

SPIRITS FOR COOK

They Say He Was Nearer Pole Than Peary.

HAVE SIR JOHN'S WORD FOR IT

Arctic Explorer Who Died in 1847 Insists That He Traveled With the Doctor Until the Last Day. Then Quit Him.

Washington, Jan. 18.—According to the testimony of prominent discredited spirits, neither Dr. Cook nor Commander Peary reached the north pole, but Cook got nearer to the goal than Peary.

This somewhat astonishing statement is contained in a letter from William T. Stead of the Review of Reviews of London to Arthur Rollinson Colburn, a lawyer, of this city and forwarded by Mr. Colburn to Representative Roberts of Massachusetts, a member of the house committee on naval affairs, who has been outspoken in his opposition to the proposition that congress reward Peary for his arctic explorations.

In Mr. Stead's letter to Mr. Colburn he says:

"With regard to the pole controversy, the only message which we have received on the subject was one from Sir John Franklin last year. He did not say anything about Peary, but said he had personally conducted Cook nearly to the pole and then left him to complete the journey himself. Seeing you have received a communication in the same sense, I thought this would interest you."

Mr. Colburn adds:

"It is most noteworthy that the testimony of the spirit world is unan-

THE WILSON INAUGURAL

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HERE'S A REAL FISH STORY.

Whale Charged Ship and Damaged Steel Plates, Captain Says.

New Orleans, Jan. 18.—With a score of plates on the port side badly damaged in a fight with a whale in the gulf of Mexico, the Norwegian steamer Mount Vernon came limping into port. It is a queer story that Captain Falsen, master of the vessel, has to tell.

Three days out from Boca del Toro and not far from the entrance to the South pass, at the mouth of the Mississippi, he was awakened early in the morning of Jan. 13 by feeling the prow of his ship strike something soft that resisted the progress of the ship. He rushed on deck and saw a huge whale, which he estimates as seventy-five feet long, backing away from the forward quarter of the Mount Vernon. Blood was streaming from the monster's sides.

A hundred yards or so from the ship the whale stopped, threshed the sea with its tail and then drove straight at the boat. The massive head struck just below the point where the frightened skipper stood. The force of the blow was tremendous. The heavy steel plates buckled, Falsen was thrown to the deck.

But naturally it was the whale that suffered most. With the rebound of the blow he was hurled back. His crushed head appeared for a moment and the body sank out of sight.

THAW'S SISTER-IN-LAW WEBS.

Mining Engineer Is Third Husband of Mrs. Frieda Peet.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 18.—In the house here occupied by Mrs. W. E. Corey, first wife of the former president of the United States Steel corporation, while seeking divorce Frieda Marsh Peet, divorced last month from J. Dotride Peet, a traveling salesman of New York, whom she married in 1905, took for her third husband, Professor Frederick Edward Young, a wealthy mining engineer, grandson of Dr. Edward Young, founder of the bureau of statistics at Washington.

The bride's first husband was Edward Thaw, brother of Harry Thaw. The bride is a daughter of Professor John Edward Marsh, a scientific writer.

The bridegroom is manager for James Breen, a millionaire Montana mining operator, and is a son of Charles E. Young, a civil engineer of Washington.

\$500 FOR BEATING WIFE.

Fine Raised From \$25 After Judge Saw How Small Woman Was.

Kansas City, Jan. 18.—Upon the size of the wife a man beats depends the size of the fine he must pay in Judge Carlisle's court in Kansas City, Kan. Luther Chambers was fined \$25 for beating his wife. He said he could prove by her that it was his first offense. A sweet faced little woman walked out of the crowd to take the witness stand.

"Is that small woman your wife?" asked the court before she had testified.

"Yes," responded Chambers. "Your fine is raised to \$500," said the judge.

8 SAILORS DEAD ON DELAWARE

Cause of Accident Not Reported—All Killed by Steam.

