

## COOK SPEAKS AT BANQUET

Explorer is Guest of Honor at Ovation Tendered Him by the Arctic Club and Tells of Successful Trip.

## THE KEY TO THE SECRET

Says That Nothing is Impossible in the Arctic if Man Will But Keep His Body Warm and Properly Fed.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Cheered by a thousand men and women as he entered the banquet hall on the arm of Admiral Schley, Cook told his story last night before the most brilliant audience he has addressed since he left Denmark. The banquet was given by the Arctic club of America, of which Cook is a member, in recognition of his announcement that he reached the pole, and while there was no official representative from the state or nation, the assemblage was cosmopolitan and enthusiastic.

Cook said: "The key to the frigid endeavor is subsistence. There is nothing in the arctic realm impossible to man. If the animal fires have adequate fuel there is no cold too severe, no obstacle too great. No important expedition ever returned because of unscalable barriers or impossible weather. Exhausted food supply, resulting from limited means and transportation has turned every aspirant from the goal. The most important lesson of the ages in the polar quest is that civilized man must bend to the savage and simplicity is necessary. We must begin with food and transportation to the wild man. Even this must be reduced and simplified to fit the new environment. With due respect to your complimentary eloquence, candor compels me to say that the effort of reaching the pole is not one of physical endurance, nor is it fair to call it bravery, but proper understanding of the stomach's needs and knowledge of limits of brute force, of the motive power, be that man or beast.

"Our conquest was only possible with accumulated lessons of early experiences. Failures of our predecessors were the stepping stones of ultimate success. Real pathfinder to the pole were early Danish, Dutch, English, Norse, Italian and American explorers. With these we share the fruits of which your chairman put into my basket.

"We arrived at the pole April 21, 1908. We discovered new land along the 102 Meridian between the 84th and 85th parallel. Beyond this there was no life, no land. The ice was in large, and heavy fields with few pressure lines. Drift was southeast and southwest. Clear weather gave good observations almost daily. These observations, combined with those at the pole guarantee our claim. When taken in connection with the general record, you don't require this, but this and all other records will come to you. I acknowledge to you, and to living arctic explorers, my debt of gratitude for valuable assistance, but we must not forget the fathers of arctic polar travel. There is glory enough for all. Enough for the graves of the dead and the heads of the living. Many are here tonight are too numerous to mention, must. The names are too numerous to mention. Special mention for honor but be made to Greeley, Schley, Melville, Peary, Flah, Nansen, Abuzzi, Cagni, Sverdrup, Amundsen, Nordenskjold, a number of English and other explorers."

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## MAINE BELIEVES IN MR. PEARY

That State Through Its Governor Believes That He Was the Only Man Ever at the North Pole.

## EXPLORER IS GRATIFIED

Tired Out With Shaking Hands and Hearing Cheers, Peary Has Gone to His Peaceful Home.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 24.—Intensely gratified by the return of thousands who welcomed him back from the North pole, but tired out by the handshaking which lasted until early this morning, Peary departed this morning for his home. Whatever ammunition Peary may have against Cook, is not likely to be used until next week. During pauses in the speech making and cheering here, Peary has been conferring with Gen. Thomas Hubbard of New York, president of the Peary Arctic club and upon his advice will probably depend the matter. General Hubbard has been asked by the explorer to take two or three days to reflect upon his report before deciding what is to be done. "There are some things in the report I wish to explain to Hubbard," said Peary. "After Hubbard has read the document I wish to go over the report with him. I think I shall go to Bar Harbor to meet him. When I have talked with Hubbard I shall be ready to answer all questions about the discovery of the pole including those about Dr. Cook."

Maine is heartily with Peary. Governor Fernald touched the keynote of popular feeling when he said "Our people are proud of the man who reached the spot which no other living man has attained."

