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STARS AND STRIPES FLOAT AT NORTH POLE

Dr. Cook, an American Planted the Flag on the Top of the World on April 21, 1908 and Ends Search of Four Hundred Years

NO LAND, MERELY DESOLATION

The Call of the North is now Silent and the World Knows the Secret of Its Uttermost and After a Great Sacrifice of Lives

PAST EFFORTS TO REACH POLE.

Western Hemisphere.		
Year.	Explorer.	Latitude.
1587	John Davis	72 12
1618	William Baffin	77 45
1827	Capt. Ross	81 35
1846	Sir John Franklin	78 00
1854	E. K. Kane	80 10
1871	C. F. Hall	82 11
1876	G. S. Nares	83 21
1879	De Long	77 15
1883	A. W. Greely	53 24
1900	Robert E. Peary	83 50
1902	Robert E. Peary	84 17
1906	Robert E. Peary	87 06

Eastern Hemisphere.		
Year.	Explorer.	Latitude.
1594	William Barents	79 20
1596	Rup Hoemskereck	77 49
1607	Henry Hudson	80 30
1806	William Scoresby	81 30
1827	W. E. Parry	82 45
1853	Nordenskjold	81 42
1874	Julius Payer	81 05
1896	Frederick Jackson	81 21
1896	Erithof Nansen	86 14
1899	Walter Wellman	82 04
1900	Duke of Abruzzi	86 34
1905	Anthony Fiala	82 4 00
1907	Walter Wellman (halted by storm)	

SACRIFICES IN EXPEDITIONS.

Year.	Explorer.	Lost.
1552	Sir Hugh Willoughby	62
1554	Richard Chancellor	8
1578	Sir Martin Frobisher	40
1585	Capt. Davis	35
1594	Barents	3
1606	John Knight	2
1607	Henry Hudson	10
1612	Sir Thomas Button	14
1619	Jens Munk	62
1631	Thomas James	14
1632	Island of Mayen Settlers	7
1634	Island of Mayen Settlers	7
1648	Deshneff	70
1719	James Knight	50
1728	Bering	10
1735	Pronchitscheff	2
1735	Lassintus	53
1739	Charlton Lupter	12
1742	Bering	31
1773	Lord Mulgrave	8
1776	Capt. Cook	4
1818	Parry, first voyage	2
1819	Franklin, first voyage	1
1821	Parry, second voyage	7
1825	Franklin, second voyage	4
1829	John Ross	4
1838	Pease and Simpson	5
1845	Franklin, third voyage	135
1848	J. C. Ross, search exp.	1
1849	North Star Expedition	5
1849	Plover and Herald	3
1853	Rae	6
1854	Kane Expedition	3
1860	Isaac Hayes	1
1860	Hall, first voyage	2
1864	Hall, second voyage	3
1870	Hall, last voyage	2
1872	Peggethoff	2
1872	B. Leigh Smith	2
1875	English Expedition	4
1878	Jeanette (De Long)	23
1881	Greely	20
1896	Andree (balloon)	3
Total		753

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—There is no more "unknown north" no more mystery surrounding that great tract of ice surrounding the hitherto "undiscovered pole." For years scientists have debated the regions surrounding the pole. Some prophesied an open sea, some land, others that the attraction of gravitation would cease and weight would become nil.

Cook has settled it all. There is no open sea and no solid earth within three hundred miles, nothing but perpetual snows and the acme of human suffering. His journey is of inestimable benefit scientific.

ly, but commercially is of no value.

Bradley Furnished Money. NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—John R. Bradley who financed the Cook expedition is jubilant over the discovery of the pole.

"If the news is true and it must be, he has accomplished the most wonderful thing of any man, to make a dash for the pole and return alive unassisted. I never had the slightest doubt but that Cook was safe, so when the people tried to finance a relief expedition recently I refused to subscribe, knowing that it might interfere with Cook's plans."

Back to Civilization. COPENHAGEN, Sept. 2.—The press does not doubt the authenticity of the announcement of the discovery of the pole. A magnificent reception is planned for Cook's arrival on the Hans Egere on Saturday. The city council in a special boat will meet him at sea and there will be a banquet in the evening. He will then meet King Frederick. American flags will fly everywhere.