Washington, Jan. 18.—In an accident in the fire room of the battleship Delaware, en route from Guantanamo to Hampton Roads, eight enlisted men were killed and another was dangerously injured.

The cause of the accident was not reported. Captain Gove asked that a tug be sent from the Norfolk navy yard to Hampton Roads to take off the bodies of the victims of the accident. The deaths were caused by burns resulting from escaping steam.

Sherman's Mother-in-Law Better.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Ellen Babcock, mother-in-law of Vice President Sherman, who had been seriously ill for some time and whose indisposition threatened to interfere with the social plans of Vice President and Mrs. Sherman in Washington this winter, is now on the road to recovery.

Weather Probabilities.
Fair; continued cold Wednesday and Thursday; light to moderate northerly winds.



Good Form

Hostesses at dinner must put guests of honor at the right of themselves and the hosts even if the usual sitting places are changed to suit the occasion. When a married woman entertains at dinner she puts at her right the husband of the woman whom they so wish to honor, and the wife must be at the right of the host. To place the guests of honor in any other position is to deprive them entirely of the distinction intended.

With a round table the matter of seating guests becomes simple. For there is no head and no foot, and the desired position arranges itself without change. Frequently the hostess does not have a seat directly opposite to the host, but in a circle this is not conspicuous.

With an oval or square table and eight guests the arrangement becomes complicated. Three persons on a side means that the hostess must abandon her usual place or she will have two women together and two men, than which nothing could show greater ignorance. There is nothing for the hostess then to do but to change her position, leaving her husband in that which he always occupies.

The woman guest of honor then goes at his right, and, if possible, the husband is put at the right of the hostess on the side of the table. When all the guests are married couples even the husband of the honor guest cannot be at the hostess' right, though she has abandoned her regular seat.

An English Custom.

The very sensible English custom of mentioning the date of departure in writing invitations for visits has become almost universal in this country, the exception being in the households south of Mason and Dixon's line.

There a friend or relation is asked to come and stay as long as convenient, and the stay sometimes stretches over months or years. There are always relations who are disposed to overlook a little discomfort that such a visit brings as well as the positive inconvenience they may be causing their hosts, and such is the courtesy of the people of this part of the country that the visit only ends at the visitor's will. Instances could even be given in which the visits of poor relations or friends have lasted the rest of their lives, the greatest courtesy and consideration being shown to them by host and hostess even where they became helpless invalids.

At the Dance.

A woman waits to be sought by her partner. When the music for the dance which she has promised him strikes up she should be full to seek her out she may expect an apology and plausible explanation for his delinquency. If a man is doing duty as an escort on coming from the cloakroom he awaits his companion's appearance somewhere outside the ballroom door, at the head or the foot of the stairway or in the hall, having agreed with her beforehand just where they are to meet.

Before he fills his dance program with other names he asks a dance or two of the woman in his charge. He also holds himself in readiness to accompany her to the supper room if he sees that no one offers to serve as escort in that capacity.

On Letter Writing.

The girl who has a correspondence of about half a dozen or so of her schoolmates has formulated the following rules concerning her letter writing, to which she adheres:

Write name and address legibly and correctly on each envelope. Write your own name and address in the upper left hand corner. Place on each the correct amount of postage. Before sealing see that in each envelope you have inclosed the correct letter.

Keep as close a duplicate of every letter as it is possible to do. Never write personalities.

Clever Idea.

A girl who has just returned from a long visit, during which she collected a number of spoons which are souvenirs of the various places visited, recently made them the key to a table talk at a little luncheon. Beside each plate were two spoons bearing pictures or seals of various cities, and during the luncheon the guests were asked to tell some interesting fact about that particular city. All the guests declared that it was not only a unique method of directing the conversation, but the means of making the occasion most interesting.

Hint For Speechmaking.