## COOK'S VISIT TO ST. LOUIS

Explorer Will Spend Two Days there and Can be Seen by the People.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the entertainment of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, discoverer of the North pole, when he visits St. Louis during a ten-day week. He will arrive here on October 5 and be welcomed by a reception committee. The Veiled Prophets ball, the biggest social event of the year will be held the evening of Dr. Cook arrives and he and his wife will take part in the ceremonies. Dr. Cook will deliver two lectures here. A heavy sale of seats for the lectures has already been reported and it is believed not one-third of those wishing to hear him will be able to do so. In apprehension of that, the committee is arranging to have Mr. Cook ride in one or more of the big parades held here during the week so that all at least, may see him. The Academy of Science will entertain him and the Business Men's league will banquet him.

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## MAYBRAY AND 84 OTHER MEN

Grand Jury of the Federal Court Brings the Big Indictment Against Alleged Swindling System.

## NAMES ARE WITHHELD

None of the Eighty-Four Who Are Named as Accomplices Are Under Arrest But They Will be.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Sept. 24.—James C. Maybray and eighty-four men charged with being his associates were indicted by the United States grand jury for the Southern District of Iowa, charged with conspiring to defraud by illegal use of the United States mails. With the exception of Maybray and three or four others, none of those indicted are in custody, and for that reason the names of the defendants were not made public. It was stated, however, that the list includes many persons known in criminal annals in all parts of the country and that nearly every name is followed by from one to four aliases. Each of these alleged confederates had a number, which is given as one of the aliases accredited to the defendant.

Although specific amounts are not mentioned in the indictment, it is authoritatively stated that the amounts lost by the alleged victims will exceed half a million dollars. The sums lost run from \$1,500 to \$30,000, the latter sum having been placed on a fake horse race, according to the evidence at hand, by a Missouri banker.

The list of names of victims given in the indictment includes men of prominence in all parts of the country, and there is set forth in the specific charges a number of letters of an incriminating character which gives a touch of sensationalism to the document.

Victims in eighteen states, the Territory of Alaska and the Dominion of Canada are named including the wide range of territory over which the accused are charged with having piled their vocation. As a basis of operation they used, according to the indictment, the cities of Council Bluffs, Davenport and Burlington, Iowa; St. Louis, Little Rock, Seattle, Denver and New Orleans, to which places it is alleged victims were taken by the numerous steiners.

## PREACHER'S BOTTLE WAS PICKED UP

Waterloo Divine Cast Message in the Sea and it Has Been Returned to Him.

WATERLOO, Sept. 24.—Rev. E. D. Hull upon his return home from a recent trip to Europe was surprised to find in his mail a card from an unknown Frenchman to which is connected a strange story. On the third day out from the American coast, Rev. Mr. Hull decided to place one of his visiting cards with a message in a bottle and throw it overboard. He carried his intention into effect and the card was placed in a small bottle with written instructions to whoever might pick it up to return it to his address in Waterloo.

There was a great amount of speculation by members of the party at the time whether anything further would be heard of the incident and in the other features of the voyage it was soon forgotten. The bottle it seems was discovered in the Gulf of St. Lawrence after drifting several hundred miles and its message reached a Frenchman who complied with the wishes of the writer. Rev. Mr. Hull has the card as a souvenir of the strange incident.

—Fort Madison Democrat: Mrs. Arthur Williams of St. Paul, Minn., passed through the city this morning en route to Keokuk with the body of her husband, the funeral service being held at the Congregational church in that place this afternoon and interment made in the Keokuk cemetery. Mrs. Williams is a cousin of Mrs. S. J. Mason of this city. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Mason and Miss Priscilla Everhart attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were former residents of Keokuk.

Queer New York Street Signs. A barber in the Bronx who hails from Italy has a sign painted on his window "Barbitonsorial Parlor." And on a hotel by a Bronx road is the announcement, "Automobile and Funeral Parties Cheerfully Accommodated."—New York Sun.

## BAYING HOUNDS TRACKED MEN

Three Men Arrested on Charge of Committing the Sextuple Murder in Virginia This Week.

