

# KEEN RACE FOR THE SOUTH POLE

Contest Between England and America That Is Expected to Arouse the Sporting Blood of the Whole World

Each Expedition to Start Next Summer Practically at the Same Time and from Opposite Sides of the Pole

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.  
THE south pole may as well come and be discovered. The Americans and English are after it, and when both branches of the Anglo-Saxon race start out to do a thing there is nothing more to it. As Captain Robert F. Scott, the leader of the prospective British expedition, expressed it, he will stay two years if he does not discover the pole in one, will stay three years if he does not discover it in two, and added, "In fact, we shall jolly well stop there till the thing is done."

As for the American expedition, its commanding spirit will be Robert E. Peary, even though he is not to accompany it in person. It is Peary who plans it, Peary who turned over to it the \$10,000 given him in New York, Peary who donates it the use of the Roosevelt and Peary's companions in the discovery of the north pole who will make the expedition. Since Peary tried for the other end of the world for twenty-three years, it is unnecessary to say that the exploring party organized by him and animated by his spirit will also "jolly well stop there till the thing is done."

There have been few finer examples than that furnished by Commander Peary in this entire affair. His correspondence with Captain Scott to de-

Peary's fame will last. What could a rear admiral's title add to him?  
Bartlett Will Go.

Captain Robert A. Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt in its trip to the arctic and went nearer the north pole than any white man except Peary, has already resigned a good job to take his old station in the trip to the other end of the world. Before he had sent in his resignation his possible connection with the antarctic expedition was discussed with Commander Peary. "Will Bartlett go?" somebody asked. Peary paused in open mouthed astonishment. "Will Bartlett go?" he repeated musingly, as if to make sure that he had heard aright. "Bartlett will go. Nothing but a ball and chain and the bars of a state or federal prison could possibly keep Bartlett from going."

Some of the pictures of Captain Bartlett look almost human, but there are others that have a positively terrifying aspect. I recall one in particular in which he has a pipe in his mouth that would cause a stampede of polar bears. If he looked like that at his Eskimo dog team it is no wonder that the Peary party made quick time to the pole. The dogs would cover thirty or forty miles a day merely to get away.

pole is colder than that encountered by arctic explorers. Mountains and glaciers also make the going in the antarctic difficult. For all that, the discovery of the south pole should be less difficult than was that of the northern end of the world. There are no open leads and no drifting ice does, two of the obstacles that have defeated so many arctic explorers in their efforts to reach the north pole.

The route to be followed by the American party leading in from Weddell sea is also thought to be over the land, though next to nothing is actually known concerning it. A coast line has been discovered, and this is supposed to be the shore of the antarctic continent. It may, however, be only a shelf, with open sea beyond it. Again, it may lead to high and practically inaccessible mountain ranges. This uncertainty as to what the Americans may encounter would put the odds in favor of the British, since they will follow for most of the distance the course already traversed by Lieutenant Shackleton, just as Shackleton, in turn, kept close to the track made by Captain Scott in his first expedition 1901-4.

### Two Polar Dashes in 1911.

The Englishmen will go in from New Zealand and the Americans from Punta Arenas, on the southern extremity of South America. The start in each case will be made next summer. The seasons in the southern hemisphere are, of course, the exact reverse of ours, Christmas occurring in midsummer there and the 4th of July in midwinter. It is designed to go into winter quarters in 1911 and to make the actual polar dashes during the spring and summer of 1911-12. If successful the expeditions will then start home early in 1912. It is barely possible that news may be heard of one or both ventures before either reaches a cable station, as the British intend to take wireless apparatus and to establish wireless stations at their two bases, which will be approximately 500 miles apart. It is not impossible that these wireless stations could be utilized for communication with the outside world, although the distance will be very great.

