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Christmas Greetings

AERIAL EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH POLE

Expedition Led by Captain Bartlett Will Use Airplanes.

JUNE OF NEXT YEAR WILL WITNESS START

Plan Said to Have Been Conceived by Admiral Peary Contemplates Survey in Much Detail and is Expected to Add Much to Science.

New York, Dec. 22.—An expedition, to be led by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, polar explorer, will be sent to the polar regions next June, to survey the North Pole by airplane, according to an announcement here tonight by the Aero Club of America.

The plan, it was said, was conceived by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the pole. The purpose of this expedition, which, it was said, would be the most completely equipped ever sent out, will be to "explore, survey and photograph the unexplored parts of the Arctic region and establish the existence or non-existence of land or islands in that region. It is also intended, according to the announcement, "to explore the upper air and the bottom of the polar basin."

"Results of inestimable value to the United States and to science will surely be obtained from this expedition," says the announcement, which added that the club would raise \$250,000 to finance the trip.

"The North Pole has been discovered, but the major part of the work still remains to be done," the announcement states. "Both Admiral Peary and Captain Bartlett want to do a great deal of scientific research in the polar basin of which over 1,000,000 square miles remain unexplored, and they would want to have a laboratory on the ship where the flora and fauna from the ocean bottom will be kept until the return of the expedition. Little or no data has been obtained from the bottom of the polar basin and no meteorological surveys have been made in the polar region."

Asserting that "with the cooperation of the leading geographical and scientific bodies assured," it is planned to have the expedition leave the United States next June, the announcement continued.

DR. PRYOR ILL.

Dr. Pryor, of the Pryor Hospital in Chester, has been ill for several days with the flu, which threatens to develop into pneumonia.

Dr. G. A. Neuffer, of Abbeville, has been called to his bedside on two different occasions, one of which was Saturday evening, to consult with other physicians about the condition of the patient.

Dr. Pryor has many friends in Abbeville, and the people generally will be sorry to hear of his sickness. No man whom we know would be so sorely missed by the people of this section, should he be taken from us. Let us hope that he will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan, Miss Mary Jordan and Mrs. W. J. McKee, of near Due West, were in the city Friday shopping.

WILL ASK MONEY OF LEGISLATURE

State Board of Health Wants Adequate Appropriation—Tuberculosis Hospital Need Modern Plant—More Money Wanted to Fight Epidemic.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 21.—Ninety-three thousand dollars is the sum that the executive committee of the State board of health will recommend that the legislature appropriate during the coming session for the financing of various measures looking to the protection and improvement of health conditions in South Carolina. This amount does not include salaries, maintenance and various other items of necessary expense. Dr. James A. Hayne, State health officer, in speaking of the appropriations yesterday, said that the board hopes to be able to keep the expenses within the appropriation granted last year which was \$102,000 though some readjustment of appropriations may be necessary.

To finance the establishment of a child health bureau, it was decided at the meeting of the executive committee Thursday to recommend an appropriation of \$10,000.

It was also recommended that the work for the control of venereal diseases in the State be continued and that \$10,000 be appropriated for this purpose, which sum will be matched by the federal government.

The sum of \$15,000 will be asked for to carry on rural sanitation work, which sum will be supplemented by a like amount from the International Health Commission, better known as the Rockefeller foundation.

Dr. Hayne said yesterday that on account of the recurrence of influenza, the board felt that a larger sum should be appropriated for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases, and that \$30,000 will be asked for this year. Last year the sum appropriated was \$20,000.

It was decided to ask for the sum of \$8,000 for the building of a modern dairy at the tuberculosis hospital. For the maintenance of the hospital, the appropriation asked for will be the same as that of last year, namely \$15,000.

The report of the field secretary of the sanatorium showed how much benefit had been derived from the appropriation for cooperating committee for tuberculosis war work for which the legislature last year appropriated \$5,000. An equal amount will be asked for this year. Dr. Hayne, in speaking of this appropriation yesterday, said that the negroes have been aroused to the necessity for taking measures to care for tubercular patients of their own race and the legislature will be asked to provide a fund equal to the amount raised by subscriptions among the negroes, this amount to be used to furnish and maintain an infirmary at State Park under the management of the sanatorium for white people. The building will be located near the same place as that occupied by the infirmary for white patients, and Dr. Hayne said yesterday that the board felt sure that the legislature would lend a willing ear to this appeal as it means better protection for the whites as well as for negroes.

ATTENDING THE FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. George Penney and Miss Mary Perrin went up to Anderson Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Alma Penney on Monday.

