

RENSON WELL HECKLED MEETS STORM OF QUERIES.

Laughs at Dr. Cook's Story, in Hippodrome Lecture.

Mr. Renson, the negro who accompanied Commander R. E. Peary to the polar regions, wallowed in questions of ice and snow for more than an hour before he retired from the stage of the Hippodrome, where he opened his course of metropolitan lectures last night.

With William A. Brady, his manager, as referee, Renson was the target for every variety of question, which for a time came so fast that the entire audience became involved in a verbal riot.

As a lecturer, Renson struggled along the shores of Greenland with a number of photographs which he reached a scene which he explained was taken 25 miles from the pole. Then he showed a picture of four Eskimoes who, he said, made up the party in the first dash.

When he had prepared the audience for the last march, Renson announced that he would answer any questions asked. Then he showed a photograph which he said had been taken at the coldest place recorded during the expedition. Like a bomb, the first question was fired at him in a loud voice from the orchestra.

"How cold was it?" Henson replied that the thermometer registered 60 degrees below zero. "Cook says it was 83 below zero," came from another part of the auditorium.

"Cook or any one else never found 83 degrees below zero. No man could live in that cold," shouted the negro, who by this time was beating time with both feet as he thought of the frigid region where he had taken the picture. Then the first voice insisted that Greeley had reported temperatures of 85 degrees below zero, but Henson insisted that he, too, was mistaken in his observations.

While the temperature was going up and down an elderly man made frantic efforts to be heard as he asked Henson when and where he had first heard of Cook's alleged discovery. The question had to be repeated several times before the cry was taken up all over the building, and an immediate answer was demanded. Henson appeared annoyed at the question. He chuckled and smiled as he announced August 8.

"Why do you smile?" was next demanded. "Because we knew that it was impossible for him to do it," he said, "we had a suspicion before we left, was the report as the negro was taken with another question asked. Then he said: 'This made the audience eager for more, and a dozen voices wanted to know what reasons Commander Peary's party had for being suspicious of Dr. Cook. Mr. Brady then put the question to the negro, saying: 'The audience wants to know why it was suspected that Dr. Cook might set up a claim for the pole?'"

Henson's smile vanished as he again swung his arms and feet and began his reply: "The first reason—before we left Dr. Cook had claimed that he climbed Mount McKinley. We doubt it to-day and did then. Dr. Cook claimed that he did other things and we know personally that he didn't."

Henson was unable to tell what the other things were. Cheers, hisses, questions, shrill whistles and shouts of "Give us the pictures!" drowned every further effort at explanation. When all attempts to restore quiet had failed the lights were turned on. Up to this time the heckling had been conducted in the dark, something went wrong with the picture machine, while the room was in darkness. Taking advantage of a moment's quiet, the old man who was primed with scientific data asked Henson about observations.

"We took observations when one hundred and twenty miles from the pole," was the negro's reply, "but he was interrupted by Mr. Brady, who announced that the information would be given with a picture to be shown later."

"The Peary refuse to bring anything back for Dr. Cook?" came the next question. "He certainly did," was Henson's comment, but the old gentleman had not forgotten about the observations and insisted that a reply should be given. After much cross-questioning the negro admitted that Peary took three observations at the pole, but he said that they could not be exact to the minute, as he was not sure how far they were from the actual center.

"It is impossible to give seconds at the pole," added Henson, as he again cautioned the audience to be quiet until the commander's report was published. Following another spell of riotous heckling, Henson was asked if the Eskimoes were truthful.

FAITH IN ESQUIMAUX HONOR. "They are more truthful than the white man, and they can draw maps on paper with lead pencils and on the snow with sticks," was the information given by the negro when he had picked the questions which were flying at him from every direction. When pressed for more details about the suspicious directed against Dr. Cook, Henson declared that it was impossible for a man to make that journey with only two natives and two sleds. He added that Peary had five men, including the four Eskimoes and himself, and was therefore able to cross the icebergs. The picture taken when approaching the pole showed a clear stretch of ice, with several sleds in the background, while the tracks of two sleds were plainly visible in the foreground. This, Henson explained, was taken when five miles from the pole.

