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THE WEATHER.  
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## NEGRO TELLS OF DASH TO POLE WITH PEARY

### Details of What Happened During Party's Stay of Thirty-six Hours on the Apex.

## FLAGS WERE HOISTED TWICE

### Shifting of Ice Probably Responsible for Change in Position Over Night—Commander Telegraphs His Wife That He Cannot Reach Sydney Until Latter Part of Week.

(By Associated Press.)  
BATTLE HARBOR, LABRADOR, by wireless from Cape Ray, Sept. 15.—"We hoisted the Stars and Stripes twice at the north pole," said Matthew Henson, Commander Peary's colored lieutenant and the only other civilized man, according to Peary, who ever reached the pole. Henson tonight gave to the Associated Press an account of the one night and two days he and Commander Peary and four Eskimau camped at ninety degrees north latitude. Henson personally assisted in raising the American flag and he led the Eskimau in the cheers and an extra cheer for old Glory in the Eskimau tongue.

"Having spent eighteen years with Commander Peary, and a considerable portion of that time in the Arctic," said Henson, "I have acquired a knowledge of dialect of the Greenland Eskimau who probably are superior to any other. As is commonly known to travelers in the far north, the Eskimau entertains a strange prejudice toward any tongue but one, and it is therefore necessary for successful dealing with them to study their unwritten language.

**Reached Pole Just Before Noon.**  
"We arrived at the pole just before noon, April 6, the party consisting of the commander, myself, four Eskimau and 36 dogs, divided into two detachments equal in number and headed respectively by Commander Peary and myself. We had left the last supporting party at 87 degrees 53 minutes, where we separated from Captain Bartlett, who was photographed by the commander.

"Captain Bartlett regretted that he did not have a British flag to erect on the ice at this spot so that the photographs might show this as the farthest north to which the banner of British had been advanced."

**Kept Personal Diary.**  
"I kept a personal diary during this historic dash across the field. Our first task on reaching the pole was to build two igloos, as the weather was hazy and prevented taking accurate observations to confirm the distance traveled from Cape Columbia. Having completed the snow house we had dinner, which included tea made on our alcohol stove and then retired to rest, thus sleeping one night at the north pole.

"The Arctic sun was shining when I awoke and found the commander already up. There was only wind enough to blow out the small flags. The ensigns were hoisted toward noon from tent poles and tied with fish lines.

"We had figured out the distance pretty closely and did not go beyond the pole. The flags were up about midday, April 7 and were not moved until late that evening. The haze had cleared away but we wanted some hours to take observations. We made three circles together.

**Position of Flags Moved.**  
"When we first raised the American flag our position was behind the igloos which, according to casual observations, was the position of the pole, but on taking subsequent observations the Star and Stripes was moved and placed 150 yards west of the first position, the difference in the observations being due perhaps to the moving ice.

"When the flag was placed Commander Peary explained in English: 'We will plant the Stars and Stripes at the north pole.' In the native language I proposed three cheers, which were given in the Eskimau's own tongue. The Eskimau danced about and showed great pleasure that the pole at last was reached."

Henson, who reached the farer north with Peary said that conditions were about the same at the pole as elsewhere in the Arctic circle. All was a solid sea of ice with a two foot lead of open water two miles from the pole.  
**Peary Talks Again.**  
Commander Peary conversed forth-

er today with the representative of the Associated Press regarding his journey to the north pole. He spoke particularly of the flags he raised at the pole and the records he left there, and he touched again on some of the assertions credited to Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

Commander Peary said that when he reached the pole the first flag to be thrown to the breeze was a silken American emblem presented to him by his wife. He had carried this flag on every one of his expeditions to the north leaving a piece of it at the highest point he attained. The last remnants were saved and left at the pole. The explorer then raised the navy ensign, the flag of the Navy League, then the flag of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and finally, a flag of peace.

**Evidently a Newspaper Report.**  
Commander Peary today received a cablegram asking him to make a statement regarding a report from a Danish source that he had posted a notice on the Greenland coast to the effect that Dr. Cook was dead, making this notice a pretext for the appropriation of Dr. Cook's supplies. The commander said that he knew nothing of this; that it evidently was a newspaper publication.

In referring to the reception being planned for him when he should reach home Commander Peary asked the Associated Press to publish the following statement:  
"From such fragmentary reports as I have received I am more touched, gratified and honored than I can say at the way the public has treated my work."