Wired the Observatory. BRUSSELS, Sept. 2.—Director Lecolite of the Brussels observatory received the following telegram, filed at Lerwick, shetland Islands:

"Reached north pole April 21, 1908. Discovered land far north. Return to Copenhagen by steamer Hans Egede. (Signed) FREDERICK A. COOK."

The American officials at the observatory state the dispatch is surely authentic, and that the north pole has been reached for the first time and by an American.

Shackleton Pleased. LONDON, Sept. 2.—"I am more than pleased to hear the news," said Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton, who recently returned from an expedition that got very close to the south pole, when informed of the announcement of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar success. "If the news is correct," continued the lieutenant, "it is a very remarkable achievement. It must have been a one man dash to the pole, as Dr. Cook's only companion was Rudolph Franke, who left the explorer when he was between 500 and 900 miles from the pole."

Esquimaux Helped. COPENHAGEN, Sept. 2.—The Esquimaux at Cape York, mentioned in the dispatch from the official on board the steamer Hans Egede, are said to be connected with the expedition of the Danish explorer, Knud Rasmussen, who is now at Cape York.

It is believed here that Dr. Cook was accompanied on his dash to the pole by only a few Esquimaux.

The news of the achievement of the American explorer has created intense excitement in Copenhagen.

The Arctic Explorer. NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, accompanied by a Norwegian, left Etah, Greenland, March 3, 1908, taking with him eight Esquimaux, four sledges and twelve dog teams. He was to make his way through Ellsmere land. Dr. Cook lives in Brooklyn.

For years Dr. Cook has given his attention to Arctic explorations and in 1891-3 was surgeon of the Peary Arctic expedition, and was also surgeon of the Belgian Arctic expedition. He has received numerous decorations from the geographical societies of Europe for his research and writings on the polar field.

Dr. Cook started on his present expedition in the summer of 1907, sailing from North Sydney, C. B., on the schooner John R. Bradley, with Captain Moses Bradley as sailing master.

The party was reinforced with sledges, dogs and Arctic equipment at Etah, Greenland, whence they sailed March 3, 1908.

Dr. Cook's plan was to set aside all tradition by making the dash to the pole during the winter months, when the elements are considered least advantageous for an advance northward.

Nothing has been heard from Dr. Cook for the last eighteen months. It was Dr. Cook's plan to make his base of supplies or permanent camp at Annatoak, in Greenland, about twenty miles north of Etah. This would place him about 1,000 miles from the pole. He first made his way westward out of the cache and across Ellsmere land. The Arctic club calculates that he reached this position in the spring of 1908.

The last news received from him was dated March 17, 1908, when he was near Cape Thomas Hubbard.

He then reported that his health was excellent, that he had picked up a large party of Esquimaux of superior intelligence and that his prospects for success were bright. He intended to push on to the northern point of Greenland and from there started his dash to the pole in the winter of 1908. He expected to return to his quarters at Annatoak not later than next month.

Dr. Cook was born at Calcoen depot, Sullivan county, N. Y., in 1865. He was married in Brooklyn in 1902, to Miss Mary Hunt. His wife has shared the belief of the Arctic club that her husband has achieved the goal of the north pole.

Scientists Believe.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—There are few scientists in Washington at this time, but those who are here are interested in the reported achievement of Dr. Cook. They, together with every one else, are delighted that an American should be the first to reach the goal.

Dr. Cook undoubtedly was equipped with proper instruments, such as a sextant or pocket transit, and his daily observations may be compared with the known positions of the sun and thus his figures will be proved.

Frank Walley Perkins, assistant superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, talked of this feature.

He said:

"The expedition started out quietly and without much advertising, so we do not know very much about what the arrangements were or what instruments Dr. Cook took with him. It is probable, though, he has determined his latitude as he went along with a sextant or a very small pocket transit. There would, of course, be no longitude to reckon."

Mr. Perkins went on to explain that it would be practically impossible even if he wished to do so for Dr. Cook to even unintentionally mislead the public. The roughest calculations and observations, based on the position of the sun, the position of which on each day is known to the scientific world, would be sufficient to show the daily course he followed. The known position of the sun and other scientific facts would be compared with the observations and calculations of Dr. Cook and thus it would be proved if his figures were correct, and would show where he was when he made them. Inaccuracies, Mr. Perkins said, could be discovered. Scientists here feel certain that Dr. Cook was careful in making his records, which he will doubtless make public at the first opportunity.

