

CAPTAIN SCOTT'S QUEST FOR THE POLE

Leaves England on Wednesday for a Second Antarctic Expedition.

ROUTE THIS TIME WELL MAPPED OUT

Improved Form of Motor Sledge, Tried in the Alps, to Be an Important Factor.

LONDON, June 14.—Tomorrow the good ship Terra Nova of Captain Robert Falcon Scott, R. N., C. V. O., will leave England for the second expedition to the South Pole. Captain Scott was the commander of the Discovery expedition of 1901 and 1902, when he reached a point situated in latitude 82 degrees, 16 minutes 33 seconds south; longitude (about) 163 degrees east. This point was attained on December 30, 1902, when the "failure of the dog team" compelled the captain and his brave comrades to retrace their steps to headquarters.

When Captain Scott returned to England he was promoted to the rank of captain in the Royal Navy, and the Royal Geographical Society presented him with its gold medal, attesting in their report that "for his sledge journey alone, when he succeeded in getting nearly 200 miles further south than his predecessors, he deserves the honor."

As all the world knows, this brilliant record was beaten on January 9, 1909, at a point when Lieutenant (now Sir) Ernest Shackleton, C. V. O., and Mr. E. A. Adams and Mr. Wild hoisted the Union Jack in latitude 88 degrees 23 minutes south; longitude 152 degrees east, or about 40 miles still further south, and within about 110 miles of the South Pole.

Ships Best Possible.

It is to get over that last stage of 110 miles or so that Captain Scott and his gallant crew will start. Their stout ship, the Terra Nova, is now coaling at Cardiff. Captain Scott describes her as "about as good a ship as they could have for the best for his purpose." She is a wooden vessel—a barque-rigged whaling boat, of 719 tons burden—strongly built to encounter Polar ice floes, and cost originally \$60,000, to which sum a considerable amount has been added, for the building of scientific laboratories.

The men of the expedition are experts in biology, physics, geology, and meteorology. That last stage is a terrible thing to look forward to. Just before Shackleton reached his "Farthest South," when in latitude 82 degrees 16 minutes south on December 31, 1902, he wrote:

"We have not yet reached the level plateau for slopes still lay ahead, and our altitude was about 10,000 feet. We had three weeks' food on a reduced ration, and were 136 miles from the Pole. The land had been left behind, and we were traveling over a white expanse of snow, still with rising slopes ahead. We were weak and weary, and the effects of short food, high altitude, and heavy work."

What Scott Said in 1902.

How like this is to what Captain Scott wrote in December 30, 1902:

"This camp, we have decided, must be our last, for we have less than a fortnight's provision to take us back to Depot B, and, with the dogs in their present state, it would be impossible to make forced marches; we have, therefore, reached our southern limit. Observations give it as between 82 degrees 15 minutes and 83 degrees 17 minutes S. If this compares poorly with our hopes and expectations on leaving the ship, it is a more favorable result than we anticipated when those hopes were first blighted by the failure of the dog team."

Every item in these memoranda is significant. Those who have had any experience in mountaineering know how much more effort it takes to work at great elevation, and how they will realize what an enormous exertion it means to make way over 100 miles of ice and snow, over rugged hills and gaping crevasses, conveying food and necessities for men, ponies, and dogs, and doing this in the face of the most blizzards in temperature from thirty or forty to possibly sixty degrees below zero.

Sir Ernest Shackleton's party was driven back mainly by insufficiency of food supplies. The problem of reaching the Pole is, in brief, the problem of food and transport. Men have to be very generously fed who are to work at an elevation of two miles above sea-level in the coldest region on earth. But the voyagers in the discovery with Lieutenant Shackleton suffered, while making their greatest efforts, from actual privation. Captain Scott hopes in the present expedition to provide against this most trying ordeal.

The Novel Motor Sledge.

Transport is a matter of extreme urgency. Experience has shown that the explorers must rely to a large extent on ponies and dogs, and these must be animals acclimated to extreme cold. A member of the expedition, Mr. Cecil Meares, has been out in Eastern Siberia, buying Mongolian ponies and dogs, the best he could obtain for the purpose. The ponies, it is said, are accustomed to the cold grass, and stand the coldest temperature.