**Telegram to Mrs. Peary.**  
SYDNEY, N. S., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Robert E. Peary today received the following telegram from her husband at Battle Harbor, Labrador:  
"Cannot arrive before end of week."

## EXONERATES BALLINGER

### President Announces His Findings Upon Glavis' Charges.

## ONLY "SHREDS OF SUSPICION"

### Accusations of Dismissed Official Against Secretary of Interior Not Founded Upon Facts, According to Review of the Evidence.

(By Associated Press.)  
ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 15.—A statement in which President Taft announces his findings upon the charges against the conduct of the interior department of the government by L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, in connection with the Cunningham Coal land claims in Alaska, exonerating Secretary Ballinger of the interior department and observing that Mr. Glavis' case embraced only "shreds of suspicion without substantial evidence," was made public here tonight.

The President grants Secretary Ballinger's authority to dismiss Mr. Glavis from the services of the government "for unjustly impeaching the official integrity of his superior officer," and takes occasion to review evidence in the so-called "waterpower trust" and other cases, to refute the charges that the secretary of the interior is out of sympathy with the policy of the administration in favor of the conservation of natural resources.

## BECOMES PRINCESS BRANGANZA

**Miss Anita Stewart Weds Prince Migucl in Scotland.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
DINGWALL, SCOTLAND, Sept. 15. In the little Roman Catholic chapel of St. Lawrence at noon today Miss Anita Stewart, daughter of Mrs. James Henry Smith, of New York, became the bride of Prince Migucl of Branganza.

In addition to the evergreens and trailing lengths of smilax that festooned the interior, the chancel was banked with tall white lilies, lilies of the valley and palms, while the rustic altar that led to the altar were decorated with flowers.

**Census Work Begins April 1.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 15.—C. Ridgeway Moore received official notice from the census bureau yesterday afternoon that he had been appointed census supervisor for the Third congressional district of Virginia. The work of the office will begin April 1.

## EIGHT KILLED WHEN TRAINS COME TOGETHER

### Head-on Collision on Nashville & St. Louis Road Result of Forgotten Orders.

## BODIES OF VICTIMS CREMATED

### Many Passengers are Injured, But All of the Dead Were Members of Train Crews—Passenger Conductor Blamed for Accident—Cars Saved by Pushing Them Away From Flames.

(By Associated Press.)  
NASHVILLE, TENN., Sept. 15.—As the result of a head-on collision between passenger train No. 4 and fast freight No. 51 on the Nashville & St. Louis Railroad one mile west of Pegram station, Tenn., today, eight trainmen were killed, one seriously injured and fifteen passengers injured, two fatally perhaps. The car caught fire and several of the victims were cremated.

**The Dead.**  
William Morgan, Nashville; traveling engineer, body burned; Joseph Gower, Nashville, engineer on passenger train, body burned; Jesse Tarkington, engineer on freight body burned; Walter Roach, messenger, body burned; Samuel White, fireman, body burned; S. B. Walt, head brakeman; W. S. Stalecap, mail clerk, Martin, Tenn.; L. F. Bailey, mail clerk, Martin, Tenn., body burned.  
Ellis Martin, conductor on the freight was badly injured. Both engines were completely wrecked.

**Orders Overlooked.**  
The wreck was caused by the overlooking of orders. William Morgan, the traveling engineer, who was killed, was for years the private engineer of the late President J. W. Thomas, of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, and had just returned from a meeting of the Brotherhood Engineers at Denver.

**Wreckage Catches Fire.**  
The collision occurred about 8 o'clock this morning. The wreckage at once caught fire. The baggage, mail, express and smoking cars of the passenger train and several of the freight cars were burned. But one bag of mail was saved. Through the almost superhuman strength exerted by the passengers the three day coaches and the Pullman were pushed back from the fire and the equipment saved.

It is the general impression among passengers and trainmen that the fault was with the passenger crew, as orders to meet at Pegram had been issued and the wreck occurred west of that station.

**The Slightly Injured.**  
Among the slightly injured were: Captain T. Jobe, Burton, N. C.; William Lunsford, Peachtree, N. C.; W. L. Thomason, Peachtree, N. C.; R. W. Boyd, Alameda, N. C.; Mrs. Temple Lunsford, Murphy, N. C.; Mrs. A. C. Thomson, Murphy, N. C.; May Thomason, Murphy, N. C.

