$75 Down

FRESNO, March 14.—The local police department is at work attempting to learn the whereabouts of J. M. Alexander, who is accused of having mulcted a number of stores in this city out of sums ranging from \$75 downward by tendering checks payable to himself and signed by a fictitious name.

The man's alleged transactions were brought to light this morning when his victims attempted to have the checks cashed at a local bank and found that the institution had no account with the person supposed to have signed the checks.

DEATH OF BROTHER-IN-LAW MAKES TAFT CANCEL TRIP

Will Not Make Proposed Visit to New York, but Will Carry Out Rest of Itinerary

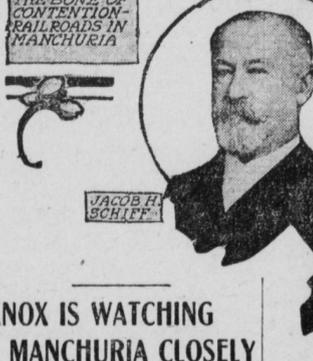
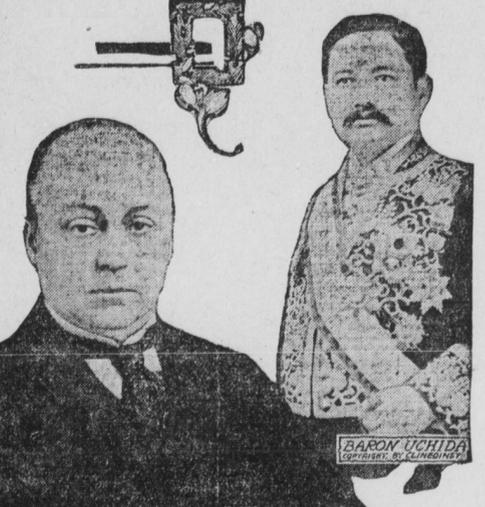
WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Taft returned at 8:45 this morning from Pittsburgh, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Thomas K. Laughlin.

The president today definitely decided to cancel his engagements in New York tomorrow afternoon and evening, and will leave here Wednesday for Chicago direct. He will carry out the itinerary for the remainder of the trip as heretofore planned.

TAFT FAVORS NEW ORLEANS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Taft today told a delegation of more than fifty prominent business men of New Orleans who came to the White House to interest him in the claims of that city for the proposed national exposition to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal that there was no city in the country that personally he would feel more in favor of than New Orleans.

Map of Manchuria and Prominent Men Who Figure in Oriental Problem



KNOX IS WATCHING MANCHURIA CLOSELY

SITUATION GIVING CONCERN DESPITE DENIALS

Secretary of State and Baron Uchida Have Held Frequent Conferences Over the Question

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Although it is denied in official quarters that there is any prospect of serious disagreement with Japan over the question of Manchuria, despite the vigorous warning of a great commercial struggle in the far east delivered by Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker, a few days ago, it is known that the matter of the United States commercial rights in Manchuria is giving grave concern to the government.

In plain terms it is asserted that Japan and Russia have reached an agreement to shut other nations out of Manchuria and to impair Chinese rights in the great province without regard to the open door principle formulated by Secretary Hay and agreed to by the powers.

The rejection by Japan and Russia of Secretary Knox's proposal that China construct a railroad across Manchuria in order to develop that country for foreign trade is considered evidence of an understanding between the two powers reached, of course, since their recent great war. Some years ago the United States sent to Manchuria cotton goods alone to the value of \$10,000,000 annually, but this trade has fallen off greatly. Manchuria is a very good country for wheat growing, and hopes have been entertained that the nations might find there a source of supply of breadstuffs when their own resources reached their limit.

Frequent conferences have been held at the state department between Secretary Knox and Baron Uchida, Japanese ambassador to the United States. At the head of the Japanese empire's negotiations with other countries is Baron Komura, minister for foreign affairs, who was formerly the mikado's envoy to this country.

CHINESE MILITARY PARTY COMING TO THIS COUNTRY

Expedition of Officers Will Visit the United States to Study Methods of Our Army

NEW YORK, March 14.—A cablegram received by a banker in the Wall Street district announces that the military expedition headed by Prince Tsai Tao, which is to visit the United States, will leave China early this week. The expedition was planned by the prince, who is a brother of the regent, for the purpose of studying military methods and organization in the United States, with a view of utilizing the information thus gained in the rehabilitation of the Chinese army.