As a final illustration, a picture representing the alleged discovery of the pole was flashed on the screen. Mr. Brady explained that this photograph showed Peary at the North Pole. The explorer, as shown in the film, had his back turned to the camera. A snow house, snow shoes and sleds made up the remainder of the scene, which was appreciated.

Before Henson gave up his attempts to answer questions he replied to an inquiry as to why the Peary party failed to tell the people of the United States of Dr. Cook's alleged discovery when Peary's men had been informed last August. "We were too far away to tell any one," was the negro's answer.

Then he was compelled to make another appeal for quiet, while volley after volley of foolish questions were being shouted from the gallery. Henson indignantly denied that Dr. Cook could have used wood from his sleds to kill animals in polar regions. He said that the natives used guns. When he was reminded that they did not have guns in every camp, Henson gave a description of a weapon which he said was made of tusk, shaped like a saw, and when hurled at a beast sawed its way into the animal's vital parts. This explanation was taken as a joke by the audience, who then demanded that the heckling should be "cut out."

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WELL KNOWN WOMEN WHO TOOK PART IN THE SUFFRAGETTE MEETING AT DOBBS FERRY.



Left to right: Mrs. Reginald Jaffray, Mrs. Herbert Carpenter, Mrs. Alice Fisher Harcourt, Mrs. C. B. Hackley, Ida Husted Harper, Mrs. Courtland Van Rensselaer, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Walston H. Brown, Miss Julia Marlowe, Professor Potter, of the University of Michigan, Mrs. Alice Shaw. (Photograph by Paul Thompson.)

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Herbert L. Bjeldman introduced the negro, who was heralded by Mr. Brady as being "one of the men whose arrival at the North Pole is not questioned." In excusing the small audience, Mr. Brady said that the fact that a negro had found the pole after hundreds of years of search was responsible for the lack of interest. He added that the pictures were taken by Henson, and that they were all copyrighted. Further than that, he announced that the lecturer would answer all questions.

COOK TO CONTINUE TOUR.

Leaves City to Lecture in West, and Won't Return Before October 25.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook left New York last night to continue his lecture tour in the West. He explained the discrepancy of his action from his promise made to the Danes Saturday night by referring to it as a business necessity.

"I am absolutely compelled," he said, "to keep my engagements up to October 25, when I shall close my tour and come back to New York, to settle down until I have straightened these matters out."

He was rather pale, rather worried looking, as he bade the reporters goodbye, but with much master of himself as ever. He answered a few questions as readily as he had done in his other daily interviews, although perhaps in a more nervous manner, and certainly not so directly.

"If it is true," he was asked, "as you said the other day, that Knud Rasmussen did not talk with I-took-a-shoo and A-peel-ah during his trip north last summer, then is not Harry Whitney the only white man who interrogated them before Commander Peary and his men did so?"

"Yes, Whitney is the only one I know of." "Then is it not of the greatest importance to your case that Mr. Whitney should put on record as full a statement as possible of just what those two Eskimoes did tell him?"

"Mr. Whitney was not present when the two Eskimoes were put on record," he said, "but I am sure that he has said that they came to him when they had gone through with it and told him what they were confused by the maps."

"But would it not strengthen your story to have Mr. Whitney set down exactly what the Eskimoes told him about what you went?"

"If you ask Mr. Whitney I have no doubt that he will tell you, I am very busy at present, as I am on the way to the West. I return I shall take all those matters up. But at that time you will probably have Rasmussen on the wire. He is part Eskimoe himself, and his testimony will be very valuable."

