

SCOUTS HOG ISLAND AS PRIVATE PROJECT

Director Sproule Asserts Shipyard Is Not Adaptable for Commercial Purposes

SAYS CITY CAN'T BUY PLANT

Hog Island never could be operated successfully as a shipbuilding plant by a private corporation, in the opinion of George P. Sproule, director of wharves, locks and ferries. Mr. Sproule also believes that purchase of the shipyard by the city is out of the question.

Seven floating piers at Hog Island, entirely too narrow for commercial purposes. These piers are 4050 feet long and only 100 feet wide. They should be at least 150 feet wide to be practicable.

Director Sproule charged the shipping board with "gross inefficiency" in an address before the Real Estate Board last night, and blamed that body for the congested condition of the port of Philadelphia.

HOLD MAN AS PICKPOCKET

Waitress Caused Canadian Soldier's Arrest by a Ruse

Magistrate Rooney today held Bert Davison, of Boston, under \$400 bail for court, charged with larceny.

He was arrested yesterday in a lunch room at Eleventh and Ludlow streets, after he had been tricked by a waitress into picking her pockets, it is said.

Mrs. Fannie Blanton, of 2323 South Beaver street, appeared at the hearing and identified Davison as the man who had been talking to her daughter at Eighth and Market streets, Mrs. Blanton, who accompanied her daughter, said she later missed her pocketbook, containing \$18. Yesterday, when Davison entered the lunch room, the manager used a waitress as a decoy, placing a large pocketbook in her coat pocket.

When she sat down beside Davison, he took the pocketbook, it is said. Davison was with the Canadian overseas forces.

Grip and Pneumonia on the Wane

Grip is on the wane in Philadelphia. There were sixty new cases reported today for the twenty-four hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning, as compared with seventy-six new cases yesterday and 210 on Wednesday. Pneumonia cases reported today were twenty-eight, compared with thirty yesterday and thirty-six the day before.

REAR ADMIRAL ROBERT E. PEABY, DISCOVERER OF NORTH POLE, DIES

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very, but it was only after the scientific bodies one by one had sifted the evidence and pronounced Cook's claims unfounded that Peary's title as discoverer of the pole was really won.

The bitterness of this episode is only one item in the price which Peary paid for the immortal fame that is now acknowledged to be his. He spent virtually all he had in money, gave all that was in him for hard work and suffered all that the human frame could endure from hunger, cold and disappointment. He made eight journeys into the Arctic, spent upward of \$500,000 and several times he barely escaped the death which, in various forms, had been the fate of more than 700 explorers before him.

The first step that led Peary toward the pole was taken in Washington one day when he walked into a book store to browse and picked up a fugitive account of Greenland. He became an insatiable reader on the subject of the Arctic.

He was then thirty years old. He was born in Cresson, Pa., in 1856. His father died when he was three years old, and his mother took him to Portland, Me., where he spent his boyhood, attending Bowdoin College.

He spent his spare time studying civil engineering, and passed in that branch into the naval service. He became Lieutenant Peary, U. S. N.

Consecrated to Polar Exploration

His first assignment was to the tropics. He was a leader of the surveying for the Nicaraguan canal route. It was when he returned to Washington that he fell upon the book about Greenland.

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land, and thereafter virtually consecrated himself to Polar exploration. Obtaining leave from the naval service, he led an expedition into Greenland to determine the extent of this mysterious land. He determined its insularity, discovered and named many Arctic points which today are familiar names—such as Independence bay, Melville land and Heilprin land—and in one of his later voyages he discovered the famous meteorites, which he brought back to civilization. One of them, weighing eighty tons, is the wonder of visitors to the Museum of Natural History in New York.

Between voyages Peary resorted to the lecture platform to raise funds for further exploration. In one instance he delivered 168 lectures in ninety-six days, raising \$13,000.

On his sixth voyage, with the pole in his feet, he had to give up because both of his feet became frozen. Although he had reached the most northerly land in the world—naming it Cape Morris K. Jesup—at the tip of Greenland, and had also attained latitude 84.17, the northernmost record in the western world, he was still in great despair. He wrote in his diary:

"The game is off. My dream of sixteen years is ended. I have attained the best light I knew. I believe it was a good one. But I cannot accomplish the impossible."