A novel and highly interesting feature in this expedition is the employment of an improved form of motor sledge. Sir E. Shackleton tried the motors, but while his experiences showed that the machines could work at the lowest temperatures, the wheels would not support the sledges on the soft snows that are met with over a large part of the journey south.

Captain Scott has, therefore, designed a special form of tractor, with very broad wheels and other improvements. Instead of the ordinary car wheels there are fitted two chain wheels on the power-driven rear axle, and these drive an endless chain, which carries pattens and studs that grip the snow or ice, and by the motion of the chain urge the tractor forward.

This tractor will partly take the place of the dogs and ponies in hauling the loads.

Captain Scott has not been content merely to devise these tractors; he has had them tried experimentally. Two years ago he made experiments with one in the Alps, and last year he put the invention to a severe test in Norway. These trials have been highly satisfactory. Petrol will supply the motor power, and each of the two sledges will have a capacity of two tons—one ton for fuel and one for food.

WOMAN'S CLUB CELEBRATES.

The Women's Club of Kensington begins its twelfth year today. The members celebrated the eleventh birthday anniversary of the organization last night in the gymnasium of the Warner Memorial Sunday School. The hall was artistically draped with flags, yellow and white bunting, ferns and daisies, the club flower. The guests were, with few exceptions, the husbands of the members.

CUPLE LIVES TOGETHER, SILENT, FOR SIX YEARS

Quarrel That Caused Them to Quit Speaking So Trivial That Husband and Wife Have Forgotten It. Suit for Divorce Filed.

NEW YORK, June 14.—Think of being married to and living with a man for six years without even passing the time of day—without saying a word, excepting about once a week asking "Where's my money?"

That was the condition of Alfred and Pauline Lothes of 422 Madison avenue, Jersey City, as set forth in the complaint filed by the wife before Vice-Chancellor Garrison in her suit for separate maintenance.

The Lothes were married on July 15, 1883, and that's twenty-two years ago. They lived together happily, with an occasional spat to season their affection, until six years ago. Then one bright morning came a subject at the breakfast table upon which they could not agree.

Alfred held to his own opinion to show that he was a regular man, and Pauline was stubborn and wouldn't give in. Neither thought it was a matter of serious moment, yet neither cared to say the first word.

So matters continued. Alfred several times was doubtful on the point of taking his wife in his arms and saying, "Come, Pauline, let's call it off," and there were occasions when Pauline felt like saying, "Al, isn't it about time we stopped this nonsense?" But neither spoke.

Now six years have elapsed, and it is said that neither husband nor wife can remember the cause of their trouble—it was so trivial.

On April 21 of this year Alfred grew tired of the conditions. True, his wife had always been a good housekeeper and had attended to all his wants. She had cooked his meals for him with regularity, studying his tastes and catering to his fancies. But though she herself brought his meals into the dining room and placed them before him, arranging the knives, forks and spoons conveniently, and even sugaring his coffee, she never spoke a word.

The husband, therefore, engaged a furnished room down the street, at 336 Third avenue, thinking that an extreme measure like this would bring his wife to her senses. He still maintained his electrical supply business in the house in which his wife lived, and he was there every day to attend to his business. The wife continued to live free, and in addition enjoyed an income of \$2 a month, the rent of the apartment in the house which he owned by her husband.

Lothes was surprised when he learned that she had filed suit for separation. He will oppose it to the utmost.

It is now proposed that farmers all over the country be given the benefit of the Weather Bureau predictions just as the people in the cities get the forecasts. Representative McHenry of Pennsylvania is the patron of the plan.

According to a bill which Mr. McHenry has introduced in the House, the rural free delivery wagons are to carry flag signals similar to the signals used on buildings and elsewhere in the popular centers for the guidance of the people.