EARLY VELLOINE, HERO OF LUMBERJACK TALES, KILLED

Quaint Character of the Canadian Camps Crushed to Death Beneath Rolling Logs

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., March 14.—Early Velloine, a French-Canadian lumberjack, whose quaint character has furnished the basis for several stories of life in the lumber camps, is dead here. He was killed while at work in a camp on White Face mountain.

A small snowslide, caused by the warm weather, struck a great pile of logs on the side of the mountain and sent them tumbling down to where Velloine was at work. He heard the thunder of their approach and looked up to see his danger, but found no escape.

LOSS IN JAMESTOWN FIRE IS \$800,000

Captain of Fire Police Killed by Falling Wall, and Three Other Men Seriously Injured

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., March 14.—Beginning Saturday night and ending this morning, Jamestown was visited by a series of the most costly fires it has ever had, resulting in a total loss of \$800,000, the death of one man and the serious injury of three others.

The buildings destroyed include the Gockey factory building, the Gockey business block, the new Sherman house, the Erie hall block and the J. F. Briggs block, all in the center of the city.

The flames spread so rapidly that they were soon beyond the control of the local department, and Buffalo was appealed to for aid.

John Hansen, captain of the fire police, was instantly killed by a falling wall. Alfred Shoemith suffered a fractured skull.

The falling of telegraph poles caught a number of persons in a network of wires. Both legs of George King, a fireman, were broken. Joel Ober was seriously injured.

In the Sherman hotel building were the Postal Telegraph company offices, the office of the Jamestown Street Railway company and the office of the Chautauque Traction company.

The Western Union Telegraph company's service was paralyzed, and the telephone service also was cut off.

JUDGE OUT OF BOND CASE BECAUSE HE IS TAXPAYER

Sturtevant Will Have Outside Jurist Hear Geary Street Railway Contest

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Judge Sturtevant today set next Friday as the time for the selection of an outside judge to hear a motion for making permanent the temporary injunction to prevent the sale of the bonds for the construction of the Geary street railway.

The selection of an outside judge was made necessary by the voluntary disqualification of Judge Sturtevant, who as a taxpayer holds himself to be an interested party.

DEMOCRATS WILL HONOR MEMORY OF CLEVELAND

Survivors of Former President's Cabinets Invited to Attend Commemoration of Birthday Anniversary

NEW YORK, March 14.—Grover Cleveland's birthday will be celebrated by the National Democratic club here March 18. A dinner will be given in the club house on Fifth avenue, and all the survivors of the Cleveland cabinets have been invited. The speakers include David R. Francis, Dr. Woodrow Wilson and Francis Lynde Stetson.

Adlai E. Stevenson, Richard Olney, John G. Carlisle, Hilary A. Herbert and Hoke Smith will be among those present.

Advertisement for Stewart's Quality Tailoring, featuring a man in a suit and the slogan 'Quality Counts'. It includes details about their modern methods, prices, and location at 321 W. Third St.

BOY BINNS FIGHT CURB ON WIRELESS

NEW YORK YOUNGSTERS TO PROTEST NEW BILL

Going to Washington to Tell Solons They Have No Right to Pass Law Restraining Experiment

NEW YORK, March 14.—Headed by Master W. E. G. Stokes Jr., a delegation of boy amateur wireless operators from New York will go to Washington this week to protest against the proposed legislation aiming to prevent amateurs from setting up instruments in a zone where the sending might interfere with government messages.

Master Stokes, 13 years old, is president of the Junior Wireless club, an organization of thirty boys who have become experts in wireless telegraphy.

A formal statement of their position prepared by the boys themselves and given out from the Stokes home on upper Broadway, was made public today.

"It is very wrong," says the statement, "for the wireless companies to ask congress to prevent studious American boys from competing for the millions and millions of dollars which will come to the persons who make the valuable discoveries in the future in wireless."

"They talk about interference by boys. What they need is skilled operators and up-to-date apparatus. Then they could cut out the interference without any of this small business of trying to put us boys out. Some day we will be men and our government will be glad to profit by the discoveries which we hope to make in perfecting the wireless system of today."