By the time Peary reached civilization, however, he had decided upon still

another trip. With the specially designed ship *Hesperus*, Peary drove further into the frozen ocean than any navigator had ever before. On foot he advanced until his record for this seventh trip stood at 86.6, where starvation and cold again checked the party. The explorer was fifty-two years old when in July, 1908, he set out on his eighth and successful invasion of the polar region.

Captain Bartlett, the veteran navigator for Peary, shouted to Colonel Roosevelt as the ship was leaving its wharf at New York: "It's the pole or bust this time, Mr. President."

The method of attacking the pole was in five detachments, pushing north in the manner of a telescope. At the eighty-eighth parallel Peary parted with Captain Bartlett, in charge of the fourth detachment, and he, with one member of his crew and four Eskimos, made the final dash. They covered the 135 miles in five days.

Thirty hours, from April 6 to 7 were spent at and around the pole—a great tract of frozen sea—some of the land which Doctor Cook reported. The weather was cloudless and flawless. The temperature ranged from 33 below to 12 below. Windy open places permitted soundings 3000 feet of wire, which was all that Peary had, failed to touch the bottom.

When he got back to civilization Admiral Peary became a strong advocate of aircraft development by the

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To Attend Convention

Superintendent John P. Garber and about twenty principals of higher and elementary schools will leave Sunday for Cleveland to attend the National Educational Association convention. The convention begins Monday and will continue all week. The Board of Education, at its February meeting, granted leave of absence without loss of pay to those principals wishing to attend the conference.

Fire in Wholesale Meat Place

Fire in a smoke shaft in the rear of the wholesale meat establishment of William A. Miller, northeast corner of Second and Willow streets, did \$200 damage at 5 o'clock this morning. The fire occurred on the fourth floor of the shaft, which is used in the curing of hams. Patrolman Revald, of the Third street and Fairmount avenue police station, saw smoke coming from the building, and turned in an alarm. The fire was confined to the shaft.

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"Can you figure the saving? If not give us a chance to prove it with a quotation on your next order."

What this manufacturer did at Hopewell you can do. Similar opportunities are still open. But you must act at once. Every mail brings hundreds of inquiries and it's first come first served. The choice of plant sites go to the earliest applicants.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY

"The flu is not without its good points. One of our leading hospitals has announced that during the epidemic no unnecessary operations will be permitted."—Chicago Tribune

How Labor Plans To Win the Government

Can American Labor elect a Labor Government without the aid of a Labor Party? For nothing less than this, in the opinion of the *New York Times* (Dem.), is the purpose behind the non-partisan political campaign of the American Federation of Labor. If the Federation could control the votes of one-third of its membership "it could dominate the situation," remarks the *Baltimore News* (Ind.). The Federation's plan, the *Chicago Unionist* reminds us, is another application of the methods by which the Anti-Saloon League won its overwhelming victories after the Prohibition party had failed to get political results. In Congress, Representative Blanton, of Texas, characterized the American Federation of Labor *pronunciamento* as "the greatest menace ever sounded." For, said Mr. Blanton, "when an organized minority of less than five per cent of the people can control legislation, and now threaten to elect a Congress of serfs, it is indeed a national crisis, threatening the institutions of the country." According to the *Indianapolis Union*, however, "the American Federation of Labor does not seek to govern; but it is eminently right in taking steps to educate its members as to which side their political bread is buttered on."

No other subject before the public today bears more importance than that treated in the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week, February 21st. It presents public opinion, as reflected in the press of the country, upon the entrance of the American Federation of Labor into the presidential campaign.

Other articles full of interest for the public are:

- America's "Blood-Money"
- In the Opinions of Some French, Italian, and English Papers, Presented in This Article, America's Fiscal Predominance in the World is Due to the Advantages That the War Threw into Her Lap
- The Exchange Slump and Lower Prices
- Germany's Elusive War-Criminals
- How to Keep the Farmer on the Job
- Shoe and Clothing Profits
- Armenia's Cry for Justice
- Where Roumania Stands
- Putting the Farmer on the Map
- Our Billion-Dollar Jewel-Box
- Handling 250,000 Tons of Explosives in New York Harbor
- German Professorial Arrogance
- Wall Street Method With Rare Books
- The Church's Duty to the Movies
- What the Middle West Resents
- Why Jews Are Killed in Poland
- The Republic of North Caucasia: People and Territory—The Government—A Map of the Country
- Europe's Trade Debt to United States
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