## "FREE SUNDAY" ABOARD AMERICAN WARSHIPS

### Acting Secretary Winthrop Issues Order Having Rest on Sabbath Day as Its Object.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—"Free Sunday" for so many years the hope of the jack tars in the navy is about to become a reality. Acting Secretary Winthrop has issued an order having this object in view. Its purpose is to reduce the work aboard ship on the Sabbath to a minimum consistent with requirements of the service to the end that that day may be generally observed as a day of rest.

Hereafter the commanding officer's inspection of ship and crew is not to be held on Sunday. Ship inspection is to be held on any other day most expedient, while the inspection of the crew will take place on Saturday before noon or as soon after the dinner hour as practicable.

**Staunton Election Postponed.**  
STAUNTON, VA., Sept. 15.—Argument in the local option election contest, which was to have begun this morning, has been postponed until Tuesday next owing to a number of the attorneys being now engaged in the supreme court.

**Divers Killed by Dynamite.**  
RAVENA, ITALY, Sept. 15.—Dynamite placed to destroy old masonry in the harbor failing to explode, today divers descended to investigate. The charge then exploded, killing three of them.

## TEAM POISONED, SAYS CHATTAHOOGA MANAGER

### Augusta Officers Declare Report is False and That Visitors Want to Win Without Playing.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHATTAHOOGA, TENN., Sept. 15.—A telephone message received by the Times tonight from Johnny Dobbs, manager of the Chattanooga baseball team, says that the members of his team were poisoned today while playing in Augusta.

All the men who drank from a bucket of water are ill. Two men who did not drink the water escaped. Meeks the star catcher is confined to his bed with a doctor in attendance.

**Emphatic Denials at Augusta.**  
AUGUSTA, GA., Sept. 15.—The statement made tonight by members of the Chattanooga team that they had been drugged or poisoned at the ball park this afternoon, is branded by both manager Castro and Secretary Parr of the local club as false. They both claim that it is another statement of Manager Dobbs, of Chattanooga, to try to win the pennant without playing for it.

The ball game was completed at about 6 o'clock and there was no talk of anyone of the team being ill until 8 o'clock which was two hours afterwards. The only man who is said to be ill is Catcher Meeks, who is manager Dobbs' right hand man.

A Curtis, a baseball writer who is here, stated tonight that he drank the water and had felt no ill effects. He said that other members of the Chattanooga team had felt no bad effects.

**Just Outplayed Them.**  
Manager Castro said: "It is all false. We have just outplayed these fellows from Chattanooga and they are trying every possible way to get public favor."

Secretary Parr said: "Chattanooga knows that we will win if the games are played and they are using every effort possible to prevent the playing of the games. We don't have to drug 'em."

## GIRL'S PARENTS BELIEVE SHE MET WITH FOUL PLAY

### Finding of Telephone Operator's Body in River Gives Dover, Ohio, Police Mystery to Solve.

(By Associated Press.)  
DOVER, OHIO, Sept. 15.—Police are searching tonight for an unidentified girl who met Miss Florence Weber, 20 years old, whose body was found in the Tuscarawas river today, shortly after she left the home of her uncle Samuel Weber Monday night in response to a telephone message. Relatives say the message came from a woman. Miss Weber is supposed to have met her death Monday night.

Until tonight the relatives of the girl believed she left the vicinity of her uncle's home alone.

Mrs. Catherine Keuleber, however, informed the police she saw the girls meet soon after Miss Weber left the house. Mrs. Keuleber, who is well acquainted here, says the girl Miss Weber met was a stranger. She gave the police a good description of her. Mrs. Keuleber told the police she believes the Weber girl has been morose for several days. On September 5th she says she went to the Maple Grove cemetery and there found Miss Weber. The girl was seated in the center of the graveyard, crying. None of the relatives or friends of the girl have died recently or are buried in the cemetery.

The theory that Miss Weber committed suicide was strengthened tonight when Corner Roming reported that there were no bruises on the girl's body.

Miss Weber's parents insist that the girl met with foul play.

Miss Weber was employed here as a telephone operator. She worked in Cleveland from June 1 to August 1 this year in a similar capacity.

## PRESIDENT TAFT ON HIS WAY TO CHICAGO

### First Important Stop in 13,000-Mile Tour Will be Made at Windy City Today.

## ELABORATE WELCOME IS PLANNED

### Thousands of School Children Will Line the Streets—Governor Hughes Greets Distinguished Tourist at Albany—Vice-president's Call Cut Short—Speechmaking Begins.