The frequent reason of failure in so called impromptu speeches at wedding breakfasts is the fact that the speaker is not brief to what he says. It is far better to utter only a few sentences, stopping when the others would have a person go on, than to occupy much time in which guests might be talking to each other were they given the opportunity. Then, too, if there are other speakers to follow the evening grows boring if all talk for many minutes.

SNAPSHOTS AT CELEBRITIES

Congressman James A. Tawney of Minnesota.



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Congressman James A. Tawney of Minnesota, most prominent of the standpatrollers who fell by the wayside last fall, may enter President Taft's cabinet after March 4. Rumor first selected Mr. Tawney for the Panama canal commission, but later asserted that he would succeed Secretary Ballinger when congress adjourns. Friends are working in his behalf and assert there is no doubt of his fitness and that the appointment would be popular.

Twice chairman of the house committee on appropriations, Mr. Tawney for many years has been a prominent figure in congress and in national politics. Nine successive times he was the choice of his constituents in the First district of Minnesota, then he was defeated in the primaries for renomination. This reversal of the opinion of the voters was due to insurgency. Mr. Tawney was criticised for his action on the Aldrich-Payne bill, for his support of Speaker Cannon and for his stand pat attitude generally.

Congressman Tawney is a native of Pennsylvania and learned the blacksmith's trade in the shop of his father. In 1877 he removed to Winona, Minn., and worked at his trade until admitted to the bar in 1882. He was elected to the Minnesota state senate in 1890 and the following year began his congressional career.

Commander Sims of the Navy.

Commander William Sowden Sims of the United States ship Minnesota, whose speech at the recent dinner to the American navy in London has been the subject of international correspondence, was for several years naval aid to President Roosevelt.

The banquet at which the speech was delivered was given in honor of the officers and men of the American fleet in the English channel and was one of the functions which marked the visit of the vessels to English and French ports. Replying to the welcoming speech of the lord mayor of London, Commander Sims, according to the press dispatches, said that, speaking for himself, he believed that if the time ever came when the British empire was menaced by an external enemy they might count on every man,



WILLIAM S. SIMS.

every drop of blood, every ship and every dollar of their kindred across the sea.

Commander Sims is a Canadian by birth and entered the service of Uncle Sam from Pennsylvania; he was graduated from the Naval academy in 1880. In addition to the regular sea duty, he served for several years as naval attaché in Russia and in France. In recognition of his work as inspector of target practice President Roosevelt assigned him to command the Minnesota. Commander Sims thus becoming the first officer of his rank to have charge of a first class battleship. In a letter of commendation the president said that Sims was largely instrumental in building up a system of gunnery that had "enormously increased our efficiency as a sea power."

Wasted on Him.
"Occasionally," remarked the visiting Londoner, "I see in some American paper a supposititious colloquy referring to an aeroplane line to Mars. Do you know, that strikes me as being exceedingly funny. Evidently the writer is ignorant of the fact that our atmosphere does not extend upward more than fifty or a hundred miles and becomes more and more tenuous as it nears the limit. He does not seem to know that the air is absolutely necessary in flying an aeroplane. It is highly probable that no aviator ever will ascend to a higher elevation than ten or fifteen miles even if he can endure the excessive cold he will encounter at that altitude. The idea of sailing an aeroplane through the imponderable ether is ineffably absurd."—Chicago Tribune.

Scottish Names.
No country has experienced the difficulty arising from the commonness of one surname in a district more intensely than Scotland. With a whole countryside populated by Campbells, Frasers or Gordons, some more distinguishing nomenclature had to be found. And no doubt this was the chief reason why at one time men were always known by the name of their estate or farm. Dean Ramsay remembered an old cowherd who was always known as Boggy. His real name was Sandy Anderson, but he had once owned a wretched farm called Boggendreep, and he was Boggy to the day of his death.

At the Top.
"I take a good deal of pride in my cousin Hector," said Mrs. Lapsling. "He paid his own way through the medical college, got his diploma, and now he is a full fledged disciple of Osenlupus."—Chicago Tribune.

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