Mrs. Cook Not Surprised.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Cook's wife today sent this telegram from Brunswick, Maine, to the United Press, New York: "My faith has never wavered and I am glad my judgement of my husband's ability has been vindicated. (Signed) MRS. DR. FRED A. COOK."

Taft is Pleased.

BEVERLY, Sept. 2.—The president is immensely pleased with Cook's planting the American flag at the north pole. As soon as he receives official notification he will send a message of congratulation. He declined to make a formal statement, but could not conceal his pleasure.

The Scientists.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Scientists are practically unanimous in the belief that Cook's word of the discovery of the pole will be accepted.

Father and Son.

DAVENPORT, Sept. 2.—A rather unusual sight was presented at the court house when a father and son presented themselves at the same time to secure naturalized citizens. The father is Karl A. Stopp, aged 44 years and the son is Ernest F. W. Stopp aged 19 years. Both father and son came to Davenport from Germany a year ago. The father is employed as janitor at the Argyle flats and the son works for the Rock Island road.

Centerville Wants It.

CENTERVILLE, Sept. 2.—When Rev. W. H. Perdew, pastor of the First M. E. church goes to the annual conference at Winfield he will carry with him the invitation of Centerville for the 1910 conference, such action having been taken by the official board. The conference has not been held in Centerville since 1880, which is the only time it was ever held here, so it is thought the local church church has a good chance to secure the conference includes the southeastern part of Iowa with 150 pastors.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

WILL CARROLL HAVE OPPOSITION?

Political Talk From Des Moines About Who is to be the Next Governor of Iowa After Present Term.

SAMMIS IS MENTIONED

Besides the LeMars Elk, There is Mention of Maytag, Eaton and Garst, But Talk May All be Ballooning.

DES MOINES, Sept. 2.—While Governor Carroll, at the head of a long line of public officials, was shaking hands with state fair visitors on the porch of the state fair administration building yesterday, politicians inside the building were discussing the possibility of the governor's being opposed for the nomination at next year's primary by one of two or three prominent republicans.

James Uriah Sammis, the Plymouth county senator, who made himself famous by his long speech against the public utilities bill in the senate last winter, perhaps is the most prominently mentioned man in that connection. Senator Sammis is not in Des Moines, having remained pretty close to his Le Mars home since his victory at Los Angeles in the race for exalted ruler of the Elks.

If it isn't Sammis against Carroll, it will be Senator Frank L. Maytag, of Newton, Des Moines and Waterloo, say the dopesters today. Then, there are Willard L. Eaton of Osage, Warren Garst of Coon Rapids, and others. Just how much this talk is ballooning that will die down when the primaries draws near is hard to say today. Certain it is, however, that there is more talk about the governorship today than there has been in Iowa for many months.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THREE MEN

Were Overcome by Gas Fumes and Were Saved Before They Were Asphyxiated.

WHIRLED INTO THE CLOUDS

Boy Entangled in Ropes of a Balloon But Got Back to Earth in Safety.

SYRACUSE, Ind., Sept. 2.—Quinter Neff, aged twelve years, is recovering from the shock of being whirled three thousand feet in the air by William Simmon's balloon late yesterday. He became entangled in the ropes, and aeronaut and boy both landed unharmed when the balloon slowly settled to earth under the double weight.

TURKS AND MONTENEGRIMS

Came Together and Had a Battle With Another Larger One in Prospect.

PERIA, Sept. 2.—As the culmination of the border fray the Turks and Montenegrins had a pitched battle near Gusink, a city in Turkish territory, according to advices today. There were heavy losses. The Montenegrins fired first. Five Turkish women were wounded and taken into Montenegrin territory. Armed forces are on the frontier and a decisive battle is expected.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning next Sunday, September 5, 1909, The Daily Gate City will issue a Sunday morning edition, omitting the Saturday evening issue. All copy for display advertising for the Sunday issue should be in the office not later than 10 o'clock Saturday forenoon.

INTERNAL STRIFE IN THE UNIONS

Iowa Federation of Labor and the National Body Are Not in Unity and a Break Likely to Occur.