(By Associated Press.)  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 15.—After traversing today the two great states of Massachusetts and New York, President Taft tonight is skirting the southern shores of Lake Erie on his way to Chicago where he will arrive at 1:30 a. m., tomorrow to make his first important stop of a 13,000-mile tour of the west and south.

Wherever the train stopped today on its run from Boston there were large crowds at the railway stations and the President was greeted with enthusiastic cheering. The day was typical of many that are to come and the President was prevailed upon to make a number of five minute speeches from the rear platform of his car at points not included in the itinerary. In Massachusetts Mr. Taft spoke at Worcester, Springfield and Pittsfield.

**Greeted by Governor Hughes.**  
Entering New York state he was greeted at Albany by Governor Charles E. Hughes, and both made little talks to the depot throng, which cheered the state and federal executives with equal enthusiasm.

President Taft was in rare good humor today. He seemed thoroughly happy that the journey toward which he has been looking for several months had at last begun. He thanked those who came to greet him in the different cities and said he believed that the long and arduous trip would bring him into closer touch with the people than any other plan which could be devised.

Mr. Taft said that the more he could see of the country and the people during his term of office; the better President he would make. President Taft and Governor Hughes are pronounced admirers of each other and their meetings always are characterized by many exchanges of grateful and earnest compliments.

**Compliments Exchanged.**  
Today President Taft told of the splendid work Governor Hughes had done for him and the governor replied that the President could never call upon him in vain.

Starting from Boston a little after 10 o'clock this morning the President headed straight for the west. It was his fifty-second birthday and he received many congratulations and messages of good will. At Pittsfield some admirers fairly filled the President's car with flowers. The throng, which lined the way from the hotel to the station in Boston was but a forerunner of those encountered along the way.

Even at places where the President's train did not stop there were many to wave him a greeting.

**Running on Slow Schedule.**  
The President set a precedent today for the trip by electing to run on a slow schedule. The New York Central Enns surrounded the train with every precaution for its safety.

There always were three men on the engine and prominent representatives of the traffic department were aboard.

Vice-president Sherman made a vain effort to see the President at Utica, N. Y. Sherman's home city. It was not known that the vice-president was at home or would be at the station. The train stopped about 20 seconds for orders.

**Mr. Sherman Leaves Hurriedly.**  
Mr. Sherman clambered aboard the rear end and was making his way toward the President's room when the conductor, not knowing the vice-president was aboard, gave the signal to go ahead. Mr. Sherman shouted to one of the attaches that he was not able to go on to Syracuse and hepped off.

He left behind, however, a five pound box of candy as a birthday present.

the train at 11:15 a. m. into the arms of a numerous reception committee until midnight when he retires to his private car every minute will be turned to account. For an hour and a half an automobile will carry him slowly through a gauntlet of 150,000 people and parochial school pupils lining miles of boulevards and carrying small American flags.

The review of the pupils will terminate at the congress hotel where the President will make an informal address to his hosts, the Commercial Club. During the afternoon the President will witness a baseball game between the New York and Chicago clubs of the National league. He will be the guest of the Hamilton Club at an informal dinner after which he will address a mass meeting at Orchestra Hall.

At 11 p. m. he will attend the ball of the American Bankers Association and at midnight will be escorted to his train and will leave for Milwaukee.

## BRIDEGROOM PERJURER SENTENCED TO PRISON

### Maryland Man Who Swore Falsely to Age of Sweetheart Gets Four Years.

(By Associated Press.)  
BALTIMORE, MD., Sept. 15.—For swearing falsely to the age of his sweetheart in order to secure a marriage license, William Moore was today sentenced to four years in the penitentiary by Judge William H. Forsythe, Jr., at Ellicott City, Md. Moore obtained a license to marry Elizabeth Saylor, of this city, representing that she was 18 years of age when in fact she was scarcely 15.

The pair were married August 9 and later went to the home of the girl's mother. The latter, instead of receiving the youthful couple with a parental blessing had the bridegroom arrested. His trial and conviction followed. It was thought the matter might be compromised but Mrs. Saylor, the girl's mother, was obstinate and is said to have insisted that the law be executed. She also is endeavoring to have the marriage annulled.

## STRIKERS GO OUT AGAIN

### Employes of Pressed Steel Car Co. Allege Breach of Faith.

## IMPORTED FOREMEN RETAINED

### Between Three and Four Thousand Men Quietly Disperse and Walk Home—Company Will Discharge Imported Workmen.

(By Associated Press.)  
PITTSBURGH, PA., Sept. 15.—The car workers strike at the plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company, in Schoenville, which was thought settled on Wednesday of last week after costing nine lives and heavy financial loss began anew today when between 2,000 and 4,000 employes of the car works walked from their work and quietly dispersed to their homes.