ITALIANS LOSE MANY THOUSAND

Half Million Sacrifice Lives in War—Two Hundred Thousand Soldiers Killed in Action, While Disease Claims Remainder—Figures in Detail.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Five hundred thousand Italians lost their lives in the war. Of this number 200,000 were killed in action.

This statement was made to the correspondent today by Salvatore Barzillai, former member of the Italian cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel to Paris, explaining Italy's sacrifice and her claim to territories previously held by the enemy. Signor Barzillai said:

"On the eve of the peace conference, where Italy must claim the territories due her for reasons of nationality, it is well the world should know the sacrifices sustained by her. All Italians trust America as an impartial judge.

"Italy lost 500,000 dead. To those actually killed in battle be added 300,000 who died of disease, particularly malaria, contracted in Albania, Macedonia and along the Piave. The Italians severely wounded numbered 300,000, while 500,000 of the 5,000,000 called to the colors were taken prisoner.

"The enormity of her sacrifices makes Italy more exacting in demanding restitution of the regions along the eastern Adriatic. Italy adheres to a league of nations, having as a corollary freedom of the seas.

"A league of nations must have as a fundamental nucleus the ante-bellum countries and America, to which the others may join later. A central body, constituting the supreme court of the league, must have legislative power limited to international affairs, judicial power for the application of its rules and executive power to enforce its decision. All this implies the abolition of secret treaties and secret diplomacy and the abolition of armaments.

"Italy's war expenses reached 65,000,000,000 lire, which will be increased to 80,000,000 through pensions and other financial burdens consequent on the war. All this must be deducted from Italian wealth. Few other belligerents underwent such privations."

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Miss Ruth Howie is at home from Brenau College for the holidays. She is accompanied by her friend, Miss Terry Anderson, a pretty young lady from Arkansas who is attending the Georgia school.

These young ladies are making glad many hearts and are adding to the pleasure and gaiety of the holidays.

BACK HOME.

Dr. Jack Pressly has been discharged from the service and is back at home ready for business at the old stand. The doctor is glad to be home and says that nothing could persuade him to stay in the army, not even to having his legs dressed up in leather puttees.

LIKE OLD TIMES.

The Baptists are back on the job again and it was like old times, indeed, to have Rev. Louis J. Bristow occupy their pulpit Sunday. A warm welcome was extended to the family by the large congregation present.

DEATH TAKES TOLL OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Nearly Four Thousand Die in Ten Months—People Between Twenty and Thirty Succumb in Numbers—Figures for November Not Available.

A brief study of the vital statistics compiled by Dr. James A. Hayne, State health officer, for the ten months ending October 31, 1918, brings to light some startling figures as to the number of deaths in South Carolina among people ranging in age from 20 to 30 years.

In these ten months, 1,141 white males and 1,097 negro males between the ages of 20 and 30 passed away. In the same time and within the same age limits, 436 white females and 1,209 negro females died, making a total of 3,985. When it is realized that it is between the age of 20 and 30 that the health of the individual is at its best perhaps, the significance of the figures is grasped.

Dr. Hayne, in speaking of the death rate for October alone, said of the total deaths, which amounted to about 1,300, a little more than 28 per cent of the total number occurred among people between the ages of 20 and 30 years.

The influenza, which in many cases developed into pneumonia, reaped a fearful harvest among people in the full tide of their vigor. Dr. Hayne has not yet available the statistics for the death rate for that month among the young and vigorous will be almost as heavy if not heavier than the rate for October, as many cases of pneumonia occurred.

The number of deaths among the whites during the year 1917 was 7,256, while the total deaths for the same period among the negroes was 12,150, making a total of 19,406 for whites and negroes, not including the deaths among Indians.

The total numbers of births among the whites for nine months, ending September 30, 1918, was 14,793, the males slightly outnumbering the females. The total number of births among the negroes for the same period was 17,527, the males totaling 9,126 and the females numbering 8,402. There were 16 births among the Indians during the same period of time.—The State, Sunday.

DEATH OF MRS. PENNEY.

Mrs. Alma Spearman Penney died at the Anderson Hospital Saturday, Dec. 21st, 1918, at eleven o'clock, after a short illness with influenza.

Mrs. Penney was the wife of the late William Penney, of Abbeville, to whom she was married in 1903. They lived happily together for a year, Mr. Penney dying in 1904. Since this time Mrs. Penney has made her home in Anderson, making herself useful to mankind in the practice of her profession of nursing. She had many friends who will regret her death. Mrs. Penney was buried Monday in Anderson.

MRS. SIGN HOME.