TODD TO TRY ASCENT THIS MONTH. Plans to Observe the Planet Mars at Great Altitude. (By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Springfield, Mass., Oct. 17.—Professor David P. Todd of Amherst College will attempt to ascend to an altitude of from seven to ten miles in the balloon Springfield from this city this month.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS BIG. Collections for Current Fiscal Year May Exceed Previous One by \$16,000,000.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The big boost in income from internal revenue continues, and the reports received so far indicate to the Treasury officials that the internal revenue collections for the current fiscal year will exceed last year's by between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

ALL NIGHT ON CATBOAT TAFT AT DEDICATION

THE YALE RESCUES 3. Five Others of Sailing Party in Sound Are Taken Care of on Tug.

The Metropolitan steamship Yale brought to port yesterday three passengers who did not board her at Boston. They were the Rev. Raymond J. Davies, of No. 3715 West avenue, Williamsbridge; Mrs. Frederick H. Parsons and Miss E. M. Dolls, both of Williamsbridge, all of whom were taken aboard from the auxiliary catboat Leonora off Captain Island, in the Sound, near the Connecticut-New York boundary line.

As the Yale came aboard the island at 8:30 a. m. yesterday Captain Thompson saw a flag flying "union down" from the mast of the Leonora. He slowed down and, through a megaphone conversation, learned that Mr. Davies, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Dolls wished to be taken aboard. It was explained that the Leonora was not under control and was dragging her anchor eastward before a stiff gale from the west. The skipper of the Yale sent a boat over the side, and within half an hour was under way again with the three additional passengers.

Five members of the party, two men and three women, refused to leave the catboat, as it was not leaking, and they felt confident that they could repair the engine before nightfall.

The sailing party started from New Rochelle on Saturday afternoon for a trip to Glen Cove, across the Sound. They were returning late in the afternoon when the propeller worked loose on the shaft, and the trail craft became helpless. There was a considerably sea on at the time, and the waves mounted higher and higher as the evening wore on. The catboat was in the middle of the Sound, directly in the track of steamers for eastern ports, and had several narrow escapes from being run down.

For some time the boat drifted in the trough of the sea until the anchor was thrown overboard at the end of 150 feet of rope. This brought the boat into the wind, and very little water was shipped afterward. The boat, however, dragged anchor all night, and when sighted by the Yale had covered fourteen miles.

Richard McKenzie and Frederick H. Parsons elected to remain on the Leonora instead of going into New York on the Yale, and the other members of the party, the three older sisters of Miss Dolls, said that they were going to see the thing through.

The Yale sent a wireless message for assistance, and later a tug put out and took the disabled craft in tow. The Leonora shipped so much water that her occupants were drenched, and were finally taken aboard the tug. With nobody in the catboat to bail out the water as it came aboard, the Leonora soon filled and turned turtle. The tug drew alongside and lashed the boat to her side and proceeded into New Rochelle.

REQUEST TO SEND BODY HOME. Mrs. Buchanan Informed of Her Husband's Death Abroad. Buffalo, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Buchanan was informed of her husband's death by a brief dispatch from Claridge's Hotel, Henry Ware Sprague, Mr. Buchanan's legal adviser and a close personal friend, has sent a dispatch to the American Embassy requesting that all necessary arrangements be made to send Mr. Buchanan's body to the United States.

QUEBEC'S FIRE LOSS OVER MILLION. Firemen's Work Hampered—Heavy Loss on Goods Awaiting Shipment. Quebec, Oct. 17.—The loss from the fire which swept Quebec's waterfront last night, estimated at \$1,000,000, besides the loss from the Canadian Northern Railway elevator, where the fire originated, the Redford line steamer sheds, the harbor commissioners' sheds, a cold storage building and the Custom House were burned. Most of the buildings were full of grain and goods awaiting shipment on ocean going vessels.

By Falling of a Wall Six Firemen Were Slightly Injured. Baltimore, Oct. 17.—Fire to-day, starting in the large six-story double building at the southeast corner of Baltimore and Eutaw streets, did damage to the amount of \$400,000. By the falling of a large section of one of the walls upon an adjoining building six firemen were slightly hurt and four others at other points suffered minor injuries.