The workmen now allege the car company officials have broken faith with them regarding the discharging of imported bosses brought here during the recent eight weeks' labor disputes.

**Will Discharge Imported Men.**  
Late today it was announced by the car plant officials that they will discharge what imported workmen are now in the plant and keep their plant running. Tonight there are fifty deputy sheriffs on guard at the car plant. Little or no trouble is anticipated however, and it is believed that tomorrow noon the car works will again be in full operation.

**Surprise at Washington.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 16.—The news of the renewal of the strike of the Pressed Steel Car Company workmen and the shutting down of that plant caused great surprise here.

The mediation board, which consists of Dr. Charles P. Neill, the commissioner of labor, and Judge Martin A. Knapp, the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission probably will be called on to use their efforts in the direction of adjusting the situation at McKees' Rocks.

The mediation board and the department of justice would be the only two departments of the government likely to be drawn into the matter.

Commissioner Neill returned here only last week from the zone of the strike and then regarded the strike settled.

He, however, left several federal agents in the vicinity to keep in touch with the conditions and developments.

## PENNSYLVANIA PRISON IN HORRIBLE CONDITION

### Federal Authorities Determine to Remove United States Prisoners Immediately.

## RESULT OF NEWSPAPER CRITICISM

### Investigation of Report by Department of Justice Reveals Unheard of Methods in Conducting Western Penitentiary and That One Fourth of All Inmates Have Tuberculosis.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—Conditions at the western penitentiary of Pennsylvania have been found so distressing and intolerant as to require the immediate removal of all federal prisoners whose transfer is practicable and to require the most serious consideration of the proper authorities. This is disclosed in the report of C. H. McGlasson, of the department of prisons and prisoners, to the attorney general.

At the direction of the attorney general Wade Ellis, acting head of the department of justice made known today the results of the investigation which Mr. McGlasson conducted following the reports published by the newspapers several weeks ago criticizing the conditions at the prison.

"The population on the first of this month was 1,201," says Mr. Ellis in his statement. "Of this number more than half are at all times idle, and more than half are confined two in a cell.

**Tuberculosis Rampant.**  
The cells are unusually small and the cots take almost the entire length of each, the room for moving about being a space eight feet long and eighteen inches wide. There are more than three hundred prisoners suffering from tuberculosis and seventy nine cells are now occupied by those showing advanced stages of this disease. The prison is filled with vermin of all kinds, although the officials are making an effort to eradicate them.

An unusually large number of prisoners are of the lowest possible character, mentally and morally, and there is but one general mess provided for all. Almost universal complaint is made about the quality of food served, especially the meats.

**Governor Not Blamed.**  
"The attorney general does not, of course, assume that these unfortunate conditions are known either to the governor of Pennsylvania or other authorities having immediate control of penal institutions in that state," continued Mr. Ellis.

"There are 21 federal prisoners confined at the western penitentiary of Pennsylvania. All of these who can be immediately transferred, except those whose terms will shortly expire, will be removed at once to Atlanta or Leavenworth.

**No Comment at Pittsburg.**  
PITTSBURGH, PA., Sept. 15.—Comment or official statements concerning the report of Prison Inspector McGlasson, of Washington, on conditions of the Western penitentiary of Pennsylvania were unobtainable tonight. From authoritative sources it was learned, however, that cramped conditions prevail at the riverside institution.

An effort was made during the past session for the legislature to secure an appropriation for a tuberculosis hospital for the prison, but the measure failed of passage.

**Explanation of Idleness.**  
It is said that many of the prisoners now incarcerated in the big prison are idle. In explanation of this statement it is pointed out that a state law prohibits the employing of more than a certain percentage of the prisoners at any of the state penal institutions. Warden Francis referred all questioners to the attorney general's office in Washington, saying that neither now or in the future would he make comment concerning conditions in the institutions under his direction.

## WANTED IN MANY CITIES.

Norfolk Police Have Man Who Has Been Posing as Army Officer.  
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—Donald C. Thompson, who has been posing as an army officer, and who is now in the hands of the Norfolk police, is also wanted by the police in many large cities throughout the country.

The war department has received charges against Thompson from firms in Detroit and New York. These were filed with others received today.