In his bill the Pennsylvania provides that "the rural deliveryman shall carry a flag signal of convenient and suitable size, to be determined by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, indicating the weather predictions as reported by the United States Weather Bureau for the period in advance of the current trip."

It is provided, however, that the report of the period shall have been received in sufficient time so as not to retard the departure of the mail on schedule time.

It will be necessary, under the plan proposed for the Weather Bureau to telegraph to each postoffice each morning the weather prediction for each morning. The flag indicating the expected state of the weather, and as he rides by, the farmers and others along his route can know with Weather Bureau certainty what the weather will be for the next twenty-four hours.

The bill has been referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

HOUSTON, Tex., June 14.—Love laughed at obstacles when Francisco Solis and Miss Dominga Aquilar, two youthful and beautiful offshoots of the old Montezumas, walked into Judge E. H. Vasmer's court to be married.

The judge was in the midst of a "jury case," cool business was transcendent over warm sentiment, the room was filled with witnesses and the whole mood was in anything but a wedding mood when the bride party arrived.

Up the aisle walked young Francisco with his Dominga, the fairest flower of Mexico, by his side. Following him were the maid of honor, the best man, the little flower girl and a retinue of interested friends. The bride was arrayed in all a bride's finery of headgear and raiment and there wasn't a chance for the court to misinterpret the meaning of the interruption.

A recess was taken, business stopped, and as many as could adjourned to the rear room to witness the ceremony.

Neither the young couple nor his melting-eyed bride seemed to feel the slightest embarrassment in the presence of so many strangers. Cupid had blindfolded them to all the world save love and each other. With the bridesmaid and the best man on either side the two stood upon the altar, the final word which would bind them irrevocably into one being of ecstasy, the true union of the positive and negative love.

Despite the fact that his regular court routine had been seriously jarred, Judge Vasmer conducted the ceremony in the most approved manner and tied the knot securely with the happiest kind of a twist.

Francisco and Dominga looked at each other, then at the judge with grateful transiency in their eyes. Then, full of the wedding and boxing, they fled the court to the life without and beyond.

The judge rapped with his gavel and the case was resumed.

ORIENTAL COUNCIL ENJOYS A SMOKER

Boxing, wrestling, and singing were features of an excellent program at the Oriental Council, No. 312, Royal Arcanum smoker at Pythian Temple last night. Preceding the entertainment, W. W. Chase, who was the supreme representative at the council meeting held in Montreal, Canada, read his report.

Four members of the lodge who are connected with the United States navy furnished the wrestling and boxing. Frank Rebstock and Harry Heinlein sang.

C. Matthews, regent of the council, announced nine applicants for membership.

WOMAN IN BLACK DEEPENS MYSTERY

Activities Are Narrowed Down to Continental Hunt for Her.

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many of the natives, for the most part servants. Foresters in this district either know little of the Charltons or refrain from being connected with the case.

American residents in the vicinity of the villa, however, have corroborated, according to statements made by the investigators today, the stories of weird doings about the Moltrasio villa of wild dances on the lawn, or riots of destruction within the house, the natives took them for pagan rites, but from all the police can learn they were not, at least, Bacchanalian. Those best able to judge can offer no explanation save lunacy.

Count Guiglia, the procurator, today declared Porter Charlton a fugitive. He is wanted on a charge of wife murder," he said. "We believe he will try to land in New York."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE, INTIMATES PHYSICIAN

NEW YORK, June 14.—That Mrs. Porter Charlton once attempted suicide in New York is intimated in the statement of a physician who attended Mrs. Charlton when she was in New York. Mrs. Charlton, it is stated, was not acquainted with Mrs. Castle until a man who said he was a lawyer called me to her apartments," he said. "This man appeared very nervous and insisted that I take her temperature and note her pulse. She was not very sick, but had something wrong with her. I did not agree with her. It may have been poison. At any rate I gave her an antidote."

"Mrs. Castle called at my office several days afterward and begged me to get her a position as a nurse with some respectable family. She told me she had been living alone and had ambitions to become either a governess or a teacher, adding: 'I am tired of life behind the footlights.' I sent her to some friends who were establishing a sanitarium in this city, but she failed to impress them, and again called at my office. This time she told me she was about to be married."