400,000 FIRE IN BALTIMORE. The fire started from some undiscovered cause in the sixth floor of the structure, which was used for light manufacturing. The flames were confined to this building, but damage was done by water and smoke in several other further from the corner.

LARGE SUMS FOR THE POOR. Contributions from every state and territory in the Union, including the Hawaiian Islands, and from several foreign countries, which aggregated during the year over \$40,000 more than was received during the previous fiscal year, are reported by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor for the year ended September 30, 1909.

SPOTLESS SHIP FOR TAFT. Memphis, Oct. 17.—After devoting many days to overhauling the government boat Mississippi, federal officials sent the boat up the Mississippi River to-day a spotless beauty from stem to stern. Fresh paint was used in wholesale quantities, and the last speck of dirt was removed from cabin, engine room and decks. Tooth brushes were used in the final clean-up of the boat.

DIED CHEERING THE PRESIDENT. El Paso, Tex., Oct. 17.—F. A. Gurney, fifty-nine years old, a hotel man of Carrozo, N. M., dropped dead last night while standing on the street watching President Taft return from the dinner in Juarez. Just as Mr. Taft came into view the man shouted his applause and fell to the street. He died in a few seconds.

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THE MISSISSIPPI WILL JOIN THE FLEET AT ST. LOUIS, and will proceed down the river with President Taft and the deep waterways party. The Mississippi was used by President Roosevelt on his trip down the river with the waterways delegates.

EARL D. WILSON PARTLY PARALYZED FROM INJURY IN FOOTBALL GAME. Annapolis, Oct. 17.—The injury to Earl D. Wilson, the Naval Academy quarterback, in yesterday's game against Villa Nova has proved to be serious. Wilson's neck was twisted, resulting in paralysis of the motor and sensory nerves of the limbs and the upper part of the body. His speech and brain are not affected. The medical officers believe that Wilson is not dangerously hurt, and that the paralysis will wear off.

ONE CONVICT DEAD, TWO BADLY HURT. Three Escaped Prisoners Fought a Posse of Sixty Men—Two Days. Salem, Ore., Oct. 17.—The battle that began last night between a posse of sixty men and three escaped convicts was resumed early to-day, with the result that one of the convicts is dead and another seriously wounded. The third was badly wounded last night.

KISSES ADMISSION FEE TO PARK. Young Man Establishes Toll Gate at the Leroy Street Entrance to Hudson Park. Because he established a toll gate out of the Leroy street entrance to Hudson Park and exacted a kiss from all who entered, Harry Donnelly, eighteen years old, of No. 400 Hudson street, was locked up in the Charles street station last night by Patrolman Doherty, charged with intoxication and disorderly conduct. Incidentally, Harry narrowly escaped a ducking in the park pond at the hands of six girls who resented his assumption of ownership of the gate, through which they have been accustomed to pass undisturbed.

MRS. GILBERT'S SERVICE NOT HELD. Meeting of Eddyless Christian Science Branch Postponed a Week. Mrs. Gilbert's contemplated service in the ballroom of the Hotel Goddham yesterday afternoon was not held, and the few curious ones who appeared were informed that the head of the projected new church had left the hotel until to-day, and that the service had been postponed until Sunday. Apparently those connected with the Eddyless Christian Science movement had been told, for there were few inquiries as to the service, and none of those from the people who have been associated with Mrs. Gilbert.

ACTOR FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL. Had Been in Paterson, N. J., Several Months and Was Known as Joseph Wheelock. Paterson, N. J., Oct. 17.—A man whose name was Joseph Wheelock, and who said he was an actor, was found dead in Thomas J. Quigley's hotel, in Broadway, yesterday afternoon. County Physician Armstrong, after making an investigation, decided that the man had come to his death as the result of alcoholism.

STABBED "MASHER" WITH HATPIN. East New York Girl Quickly Disposes of Man Who Insulted Her. Quick work of a long hatpin by Miss Marguerite Le Blanc, living at New Lots and Fountain avenues, East New York, last night, put to flight a "masher" who was "pinned" twice, once through the arm and once through the face.

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