

FORTY-TWO DEAD IN CYCLE OF FIRES

Department Chief and Twenty-four Others Perish in Chicago Stockyards.

FIFTEEN BADLY INJURED

Chicago "Hello" Girls Stick to Posts Despite Fate of Dear Ones—Search of Philadelphia Ruins Continues.

FATAL FIRES IN TWO DAYS.

CHICAGO—Fire Chief Horan and twenty-four men killed and fifteen men seriously injured at a \$1,000,000 fire in the Nelson Morris packing plant at the stockyards.

PHILADELPHIA—Fourteen dead, forty hurt, and several missing in a fire which destroyed the plant of the Friedlander Morocco Company.

CINCINNATI—Three dead and a financial loss of \$2,500,000 in fire which destroyed an entire block in the manufacturing district.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Chicago, Dec. 22.—Fire Chief James Horan, popularly known as "Sunny Jim," Assistant Chief William J. Burroughs and twenty-three men were killed when falling walls in a \$1,000,000 fire at the stockyards of Morris & Co. early today.

Mayor Busse, who spent ten hours personally directing the search for the body of Chief Horan, who had been a lifelong friend, himself narrowly escaped death when a number of ammonia pipes exploded. The chief's body was recovered late to-night, after a railroad wrecking train with derricks and steam shovels was used to clear away the burning ruins. The bodies of eighteen other men have been found.

Marshal Horan's body was pinned to the ground beneath a heavy timber and partly protected by several iron girders. The face was free from bruises and was recognized as soon as uncovered.

It took half an hour after finding the dead chief before two hundred firemen, city officials and friends of Horan could extricate the body. It was taken to the undertaking rooms of Daniel Horan, brother of the dead chief.

The list of dead includes the chief, the assistant chief, two captains, five lieutenants, thirteen city firemen, two private firemen and a railroad employe. The fire broke out fresh at 8 o'clock to-night, after it had taxed the strength of the fire department for sixteen hours. Acting Chief Seyferlich sent a general call to outlying stations for fresh men. These, aided by police reserves, continued the fight on the fire and the search for bodies of the dead.

Air Expansion Killed Chief. Insurance men said that the killing of the chief and his men was not due to an ammonia tank explosion, as at first supposed, but to the expansion of cold air in the beef warehouse due to the heat from the fire. This, it is said, forced the four-story wall to give way and collapse. The force behind the wall was as strong as though an explosion had occurred.

Marshal Horan was married about six years ago. He was the father of four children, the youngest of whom is two years old. He assumed command of the Fire Department after the death of Marshal Musham, who had succeeded Marshal Cannon, following the passing of the veteran, Dennis Sweeney. He was a great baseball "fan," and Ban Johnson, Comiskey and others paid glowing tributes to him to-night.

Morlarty, another fireman killed, was a brother of the third baseman of the Detroit Tigers, who is here for the holidays. He is stricken with grief at his brother's home to-night.

Apparently maddened by the death of their chief, who was popular in the department, firemen threw themselves recklessly into the work of clearing away the fallen wall. More than fifty men dropped from exhaustion and were carried back from the intense heat of the burning warehouse.

Burned All Day and Night. Despite the work of many engine crews, the fire continued to burn stubbornly all day and night. Thousands of persons thronged into the stockyards, and the police kept spectators back from the danger line with great difficulty.

Not since the days of the Iroquois Theatre tragedy, which, like the fire of today, was a holiday time horror, have such pathetic scenes attended a fire in Chicago. The bodies of victims were taken to undertaking rooms on West 43d street, near the fire. Widows and children of the dead men, white faced and frantic, crowded into the place. The bodies were so badly mutilated in most cases that the police would not permit relatives to view them. In several instances women struggled with policemen in attempts to see their dead.

Prompt Plans for Relief. Chicago will provide for the widows and orphans of the firemen. With the launching of several public and semi-public movements for the raising of a large relief and trust fund it is probable that the records made after the cold storage warehouse fire of World's Fair time, a fund of over \$100,000 was subscribed for the Messina earthquake and for the Cherry mine disaster a year ago, will be rivalled.

Member of Family Also Denies Report of Impaired Health. There was a report yesterday afternoon that because he was ill Mayor Gaynor had been forced to leave the City Hall early. At his home, No. 29 Eighth avenue, yesterday a member of his family said last night that the Mayor was not sick. Dr. John W. Parrish, his physician, also denied that Mr. Gaynor was ill. He said he had not been called to attend him.