"I advised her to tell him about her past. She said it would be too hard for her to do, but she would send her fiancé to my office that I might tell him everything."

"At the appointed time he did not come, but Mrs. Castle did, saying that she had decided to keep her past secret. I insisted that it would be better for both to tell the facts, but she refused to do so. I left my office. "When I read of her death it immediately occurred to me that her husband had finally learned what she refused to tell."

SUICIDE ATTEMPT MADE AT HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., June 14.—Mrs. Macleod Castle Charlton, the victim of the Lake Como murder mystery, tried to commit suicide in this city in the summer of 1908, by jumping into the river. The suicide attempt followed her desertion by a man named A. Betts, with whom she lived as his wife at one of the hotel hotels for two months, according to the story told today by the manager of the hotel. The trunk in which Mrs. Charlton's body was found bore a mark which was given to her by her companion of 1908.

The temperature registered only in the sixties throughout the day. The mercury at 5:30 o'clock this morning was 68, and it was 69 at 10 o'clock. In fact it wasn't what might be termed "hot" at any time during the day. However, the Weather Bureau doesn't hold forth any such glorious promise of continued cool weather.

Summer is summer, there's no getting away from that, and we've got to put up with it. So has the Weather Bureau.

BLOSSOM LOSES \$10 TO CARD SHARPS

LONDON, June 14.—Henry Blossom, the author of the play "Checkmate," who is now in England collaborating with Leslie Stuart in dramatizing George Ade's "Silly Princess," has just received a severe jolt to his self-esteem as a man of the world.

Journeying from Brighton he watched with considerable amusement the crowd of sharpers doing the "three-card monte" game.

It didn't strike him until afterwards that they were all in collusion. He apparently paid no attention to the game, but seemed intent on writing a lyric for his new production. Nevertheless he kept a close eye on the proceedings.

As Blossom describes the incident he saw one group bet and win again and again. He observed that a favorite stunt was upturning one corner of a card slightly.

In some way, which Blossom cannot explain, he became involved in a discussion about picking out the queen, and finally, thinking himself fully posted, he said:

"I'll bet \$2." He was taken. Blossom, mournfully explaining to a throng of looking friends, said: "I thought they would surely let me win the first bet and trust to tapping me heavily afterward. That's the way I proceeded. I considered that with an extra \$10 already in my pocket I would teach those card sharpers in a few minutes to get fresh with innocent Americans."

HIRED GIRL A DEBUTANTE.

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To doctor, yes—to confer the title or degree of doctor upon—Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

"Twice this strangely to be 'doctored' that fell to the lot of Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, during the commencement exercises of the Notre Dame College in Indiana last night, for upon him was conferred the degree of LL. D.

And still more strangely to relate, the "doctored" was all done with malice aforethought, it was, and without previous intention or purpose having been communicated to the principal, or, as it might appear in this case, the victim.

For the title and honor of doctor of law was conferred upon Colonel Moseley really without his consent. He was, therefore, a victim of the law.

The necessary cap and gown were literally thrust upon the recipient and the manner proceeding was arranged in a manner surprising to him.

According to a Thesaurus-dictionary of the English language the program was fulfilled in the case of Colonel Moseley "with brute force as against according to law."

But according to the reports which came out of Indiana today, Colonel Moseley stood up to his part like a man, finally, and as it is expressed in V. 34, Acts: "He stood up before the council, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law."

But to get at the beginning of the story it must be told that about a month ago Colonel Moseley, who is an alumnus of Notre Dame, was invited by the faculty to attend the commencement exercises of the institution held last night.

So urgent was the importance that Colonel Moseley finally decided to be there, notifying the faculty to that effect. Thereby hangs the tale, or rather the degree.

It appears that the faculty of Notre Dame had a plan all cut and dried to confer upon Colonel Moseley the degree of doctor of law. At the same time they intended that the performance should be in the nature of a surprise, and, accordingly, Colonel Moseley was given no notification thereof.