Mrs. Gertrude Sign arrived in Abbeville Sunday and will spend the holidays with her home people. Mrs. Sign has been assistant book keeper at Alcolu for the Alderman Co., and is pleased with her work and with the new friends made. Her friends in Abbeville are glad to have her home.

CALLS FOR RETURN OF THE RAILROADS

Definite Proposition by Committee of Railroad Executives—Will Be Submitted Next Month, if Approved, to Senate Commerce Committee.

New York, Dec. 21.—A definite proposition calling for prompt return of the railroads after the passage of remedial federal legislation was worked out at a meeting here today of the standing committee of the Association of Railroad Executives, according to an announcement tonight.

While provisions of the plan were not made public, it was said that they took into consideration every detail of the problem. The program will be submitted next month to the Senate interstate commerce committee, if it is approved at a full meeting of the association called here for December, 30.

Whatever the cost, it was said, the executives are opposed to extending the period of federal control beyond twenty-one months after the signing of peace, as prescribed by law. It is understood that, rather than have the time extended to five years, as suggested by Director General McAdoo, they would prefer return of the roads without the proposed legislation.

A hint as to what form the executives think this legislation should take is found in the reasons they ascribe for improved conditions effected by government operation, additional equipment, abolition of the shipper's power to route his own traffic, increase in demurrage rates, increase in time allowed for loading and unloading cars and strict supervision of shipments.

Today's committee meeting followed a session held in Philadelphia last week, when a tentative draft program was made. Since then the twenty-four members of the committee, it was said, had submitted the draft to the leading railroad interests in various parts of the country.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS TO MEET IN COLUMBIA

Annual Gathering Called After Having Been Postponed

The Annual State Baptist Convention will be held in Columbia at the First Baptist church beginning on January 13. Announcement to that effect was made Friday afternoon by the executive committee of the convention, after a conference with pastors and laymen from all sections of the State, held in the Sunday School room of the First Baptist church.

The annual convention was to have been held at Darlington December 9-2, but was postponed on account of the influenza situation at that place.

The convention will open at 7:30 p. m., with devotional exercises and addresses. The regular order of business prepared for the meeting at Darlington will be carried out there. The delegates will not be entertained by Baptists of Columbia but will arrange for their own entertainment.

MISS McCORD BETTER.

Miss Essie Lee McCord, who has been at Pryor's Hospital for several weeks, has so far recovered as to be able to return home. Her friends will be glad to know that she is rapidly regaining her strength and that she hopes to be out at an early date.

RUSSIANS IN PARIS TO PRESENT APPEAL

Would Interest Entente Powers in Restoration of Order.

NO GOVERNMENT NOW FOR TROUBLED LAND

Political Parties of Disorganized Country, Exclusive of Bolsheviks, Represented in Delegation Headed by Prof. Paul Milukoff.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Prof. Paul Milukoff, leader of the Russian constitutional democrats, and foreign minister in the cabinet of Premier Lvoff, which was formed after the overthrow of the imperial dynasty, has arrived in Paris with Nicholas Schebeko, former Russian ambassador at Vienna, and four other Russians representing the various political parties exclusive of the Bolsheviks and the extreme left of the social revolutionaries. The Russian leaders say they have come here for the purpose of interesting the entente powers in the restoration of order in Russia so that a government may be formed which will reunite Russia and win recognition from the world powers.

The party left Kiev three weeks ago and traveled to Paris by way of Odessa. When Professor Milukoff left Kiev the Skoropadski government, he said, was hard pressed because the Germans never had permitted General Skoropadski to organize his own army and the Ukrainian forces was small after the German troops withdrew.

Professor Milukoff said General Skoropadski never was popular with the Ukrainians because he advocated an independent Ukraine while the public largely favored a united Russia. Extensive agrarian movements also have been directed against Skoropadski, the constitutional democratic leader added, and it is likely that the general has been overthrown.

Government of Denikine.

In the meantime General Denikine, former chief of the Russian general staff, has established a government at Yekaterinodar, which Professor Milukoff and his associates said they hope to see develop sufficient strength to unite all the moderates in the Ukraine and eventually to merge with the government of General Kolchak at Omsk, Siberia, into a central government pledged to the promotion of Russian unity. Other members of the Russian mission now here are Vladimir Gurko, a brother of General Gurko, who formerly commanded the Russian Southwest front; Sergius Tretiaikov, former president of the Russian Ecumenical council; Alexander Getoc and Constantine Krovoposkoc. The last two named members of the mission are moderate Socialists. They specially are interested in the cooperative movement and represent the left party in Russian politics. Professor Milukoff represents the center party while the other three belong to various parties of the right.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McElroy, of Columbia, are here to spend the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Richey.