ELECTRIC UNION CAUSE

Meeting of Executive Committee at Des Moines Will Attempt to Straighten Out Tangled Conditions.

SIoux CITY, Sept. 2.—Internal strife threatens a severance of the relation between the Iowa Federation of Labor and the international federation headed by Samuel Gompers, and unless some mediation or arbitration is effective there is a likelihood of a permanent and distinct break between the state and the national union labor organization.

The beam in the eye of the American Federation of Labor is the split in the ranks of the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, headquarters Springfield, Ill., caused by the recent election of two sets of national officers and the dissatisfaction brought about by the alleged undue expenditure of funds by the older official clique.

Union labor in Iowa, in June last at the annual state convention, endorsed the action of the newer faction in the electrical workers' union, and seated their delegates. This, despite the decision of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and the national executive council, supporting the election and acts of officials representing the old guard.

There are about 700 union electrical workers in Iowa, and the stand of the majority has so offended national officials that they threaten to revoke the Iowa's charter. Of the 60,000 union electrical workers in the United States it is said 80 per cent are supporting officials of the secessionists.

The executive committee of the Iowa Federation of Labor, meets Friday next at Des Moines, and will then take action in the matter. It is likely an appeal from the decision of the national executive board may be taken to the international convention at Toronto, Canada, in November.

MEN AND WOMEN BOTH VOTED

Seymour Decided to Have Waterworks and Sewers and Celebrated With Fireworks.

SEYMOUR, Sept. 2.—The election for waterworks and sewerage was carried by a large majority. The vote stands as follows:

First ward—Men for, 108; against, 35; women for, 91; against, 18.

Second ward—Men for, 92; against, 27; women for, 82; against, 13.

Third ward—Men for, 107; against, 35; women for, 97; against, 20.

Total number votes cast, 723; total number of years, 575; total number of years, 148.

There is great rejoicing over the result of the election. The band played, and fire works were set off equal to a Fourth of July celebration.

LAID FOR SHERIFF WITH A RAZOR

Crazy Man in Jail Had Weapon Concealed in His Shoe and Contemplated Murder.

MT. PLEASANT, Sept. 2.—Because he was patient and kindly to one of his prisoners, Sheriff Goe was rewarded with secret information which unquestionably saved his life. Some time ago a prisoner was discharged. Before leaving the premises he called Sheriff Goe to one side and stated that inasmuch as the sheriff had been considerate to him, he wanted to give him some information on which he could act.

He startled Goe by announcing that one of the prisoners, a man named Corbett, was planning to assassinate the sheriff at the earliest possible opportunity and that he had concealed on his person a razor which had been smuggled to him by his wife.

Corbett, is the man who escaped from the Dakota insane asylum, worked here as a painter, committed larceny, and was chased by the sheriff out near Highland, where a pistol battle took place before he was apprehended.

As soon as Sheriff Goe heard of the plot to kill him he went after Corbett and thoroughly searched him. No weapon was found on him until he examined his shoes and then under the sole of one of them in a recess carefully cut out he found the razor.

Another Wabash Wreck.

MOULTON, Iowa, Sept. 2.—The Wabash had its third wreck within that many days. The one in which two men were killed and a third one so badly hurt that his life has been hanging in the balance, occurred on Saturday morning; the second one Sunday morning, south of Des Moines, in which no one was much hurt, and the last one when the freight due here about the middle of the afternoon met with an accident in which a car left the track, one man, Ber' Sneed, of Moulton, was considerably hurt, how badly is not yet known. Edwin Sticker was jammed slightly and a lady name unknown injured internally.

Moody Has Rheumatism.

Haverhill, Mass., Sept. 2.—That rheumatism, and nothing else, is the malady from which Associate Justice William H. Moody of the United States supreme court is suffering, was the statement made by the justice's secretary, John A. Kratz, Jr.

GIANT FUNERAL PYRES BURNING

Victims of the Mexican Flood Are Being Burned by Order of the Government as a Precaution.

1,500 ALREADY FOUND

Hundreds of Bodies Were Found in the Lagoons Which Were Left by the Flood Along the Shores.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 2.—Giant funeral pyres are burning in Monterey, Mexico, the government ordering the victims of the flood to be cremated. Fifteen hundred bodies have been recovered and the complete list, dispatches declare, will be over ten thousand. Hundreds of bodies have been found in the lagoons left by the flood below the city. They were decomposing and sickness has broken out. Americans coming here declare the damage is underestimated. The work of caring for the homeless is well organized.