## DIPLOMACY WON OUT

Posse Held Back by the Men With Shot Guns Who Threatened to Shoot If They Stormed the Cabin.

BLUEFIELDS, Va., Sept. 24.—Alexander Blankenship and his two sons barricaded in their mountain cabin, ten miles from the scene of the sextuple murder in which George Meadows, wife, three children and Mrs. Meadows' aged mother were slain, surrendered themselves to a posse of several hundred citizens last night after several hours of parley. The men were tracked by blood hounds. They were working in a field when they heard the baying of the hounds and hurried to the house. When the posse arrived, they were defied and told if they tried to enter the house they would be shot down. The barrels of three shot guns protruded through loop holes of the house. The commonwealth attorney and scores of special deputies were hurried to the farm and when the men inside were promised they would not be lynched, they surrendered. The Blankenships were rushed to jail at Hurley. Farmers from Buchanan and adjoining counties are gathering at Hurley and it is believed they will attack the jail and lynch the suspects. It is declared blood soaked clothing was found in the cabin. The trio under arrest always bore a good reputation among their neighbors.

## FOUR OF KIND FOR TEDDY

Now Has a Quartet of Elephants to His Credit Since He Began Firing Away in Africa.

## KERMIT ALSO GOT ONE

The Father Has Just Killed Two While the Son Got Another and Also a Rhinoceros.

NAIROBI, Sept. 24.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt now has a record of having killed four elephants. Camp runners who arrived here today told of the killing of the third and fourth animals by the colonel who has now finished his hunting in his present location and was expected to break camp today for the Guisa Niaro river. Kermit also has an elephant to his credit. He shot one on Monday and further added to his laurels by killing a rhinoceros.

—J. B. Sherlock is in the city the guest of his brother, Dr. W. P. Sherlock and will remain for a few days. His home is in St. Paul and he is en route to Notre Dame, Ind., to attend college.

—Work was commenced this week on an immense transfer boat, to be known as the "Frisco," at the Dubuque boat ways. The "Frisco" will be taken down the Mississippi in the spring of 1911, as her construction will require close to two years. The "Frisco" will be a sister ship to the Albatross and the Pelican, the immense transfer boats built in Dubuque a few years ago, and taken down the Mississippi. She will be 305 feet in length, with 50 foot beam, and the contract price is near the quarter-of-a-million figures. A fifteen-ton-locomotive crane has been installed by the company to be used in her building. The big "Frisco" is to be used by the "Frisco" line at Baton Rouge, La., to transfer trains across the river. At the same boat ways a large ferry boat, called the Ruth, is in course of construction. The Ruth goes to Donaldsville, La., for ferrying passengers and teams across the river.

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## STORM DECLARED TO BE RECORD

As the Reports Come In, the Hurricane of Monday Night is Given the Place of Honor.

## WIND WAS 85 MILES HOUR

Millions of Dollars Property Loss But the Number of Deaths Was Not as Large as Before.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 24.—That the south has been visited by the fiercest and most destructive storm it has ever experienced, has become known today as the full story is told. Never before has the wind attained so high a velocity as in the hurricane that swept off the Gulf of Mexico on Monday night and never has it swept so far inland. Never has the destruction been so great but the loss of lives was not as high as in other storms. The wind blew 85 miles an hour, 15 miles more than ever recorded before. It carried the waters of the gulf before it, washed away beaches and shell drives, leaving beautiful summer homes with their front fences dangling in the water, inundated plantations and swept hundreds of persons to death. Timber cotton, sugar cane and rice have been cut down and millions of dollars loss has been caused in cities. Shipping has suffered enormously and new stories of disaster keep coming in. It is feared that many steamers on the gulf have been sunk. One heavily loaded with bananas and carrying forty people has been reported sunk off Grand Island. Portions of the wreckage have been washed ashore as well as many bodies from the vessels. It is said the ship was the Utstein, one of the most reliable vessels plying in the gulf. News from other steamers is anxiously awaited. From the towns and parishes devastated reports show that the full toll of death is not known. At least 300 have perished.

## HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION

Begins Tomorrow Afternoon in New York and Will Be Seen by Thousands.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—With the coming today of the inflexible, Drake of Edinburgh and Duke of Argyll the Dresden, Bremen, Eartha and Victoria of the German fleet and the Montana of the American fleet, the mighty concourse of warships which will take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration have all been gathered in the North river. The largest of all is the inflexible of the British navy, with her sister ship at Sandy Hook this morning. The largest crowd since the Dewey celebration has already arrived and it is expected that by Monday the greatest crowd in the history of New York will have gathered here for the celebration. It is estimated that more than 150,000 have braved the rain on Riverside drive today to look down on the mammoth fleet of war vessels in the North River. The police are under orders to protect the crowd well and arrest all suspicious characters on sight. More than thirty-nine pickpockets have already been arrested. The officials' celebration begins tomorrow afternoon.

## Endorsed For Office.

DUBUQUE, Sept. 24.—At a meeting of Dubuque chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the chapter unanimously endorsed Mrs. Bertha Lincoln Heustis, the regent, for the office of vice president general of the national society. The state convention of the order will be held at Sioux City October 16-17, when the name of Mrs. Heustis will be presented before that body for endorsement. The election will not take place until the meeting of the national society is held at Washington, D. C.

—The membership statement just issued by Head Clerk Hawes of the Modern Woodmen of America shows a smaller increase in membership than usual. He says: "The membership statement for the two months ended August does not show as large net gains as the neighbors have come to expect from each report. This is due to the large list of temporary suspensions in the semi-annual per capita month of June, reported by clerks of camps in the month of July."

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## END OF WORLD DID NOT COME

It Was Scheduled to Arrive at 10:00 O'clock This Morning, But There Was Only a Shower.

## THE CRAZY PEOPLE

Three Hundred People Who Should Have Been in the Asylum, Waited For the End to Come.

DEUXBURY, Mass., Sept. 24.—With only a heavy rainfall to console them for the expectancy of a world's cataclysm, 300 members of the Tribune Immersion Sect who gathered here expecting the end of the world at 10 o'clock this morning, are dazed at the blow to their faith and are disappointed that they were not snatched up to the clouds as their leader foretold. In their little chapel five miles from here, they waited the end of all things, praying and singing all morning. Shortly before 10 o'clock, heavy clouds overcast the sky and the most fervent waited for the heavens to open and the crust of the earth to slide off into a vast abyss.

But there was nothing doing. Slowly the minutes dragged by. Their dazed amazement was pitiful. Soon, however, their fanaticism railed. Some asserted that Christ would come before night, but others declared there has been a mistake in the year and that the end will come on next September 24. No explanation is given out by the leaders as to the mistake. The crowd has settled down to wait for the end before the day is over.

## BETTER CONDITIONS ARE URGED BY URICK

President of Iowa Federation of Labor Talks While in Clinton.

CLINTON, Ia., Sept. 24.—Iowa has the largest percentage of organized mechanics of any state in the union, said A. L. Urick, president of the State Federation, who came to Clinton on business connected with the local labor congress. There are more than 40,000 organized laborers in this state, he declares. President Urick said:

"The Iowa Federation of Labor is looking forward to the time when better sanitation will be observed in the construction of buildings; is working for improved labor conditions in Iowa and the advancement of the conditions affecting all her people; and hopes to see at no distant day a sanitarium or hospital in every county in Iowa for the care of persons suffering from tuberculosis in advanced stages."

Mr. Urick says Polk county will probably be the first of the counties to found a sanitarium for the care of advanced tubercular patients, who can not gain admission to the state sanitarium; every county having the right to establish such an institution, by virtue of the law enacted by the last Iowa legislature. The state federation has been in the war against consumption nearly five years, and has materially aided the state board of control and the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, in its educational campaign.