But, when the proper moment arrived, he was properly attended to, so to speak. In other words, gown and degree were conferred upon him willy-nilly. At a given signal during the commencement proceedings, and during a particularly impressive moment, cap and gown in the possession of half a dozen big, husky men were brought forth and Colonel Moseley was "doctored" with all the emoluments, perquisites or passermentaries which go with a doctor of law.

It made no difference to the alumni of Notre Dame what Colonel Moseley thought about it, nor whether he desired to accept the honor. It was just forced upon him. The cap was affixed to his Shakespeare-like head and tied securely, and the gown was thrown about his rotund form in a manner intended that both should remain until the alumni convocation of the year should be removed. And thus did they remain.

Perhaps it is the only incident of its kind upon the university records of the country or of the world. That is a matter for debate. But then Colonel Moseley is an exceedingly original individual himself and nothing he likes better than something done in a manner bizarre. So all parts of the proceeding are in keeping.

ANNAPOLIS REOPENS ITS HISTORIC HALL

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 14.—Historic recollections of Annapolis are awakened by the reopening of the historic McDowell Hall, St. John's College, which was almost destroyed by fire in February, 1898.

Many alumni and friends of the institution were present at the reopening services held last evening, the dedicatory address being delivered by former State Senator John Wirt Randall, of Annapolis. The history of the building was reviewed, and the features of its architecture and its location during the administration of Governor Bladen and its official designation as the residence of the governor of Maryland.

SENATOR OUT OF DANGER.

The condition of Senator William P. Dillingham, who has been suffering from a severe attack of acute indigestion, is much improved today and he is considered out of danger.

The Senator, who had been in Vermont for the benefit of his health, upon his recent return appeared much improved until the attack of Saturday evening, immediately following an entertainment of some friends, when physicians were hastily summoned.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 14.—The following candidates, having passed mental and physical examinations, were sworn in as midshipmen today: John L. Bumpus, Uniontown, Ala.; Foster C. Bumpus, Quincy, Mass.; William K. Beard, Pensacola, Fla.; Delorimer M. Steece, St. Paul, Minn.; Lloyd J. Witte, Mitchell, D. S. Wirt, Rich, Detroit, Mich.; Joseph J. Teter, Billington, W. Va.; Fred E. Petton, Denver, Col.; George B. Wilson, Norfolk, Va.

CHEROKEE TREATY MONUMENT UNVEILED

Shaft Is Erected by D. A. R. of Tennessee to Mark the Historic Spot.

BRISTOL, Va., June 14.—A monument was unveiled at noon today at Sycamore Shoals, Carter county, Tenn., which marks the spot where the famous Cherokee treaty of Transylvania was negotiated and the point where the men under Campbell started on their march to King's mountain. There they led the charge up the heights against the British.

Senator "Bob" Taylor delivered the principal address. Three excursion trains were run from Bristol, Knoxville, and Johnson City, and hundreds are in attendance. The monument was erected by the Tennessee D. A. R.

TORPEDO BOAT FOOTE SAFE.

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 14.—The United States torpedo boat Foote, which became disabled in a gale off the North Carolina coast near Frying Pan Shoals, Sunday, and was towed to Cape Fear bar by a transportation steamer, has just been towed into harbor, at Fort Caswell, Southport, N. C., by the United States Quartermaster Department steamer Gen. G. W. Getty, from Fort Caswell.

ADMITTED AS MIDDIES.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 14.—The following candidates, having passed mental and physical examinations, were sworn in as midshipmen today: John L. Bumpus, Uniontown, Ala.; Foster C. Bumpus, Quincy, Mass.; William K. Beard, Pensacola, Fla.; Delorimer M. Steece, St. Paul, Minn.; Lloyd J. Witte, Mitchell, D. S. Wirt, Rich, Detroit, Mich.; Joseph J. Teter, Billington, W. Va.; Fred E. Petton, Denver, Col.; George B. Wilson, Norfolk, Va.

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