LOOK FOR RECIPROcity Bright Prospect for Success of Negotiations with Canada.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Dec. 22.—In preparation for negotiations on Canadian reciprocity President Taft held an extended conference to-day with Secretary Knox and Chandler Anderson, counselor of the State Department, who was recently appointed to the place made vacant by the death of Henry M. Hoyt.

The prospects for a successful issue of the negotiations are brighter at present than they have been at any other time since the subject was brought up in connection with the tariff agreement by which Canada obtained the minimum rates under the Payne-Aldrich law. So far no serious obstacles have arisen. President Taft's efforts to pave the way for the negotiations have been unusually successful, and there has been much evidence of a responsive feeling in Canada. The negotiations will be taken up directly with the Canadian representatives early in January in Washington. Mr. Anderson has been giving most of his time to the question and carrying on the investigations interrupted by the death of Mr. Hoyt. The conference today was for the purpose of gathering up the loose ends and mapping out the field to be covered by the agreement.

CLEANS HOUSE; FINDS \$4,000

Treasure Hidden Away in Closet in Old New Jersey Home.

Sussex, N. J., Dec. 22 (Special).—No one in this section of the state has found housecleaning more profitable than has Miss Ida Simonson, who got \$4,000 yesterday afternoon in a brief hour's work. She was cleaning a closet in the DeKay homestead in Vernon when under an old wash boiler she brought to light the treasure. There was \$500 in gold and the remainder in bills of large denomination.

Miss Simonson is said to be entitled to the money not only because she found it, but because she is a descendant of the one who probably put it there. The Simonsons are an old Sussex family and some of them occupied the house at times in the past. Just who left the money hidden away, however, is not clear.

WINS \$30,000 A DAY

Young American Nearly Breaks the Bank at Monte Carlo.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22.—A cable dispatch from France records the extraordinary winnings of Will Darnbrough, a Bloomington young man, at Monte Carlo. It was said that he has won \$30,000 a day for the last week and was threatening to break the bank. Darnbrough has been in Europe for ten years and has won and lost dozens of fortunes. Of late years he has ranked with the most successful players at Monte Carlo and other European resorts, and a year ago was credited with winning \$100,000.

In the last week, according to the dispatch from Monte Carlo, it has been observed that he plays 29 oftener than any other number, which has started a run on 29 at roulette by those who wish to profit by the American's luck. It is said that Darnbrough plays roulette almost exclusively, and always plunges, betting thousands of francs on each flight of the ball. His table has been thronged with envious gamblers, who are unable to equal his luck.

TORRE GIRL'S BIG HAT UP

She Wouldn't Take It Off in Philadelphia Theatre.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A man who said he was Emil Edwards, of No. 348 West 118th street, New York City, attended a performance at a Market street theatre last night. He had a seat behind that occupied by a young woman who insisted on wearing a large hat, despite requests that she remove it. Edwards was unable to see the stage, and when the girl persisted in her refusal to remove her hat he reached over and began tearing the offensive headgear to pieces. Before the six ushers employed in the theatre reached Edwards there was little left of the hat. He was arrested and held in \$800 bail for a further hearing next Thursday. Edwards declares that the young woman was breaking a theatre rule, and therefore has no redress.

THOUGHTS BY MAY YOHE

Would Write Autobiography, but Fears Earthquakes.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] San Francisco, Dec. 22.—May Yohe is thinking about writing her autobiography, chronicling the happenings of her eventful life. "I should cause earthquakes all over the world with my book," she said. "Instead of dating everything from the time of the big fire here, as they do now, people would say 'since May Yohe wrote her book.' I have received an offer for my memoirs."

Her estimates of Lord Francis Hope and Captain Putnam Bradlee Strong are interesting. Although Lord Francis divorced her, she has only fulsome praise for him, but with Strong it is different.

MAY SIT UNTIL DAYBREAK

Spanish Deputies to Remain in Session Until "Padlock" Vote Is Taken.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Madrid, Dec. 22.—The discussion of the "Padlock bill" was resumed in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The Catholic members, following their tactics of obstruction, introduced endless amendments, and Premier Canalejas moved that the Chamber sit until the bill was voted.

This motion was adopted, and the session may continue until daybreak at least.