MITCHELL JOINS FIGHT FOR WORKINGMAN'S DAY OF REST

Says Excessive Toil Debases Whole World—Flays Corporations for Slave Driving Theory

NEW YORK, March 14.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, is one of the workers in a crusade for the stricter observance of Sundays which has just been started here.

Mr. Mitchell and his fellow crusaders aim to obtain for one workingman, no matter what his trade or business, one day of rest in seven.

"Corporations," said Mr. Mitchell, "are great believers in the saying that the devil finds some work for idle hands to do. They try to keep the workman at his bench on the theory that the more work he does the nobler he gets. But work in excess is debasing, and the world over it has been found that one day of rest elevates the moral tone of the men who toil."

It is estimated that more than 300,000 men in New York alone are compelled to labor on the Sabbath. Mr. Mitchell and his coworkers propose amendments to the state law which will remedy this condition.

TO PREVENT EXPLOSIONS IN MINES BY NEW PLAN

Coal Loosened by Water Does Away with Blasting—Experiments in Germany Successful

WASHINGTON, March 14.—A new method of preventing explosions of coal dust in mines has been tried with good results in some German mines, according to Richard Guenther, American consul at Frankfurt, Germany.

CHICAGO DIRTIER THAN EVER BEFORE, SAYS CITY OFFICIAL

Verdict Follows Century Run Through Streets in Auto by Mayor Busse and Party

CHICAGO, March 14.—Mayor Busse and a party of city officials made a century run in an automobile yesterday through the streets of Chicago for the purpose of seeking first-hand information regarding the conditions of the streets, with special reference to their safety and cleanliness.

The winter's accumulation of filth was found to be enormous, and Superintendent of Streets Fowler, after the tour was over, declared the task of clearing the city "almost insurmountable." He said:

"Never in the history of Chicago have its streets among the Indians with all the filth that has been piled up on them as they are now."

TO SAVE RED RACE

WASHINGTON, March 14.—To save the race from extinction, the bureau of Indian affairs is prosecuting its health campaign among the Indians with all the vigor possible. In furtherance of its crusade, Dr. Joseph A. Murphy, medical supervisor of the Indian service, has left Washington to investigate conditions on a number of reservations and in several Indian schools in the west and southwest, with particular reference to tuberculosis and trachoma.

RAMIREZ RELEASED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 14.—Col. Jose S. Ramirez, former director general of telegraphs and telephones, who was imprisoned some two weeks ago, following the charge that he had used the telegraph wires to further the political ends of the rebels, has been released by order of the government.

POPE APPOINTS COADJUTOR

ROME, March 14.—The pope today appointed Monsignor Thomas F. Lillis, bishop of Leavenworth, Kas., as coadjutor bishop of Kansas City with the right of succession.

SLIPS OFF ICE CAKE TO DEATH IN RIVER

Unidentified Woman Suicide May Have Been Wife of Albert Palucci of Detroit

DETROIT, March 14.—Albert Palucci, unidentified woman who met death after a terrible struggle early yesterday morning by slipping from a cake of ice into the Detroit river was his wife. He said his wife disappeared two weeks ago, and that she had frequently threatened to end her life by drowning. Her description answers the vague one of the woman who was last seen in the darkness crouching on the ice cake off Woodward avenue screaming for help.

Walter Hewlett, a negro on the ferry 1890 Washington avenue, believes an unidentified woman who met death after a terrible struggle early yesterday morning by slipping from a cake of ice into the Detroit river was his wife. He said his wife disappeared two weeks ago, and that she had frequently threatened to end her life by drowning. Her description answers the vague one of the woman who was last seen in the darkness crouching on the ice cake off Woodward avenue screaming for help.

The negro almost drowned before he was picked up by a boat towed from the Promis.

Advertisement for Sanborn, Vail & Co. featuring 'Favors for St. Patrick's and Easter' and 'THREE GRADE SYSTEM'.

Advertisement for men's clothing, featuring 'THREE GRADE SYSTEM' and 'MEN'S Soft Shirts, with or without collars, and pleated bosom effects in tan and blue colors; elegant goods, full length, gusseted throughout and regularly sold at 75c everywhere; extra special this week... 45c'.