Captain Robert Falcon Scott, the leader of the British expedition, was born in 1868 and has been in the navy since 1882. He served in various ships, becoming successively lieutenant, commander and captain, which last rank he has held since 1904. His first arctic expedition started in from Port Lyttelton, New Zealand, which will be the base of the new venture. Near the eightieth parallel a high ice barrier was found, but a long shift was made, a pass discovered, and an approach was pushed toward the pole, which stopped a few hundred miles short of the record made by Lieutenant Shackleton last year. It is not without interest that Shackleton gained his first antarctic experience as a member of this first Scott expedition. It is hardly probable that he will accompany the next one, as he is now busy writing a book, but either next summer or later may lead an expedition of his own. He will shortly visit America, where he is to be signally honored.

### Why Shackleton Turned Back.

Lieutenant Shackleton's account of the last days of his journey is thrilling, and as it describes conditions which will be met by the two expeditions now forming I subjoin a few extracts:  
The blizzard had done its work, however, and we recognized that we had about reached our limit. We got up at 2 a. m. and at 4 a. m. were away for a final march south, taking with us nothing but food, instruments and the queen's flag, with a bamboo rod for a staff.  
Half running, half walking, we made that last march, and at 9 a. m. in latitude 88 degrees 22 minutes we hoisted the union jack. We could do no more, for to go farther meant abandoning all hope of getting back to our depots.  
The pole, though only ninety-seven geographical miles away (111 statute miles), was impossible for us to attain. Before us stretched the same white plain over which we had traveled for many days. Our powerful Goertz glasses showed no signs of land, and we could safely assume that the geographic south pole was situated on this immense plateau, between 10,000 and 11,000 feet above sea level and certainly the coldest and one of the most stormy parts of the world. We took a photograph of the party, with the queen's flag blowing out in the icy wind but cut us to the bone, took a photograph of the plateau on behalf of his majesty and immediately began the march back to our camp, our faces once more turned north.

The leader of the American expedition will probably not be announced for some time. The most likely men for the post are Borup and McMillan, both of whom accompanied Peary in his north pole dash. Whoever is in command, Robert E. Peary will be the actual head. Under his guidance and inspiration we have a right to hope that, despite the handicaps against the

Americans, they will win the race and that the first flag raised at the south pole, as at the north, will be the stars and stripes.

### MUST ONE ALWAYS SMILE?

Here is a Plea for the Man Who Does Not Care to Wear a Perpetual Grin.

Is there no peace in the world for the man of serious mien? Must one smile, smile, smile from morning till night whether he feels like it or not? asks the Los Angeles Herald.

Faddists say the dinner-table joke is the best aid to digestion and promotes domestic peace. When dull care intrudes laugh it away. If your neighbor files to wrack because your cocker instead of chasing his fowls dissolves his anger with a smile. In short, keep on smiling.  
And now comes a new social disease which this panacea smile is guaranteed to cure. If a man had not already crystallized his features into a perpetual grin he is now advised to smile to prevent his committing suicide! This new doctrine is advanced by a writer in a medical publication.

"Play, smile and don't kill yourself," is the slogan in brief. The fat man who jokes with his fellows seldom desires to banish the natural process of shuffling off the mortal coil; the lean, underfed, playless man is the best patron of suicide pier. He never smiles; therefore he seeks death as a relief for his cheerlessness.

Let us harbor still a kind thought for the man who refuses to smile at society's behest. Not that anyone would discourage smiling; merely let us not make the poor fellow some little option as to when and how much he shall smile.

### Woman's Mining Claim.

Lady Sybil Grey recently accompanied her father, Earl Grey, governor general of the Dominion, on his trip to the Canadian arctic gold fields. Near Dawson City, the capital of the Klondike, she pegged out a claim for herself with all the prescribed legal formalities and christened it the Sybil. Her first panning out produced \$29 worth of gold, which she considered a very promising start. During the long arctic winter Lady Sybil is working her claim by deputy, but she says she will return next summer to supervise operations and examine results in person.

### Indian Days.

Marks of Indian days may be found under many old oak trees in southern California, particularly in the mountain districts. It is not uncommon to discover a large stone or boulder with one flat side showing a little above the surface of the ground and with a hole as large as a quart saucer in the center. In such holes the squaws crushed the acorns which were there ground into meal for food for the red men.