## Interurban Report.

DES MOINES, Sept. 24.—The annual report of the I. & I Interurban Railway company, running from Davenport to Clinton, filed before the railroad commission yesterday, shows a net loss for the year of \$10,881.22. However, there is a substantial profit shown from actual operation. Total operating revenue for the year being \$147,730.20, expenses \$94,425.58, leaving a net revenue of \$45,313.62. This profit was eaten up by the fixed charges, interest on the funded debt alone being \$52,500.

## Big Price for Eye.

SHELBYVILLE, Ill., Sept. 24.—Miss Bess Southcott, who lost an eye and was otherwise injured in the mysterious explosion and wreck of a Big Four train at Sandford, Ind., January 13, 1908, has recovered a judgment of \$7,500 from the railroad company. This judgment is a compromise, and the money is to be paid within sixty days.

## Hard-Working Queen Bee.

A New York commuter has been using delicate scales, and says that he has a queen bee that lays three times her weight in eggs daily when she is real busy.

## PROHIBITIONISTS ARE IN SESSION

All of the Prominent Workers For the Cause in the United States Are in Chicago This Week.

## GRANT FOR PRESIDENT

Banquet to be Held Tonight at Which the Boom is Expected to be Launched For the Year 1912.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—All the prominent leaders of the Prohibition party in the United States are here today to help celebrate the anniversary of the party which began here today. By tomorrow night when they will disperse it is expected that the prohibition national platform for the 1912 campaign will be pretty well outlined. The presence here of every former living candidate for president in the party, makes the meeting notable. It is expected that this afternoon it will be decided to broaden the scope of the party platform. The program opened with a meeting of the executive committee this morning. At 12:50 an anniversary meeting will be held. Tonight there will be a banquet at which a boom for Gen. Frederick Dent Grant for president on the prohibition ticket will be probably sprung. Tomorrow the great temperance parade will be held when several thousand men and women will be reviewed by Grant.

## RUSSIA NOW ADMITS TROUBLE

Says that there was a Slight Disorder and that a Few Were Injured.

BERLIN, Sept. 24.—The Russian authorities now admit that there have been numerous slight disorders at Kief and in the suburb of Skopogka a clash occurred between the Jews and Reactionaries during which the Reactionaries attacked the Jews and in the struggle a few persons were injured.

## THE WEATHER.

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

For Keokuk and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday. Probably frost tonight. Warmer Saturday. For Illinois: Fair tonight and Saturday. Continued cool. Probably frost central and northern portions tonight. For Iowa: Fair tonight and Saturday. Probably frost tonight. Warmer Saturday. For Missouri: Fair tonight and Saturday. Continued cool. Probably frost extreme north portion tonight.

## Weather Conditions.

There have been rains in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley and eastern states, as the storm center passed eastward through the St. Lawrence Valley. The advance of the western fields of high pressure to the central valleys is causing generally fair, cool weather in the southern and western portions of the country, except there have been scattered light showers in the Dakotas, the eastern portions of Nebraska and Kansas, and in western Iowa.

On the Pacific slope the temperature is rising slowly, with areas of low pressure in Oregon and Arizona.

Conditions indicate fair weather for this section tonight and Saturday, with probably light frost in exposed places tonight, and becoming slowly warmer Saturday.

## Daily River Bulletin.

Station	Stage	Height	Change	Weather
St. Paul	14	4.1	x0.1	Clear
La Crosse	12	3.1	0.0	Clear
Davenport	15	3.4	-0.2	Clear
Galland	8	2.0	-0.1	.....
Keokuk	15	3.4	0.0	Clear
St. Louis	30	8.5	-1.3	Clear

## River Forecast.

The river will fall slowly.

## Local Observations.

Sept. 23 7 p.m. 30.18 59 Calm Clear  
24 7 a.m. 30.31 48 NW Clear  
River above low water of 1864 3 feet 4 tenths.

Mean temperature, 57.  
Maximum temperature, 69.  
Minimum temperature, 45.  
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.