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POLAR WAR STIRS UP NEW YORK

ARCTIC CLUB WILL GIVE COOK MEDAL AS DISCOVERER.

SCHLEY DEFENDS COOK

Indicating Navy Not Solid for Peary. Osborn Swears by Cook's Veracity.

New York, Sept. 14.—With Dr. Cook homeward bound and Commander Peary in touch with the correspondents, two swelling streams of conflicting affirmation are centered on a city already boiling over.

"I like Cook's attitude immensely in this unfortunate, unnecessary and unwise controversy. He certainly has been dignified and manly in the stand he has taken."

Peary Departs From Truth. "I have known also the other fellow—known him to depart from truth by large margins."

"Dr. Cook's attitude in withholding details of his discovery was attributed to his desire not to anticipate the publication of his book. But as soon as the other claimant got within reach of the wireless, he sent dispatches to everybody he could think of, but delayed informing the mother of the unfortunate Marvin, who perished during the expedition."

After a meeting of the executive committee of the Arctic Club of America, R. O. Stebbins, its chairman, gave the club's attitude on the affair. "The Arctic Club of America," he said, "has nothing to do with the controversy. All that the club recognizes is that Dr. Cook is the discoverer of the Pole and that Peary reached there. Our only desire is to honor the discoverer."

"The Arctic Club will present to Dr. Cook a gold medal, two and a half inches in diameter, showing in bas relief Dr. Cook standing on top of the globe, waving the Stars and Stripes."

PEARY REPEATS ATTACK

Insists He Is Only White Man Who Ever Reached the North Pole.

Battle Harbor, Lab., Sept. 14, via wireless to Cape Ray, N. S.—"I am the only white man who has ever reached the North Pole and I am prepared to prove it at the proper time. I have said that Dr. Cook's statement that he had reached the Pole should not be taken seriously and that I have him nailed by concrete proof to support my statement. In six months you probably will get the whole story. I intend to wait until Dr. Cook has issued his full, authorized statements. Up to the present time there have been only newspaper accounts of Dr. Cook's alleged Polar trip and they may or may not be accurate. When Dr. Cook has time to publish a complete authorized version of his journey will be the proper opportunity for me to make public the information which I have. After that the jury—in other words, the people and the scientific bodies of the world—will pass judgment on the matter and there will be nothing left of Dr. Cook's capital but his own assertions that he has reached the North Pole. In the meanwhile it is my determination not to deal with debates for the reason already stated."

The above statement was made to the representative of the Associated Press by Commander Peary, in reply to a question on the Peary-Cook controversy.

Curtiss Wins Again.

Brescia, Italy, Sept. 12.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, who won the international cup at Rheims, added further honors to his brilliant record by capturing the grand prize in the aviation meet here. Curtiss covered 50 kilometers (31.05 miles) or five times around the course in 49 minutes, 34 seconds.

Calendar grid for September 1909 showing days of the week and dates.

TAFT STARTS FOR PACIFIC COAST

DEPARTURE ON FIFTY-SECOND BIRTHDAY.

WILL VISIT SEATTLE FAIR

Itinerary Will Take President Through Many States. Tariff To Be Discussed.

Boston, Sept. 15.—President Taft signaled his fifty-second birthday by starting on a 13,000 mile trip to the Pacific Coast and return, a journey which will carry him through nearly every state and territory in the Union.

At different points along the route to the Pacific Coast speeches will be made, in which specific matters will be discussed in more or less detail. First, and perhaps foremost in the view of a large part of the population, there is the tariff. Corporation legislation, amendment of the interstate commerce act, irrigation and conservation, deep waterway developments are the other matters regarding which the President desires to talk to the people.

Going Among Insurgents

It violates no confidence to say that the President regards the journey with an emotion akin to that which in the case of some persons of a different temperament would be denominated trepidation. He is going from a section of the country where the sentiment is largely "let well enough alone" plump into the progressive West, where sits the present balance of political power, where the people are alive to reform issues, and there is a mighty sigh of independence of thought.

The President's itinerary will take him through Utah, Saturday, September 25, being spent at Salt Lake City; through Idaho, Montana and Washington, where several stops will be made, the party reaching Seattle on the evening of Wednesday, September 29, and remaining in the Exposition City until Friday afternoon, when the trip of 30 miles to Tacoma will be made by special boat. Portland will be the scene of activity on Saturday, October 2, and Sunday evening the party will leave for Sacramento.

NAMES TARIFF COMMISSION

Educator, Editor and Office-holder Appointed by President.

Beverly, Sept. 11.—President Taft has announced the appointment of Professor Henry C. Emery, of Yale; assistant secretary of the treasury, James B. Reynolds, of Boston; editor and publisher of the Breckers Gazette, and Alvin H. Sanders, of Chicago, as members of the new tariff commission.

Commerce Commission to Visit Coast

Washington, Sept. 11.—The entire Interstate Commerce Commission will visit the Pacific Coast this Fall and conduct hearings on all complaints of record from that section. The hearings will begin at Seattle, October 7, and after clearing the Washington docket, the commission will move to Portland on October 14 and to San Francisco four days later. Among the questions to be heard are the allegations that various distributive rates in the Northwest are excessive.

Questions Oil Land Patents.

Los Angeles, Sept. 13.—Suit has been filed in the Federal Court here involving title to oil bearing lands in the Coalinga, Midway and other oil fields of Central California, said to be worth upwards of \$25,000,000 and now held by the Southern Pacific Company of California. The suit is filed by T. S. Minot, an attorney of San Francisco. The total area of land involved is about 500,000 acres. It was granted to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company more than 40 years ago. Patents were granted several years ago. It is the validity of the Government patents which is now attacked.

Attorney Minot has not disclosed who his clients are, but a statement published by a local newspaper credits him with representing J. J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway.

Hitchcock Coming West.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Postmaster-General Hitchcock left Washington on a trip to the Pacific Coast, going by way of New York City. He will arrive in Seattle in time to be present at the Washington state postmasters' convention, September 20 and 21. He will also attend the conventions of the Oregon and Montana postmasters.

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