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# COLORING THE HENS

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR VIES WITH CORNELL IN TESTS WITH DYES.

MARON CHICKENS PRODUCED, WITH EGGS OF SAME HEN

Students at Chicago University Elated at Prospect of New Mascot for the Football Field—Other Advantages That They See in the Egg Coloring Experiments.

University of Chicago students figured out the other day some of the uses for "colored to order" hens and eggs and hailed with joy the announcement of Dr. Oscar Riddle of the zoology department that by feeding hens dyes mixed in their corn he can change the color of the hens themselves and of the eggs they produce.  
Still greater exultation prevailed when it was learned that maroon as a color may be made a success along the lines mapped out in the recent dispatch from Cornell University. Professors from Charles O. Whitman, head of the zoology department, down called the results of Dr. Riddle's experiments a great contribution to science.

### Maroon Ideas of Students.

The students consider the color discovery an even greater contribution to college spirit and hope that Professor Riddle will be made head of a specially created "egg coloring" department with a liberal endowment.

Here are some of the advantages which the students see are certain to result:  
Maroon eggs and those of the color of visiting college opponents would be just the thing at "purity banquets" before big football games.

On the gridiron a maroon hen certainly would prove an excellent mascot and drive the muleskin heroes to feats of daring.  
A maroon egg with every registration will increase the student enrollment at the university.  
Maroon eggs not so fresh would come in handy. It is thought, on the baseball field and on Mandel hall stage to be used at every bad play.

### Riddle Tells of His Hopes.

"Yes, it is possible to change the color of a hen's feathers and the color of the egg it lays by means of dyes in food," said Professor Riddle when told of the Cornell experiments. "I have been working along these lines and have had considerable success."  
"We have made these experiments for the last three years, and we find that eggs may be colored any tint we desire simply by placing dye in the food which we give the hen. For instance, if we want a purple egg we give the hen some purple dye in the cornmeal. The hen eats this, and a day or two later when she lays an egg we find a purple ring around the outer edge of the yolk. If we keep feeding her purple dye in the course of a week the yolk becomes a deep purple."  
"So far my experiments have not resulted in producing a maroon colored shell, but we shall come to that before long, I hope."

Dr. Riddle asserts that he is the first to conduct these experiments which resulted in the colored egg discovery, though the same ones have since been conducted in other university laboratories.

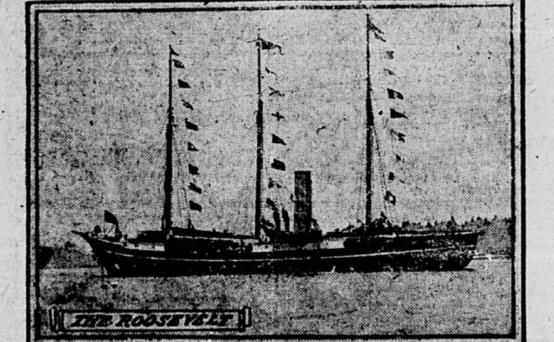
### CANNON'S NEW TITLE.

It's "Godfather of the Waters," and a Congressman Bestowed It.

"The godfather of the waters" was a new title bestowed upon Speaker Joseph G. Cannon by Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania in the house the other day.  
Representative Macon of Arkansas, "Democratic objector" of the house, had taken occasion to approve the appropriations for the Mississippi river contained in the pending bill. The Mississippi river was not only the Father of Waters, but the mother also, he declared, and for that reason he thought no objection should be made against its improvement.  
"If the Mississippi is the mother and father of the waters where does the speaker come in?" inquired Mr. Moore, who, answering his own question, suggested that Speaker Cannon should be known as "the god-father of the waters."

### Tea Plants.

Seven-year-old tea plants yield four ounces of leaves apiece, or 700 pounds of tea to the acre.