MISSOURI EAGLES FORM STATE AERIE

Organization Formed of the Twenty-Two Lodges in the State With 9,000 Members.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 2.—Members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Missouri closed a two days' session, at which a Missouri state aerie, comprising twenty-two aeries with a membership of about 9,000 was organized. The officers elected were:

Past worthy president, John N. Stone, Kansas City Aerie, No. 47; state worthy president, Edward Portley of Joplin Aerie No. 112; state vice president, Dr. E. F. Staats, Sedalia Aerie, No. 601; state worthy chaplain, Fred J. Cugna, St. Charles Aerie, No. 1376; state secretary, Frank L. Farris, St. Joseph Aerie No. 49; state treasurer, O. C. Schnitzer, Hannibal Aerie, No. 638; state conductor, G. F. Brewington, Bevier Aerie, No. 1556; state inside guard, E. M. Staton, Ozark Aerie No. 294, Springfield; state outside guard, W. A. Lynn, Rich Hill Aerie No. 571; state trustees—W. J. Mockler, St. Louis Aerie No. 41; William Bostian, Independence Aerie No. 385; E. W. Dobbin, Pleasant Hill Aerie, No. 661.

EFFORT TO REOPEN THE SALOONS

Muscatine Thirsty People are Trying Hard to Secure the Necessary Consent.

MUSCATINE, Iowa, Sept. 2.—The thirty-two workers who began to circulate petitions of consent for the reopening of saloons in this city report that they are making remarkable progress and they are confident that they will be able to get sufficient voters to sign the petitions to make sure of the reopening of the saloons. On the other hand, those opposing the measure, although taken somewhat by surprise, express their belief that conditions have been so satisfactory, from their viewpoint, that a sufficient number of signers cannot now be secured.

THE WEATHER.

Indications For Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled with showers tonight and Friday. Slightly warmer.

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Weather Conditions.

The southeastward movement of the field of high pressure from the north of the lake region has caused fair, cooler weather east of the Mississippi except there has been rain at Boston, attending a disturbance off the New England coast.

West of the Mississippi the pressure is relatively low, with the greatest depressions in western Kansas and in Arizona.

Showers have advanced from the mountain region to the Dakotas, western Missouri and Iowa, the rainfall being heavy at Omaha.

Conditions indicate unsettled weather, with showers and slowly rising temperature for this section tonight and Friday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage.	Height.	Change.	State.
St. Paul	14	4.5	-0.1 Cldy
La Crosse	12	3.7	-0.1 Clear
Davenport	15	4.0	-0.1 PtCdy
Galland	8	2.3	-0.1
Keokuk	15	3.9	-0.2 Cldy
St. Louis	30	9.6	-0.4 Cldy

Local Observations.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	State.
1 7 p. m.	30.18	65	NE	Cldy
2 7 a. m.	30.13	54	E	Cldy
Rainfall for past 24 hours, trace.				
River above low water of 1864, 3 ft. 9 tenths.				
Change in 24 hours, fall, 2 tenths.				
Mean temperature, 64.				
Maximum temperature, 75.				
Minimum temperature, 52.				

River Forecast.

The river will fall slowly.

F. I. Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

POST OFFICE LOSING MONEY

Deficit in the Department For the Last Fiscal Year Amounted to Over Twenty Millions of Good Hard Dollars.

MORE THAN BEFORE

An Effort Will be Made Now to Cut Down This Yearly Deficit as Long as Hitchcock Has Charge of It.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 2.—Postmaster General Hitchcock had an important conference with President Taft regarding the plans he had formulated for cutting down expenses in the postal establishment.

He told the president that according to the latest estimates the post office department will show a deficit for the fiscal year ended June 30 last, of more than \$20,000,000. This is the largest deficit the postal service ever has known, and Mr. Hitchcock informed the president that it was his purpose and his ambition to show a material decrease in the amount every year that he has control of the department.

The deficit for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1908, was about \$16,000,000. The increase as nearly as can be ascertained, was due in part to extensions of the service; to the business depression during the first part of the fiscal year, and to the cumbersome and expensive methods of handling the mail and in other departments of postal work.

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