BRITISH EXPEDITION'S LEADER, THE AMERICAN PARTY'S SHIP WITH HER CAPTAIN AND MAN WHO HAS BEEN FARTHEST SOUTH.

termine if an American expedition would be acceptable to the British, who through the Shackleton and other explorations had established a prior claim in the antarctic field, revealed the instincts of the sportsman and an honorable regard for the feelings of others. Peary's donation of his \$10,000 gift and of the Roosevelt had a dramatic touch and exhibited unselfishness. This same unselfishness was displayed by his voluntary relinquishment of the honor of leading the expedition.

### Related Recognition.

Those of us who criticized Mr. Peary for his attacks on Dr. Cook should now be the more ready to render tribute to the true discoverer of the north pole. While personally not for long deceived by the Cook claims, I, like the majority of other newspaper men who wrote on the subject, regarded Peary's strictures on his rival as ungenerous and in bad taste. Subsequent events have to some extent justified him, or at least have shown his provocation. When one has worked twenty-three years for a certain thing and at last has attained it only to have some purveyor of fiction beat him to the cable office and claim the laurels—well, who wouldn't yell "Stop, thief!"

The last heard of Dr. Cook he was in South America, but he was not looking for the south pole. He has doubtless had enough of the polar proposition to last him the rest of his natural life. The doctor seems to be yearning for obscurity. Why not let him have it?

It is now Peary's turn. The house of representatives may not be willing to make him a rear admiral, but who should that disturb him? There are platoons of rear admirals, but only one pole discoverer. Who knows the names of six of our estimable rear admirals? Yet who in the circle of the nations has not heard of Peary? Some of these holders of toy titles and gilt shoulder straps get an inflated notion of such things. In the big world of real men and women what do they count for? What have they to do with the rest of the world?

The English-American race to the south pole will be a sporting event that will stir the world's blood. The two expeditions will start at opposite sides of the pole at practically the same time. Captain Scott will traverse the route already covered by Lieutenant Shackleton. The Peary party will go in from Weddell sea over a course uncharted and unknown. The English expedition will have motors, Siberian ponies and dogs. The Americans will depend on dogs alone. While the rivalry is to be entirely friendly, it will nevertheless be keen and should arouse the sporting blood of the two nations as not even the yacht races, the Derbies, the tennis and polo matches and other international contests have done.

It is not at all impossible that the betting fraternity will get into the game and big stakes be placed on the event. Commander Peary suggests that one exploring party might get to the pole only twenty-four hours ahead of the other, which would be a closer race than that to the cable lines when Dr. Cook broke out of the north only a week ahead of himself. There will be no Cook finish to this affair, however. The example of the Brooklyn explorer will prevent others from claiming to have discovered any pole whatsoever without sworn affidavits, diagrams and proofs that would convince the now skeptical University of Copenhagen. It will be impossible, however, for the discoverer of the south pole to "bring on his Eskimos" for the reason that no human beings live on the antarctic continent.

### Pole on a High Plateau.

The probability is that the south pole is on a plateau 10,000 feet in elevation and that both exploring parties will have an all land route. Shackleton found land all the way in his journey and when he reached his farthest south at 111 miles from the goal said that powerful fieldglasses revealed a continuing plateau as far as he could see. His elevation was then about 10,000 feet. Because of the altitude and for the reason that there is no sea water to modify the temperature, the snow surrounding the south

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Overdrafts .....	5,238.10
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,000.00
Banking House and Lot.....	17,000.00
Other Real Estate.....	4,930.00
Cash and Exchange.....	303,273.98
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,225,275.01</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock .....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	30,000.00
Undivided Profits, (net).....	44,255.01
Deposits.....	1,051,020.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,225,275.01</b>

The above is condensed from full detailed statement made to the Auditor of State and published in this paper Saturday, Feb. 19th, as required by law.

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**DEPOSITS**

Feb. 16, 1904.....	\$ 565,757.55
Feb. 16, 1905.....	635,112.16
Feb. 16, 1906.....	670,328.01
Feb. 16, 1907.....	782,974.03
Feb. 16, 1908.....	900,318.09
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