MAYOR NOT ILL, SAYS DOCTOR

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BOARD OF ESTIMATE HOLDS UP SUBWAY PLAN

Sends It to Transit Committee, Gaynor, Prendergast and Mitchel, Which Opposes It.

MAYOR WANTED A DELAY

McAneny, with Him, Suggests Committee of the Whole—Controller Wants P. S. C. to Commit Itself.

Opponents in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the Interborough's latest proposition for building new subways won the first skirmish at the meeting of the board yesterday. In spite of the desire of Mayor Gaynor and Borough President McAneny that the communication of the Public Service Commission go over, Controller Prendergast forced it before the board and thence into the hands of the transit committee. President McAneny moved that it be referred to the committee of the whole, but without the motion when he realized that it would precipitate a fight.

The transit committee, which is composed of Mayor Gaynor, Controller Prendergast and President Mitchel of the Board of Aldermen, was instructed to report on the communication, if possible, at the next meeting of the board, which will be on January 5, as a recess was taken over the holidays. It is a foregone conclusion that the majority report of the transit committee will be against the Interborough proposition, both the Controller and the President of the Board of Aldermen being against it.

This gives the opponents of the proposition the tactical advantage. It gives them a chance to present their arguments in favor of turning down the entire proposition, and places on the shoulders of those who are in favor of the plan the responsibility of trying to overthrow the majority report of a regularly constituted committee of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

It is not unlikely that Mayor Gaynor will present a minority report in favor of the Interborough. It was predicted last night that any attempt to overthrow the majority report and pass the minority report would probably result in a deadlock, which would leave the question where it stood yesterday. If the board does not approve of the Interborough proposition, the Public Service Commission is on record in its letter as saying it will go ahead with the Interborough, letting the contracts for the work without any settlement of the question of operation.

P. S. C. Wants to Deal with Interborough

Inquiry among members of the Public Service Commission yesterday as to whether or not they would be willing to present to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment further details as to the terms they proposed to make with the Interborough brought out the information that they would rather negotiate quietly with the Interborough. It was suggested by an outsider that the commission might also bring the tribune officially before the board by letting the contracts for that system, but the opinion seemed to be that it would be better to have both the commission and the board consider only the Interborough's offer on its merits.

President McAneny, who was anxious not to have the subway question come up yesterday, saw the Mayor before the meeting of the Board of Estimate. It is understood that the Mayor agreed with him that it should not come up. Then the Borough President went to the Controller. The latter declared flatly that he wanted action as soon as possible and proposed to call the letter up at the first opportunity.

President Mitchel also visited the Mayor before the meeting. The Mayor said he would be extremely busy, and he did not think the subway question would come up he guessed he would not go to the meeting of the board. He was asked to be told, however, in case anything of great importance arose.

After the regular matters on the calendar had been disposed of Controller Prendergast asked the secretary to read the communication from the Public Service Commission on the Interborough's proposition, saying that although it had been received too late to go on the calendar, he believed it to be of such importance that it ought to be considered.

"Wait a minute," said President Mitchel. "I promised to notify the Mayor if anything of considerable importance came up. I declare a recess until he shall have been called."

Lieutenant Kennel hurried downstairs and the Mayor appeared in a few minutes. He held a short consultation with the Controller and President McAneny, asking if the matter might not go over, but finding that the Controller was not willing, he consented to remain. He did not take the chair.

McAneny Makes Move.

After the secretary had read the letter from the Public Service Commission President McAneny moved that it be referred for consideration to the committee of the whole. "I do not mean by this," President McAneny continued, when the Controller had uttered an ejaculation of surprise, "to interfere in any way with the functions of the transit committee, but it seems to me that the time has arrived when the entire board should get down to the consideration of this matter. I, for one, would be glad to sit in council upon it."

The Controller moved to amend by referring the communication to the transit committee, saying that he did so with some embarrassment as a member of that committee, but thought the experience of the committee in such matters should be used in the solution of the problem. President McAneny declared he would continue on fourth page.

MEDICAL CORPS MAJOR ARRESTED AT PIER

Created a Disturbance, with Two Companions, While Waiting for Liner to Dock.

H. H. RUTHERFORD ANNOYED

Trouble Arose, Says Raczkievicz, When Army Surgeon and Friends Were Barred by Customs Inspectors.

Major Henry H. Rutherford, U. S. A., of the medical corps, and two friends had a clash with the customs officials on the North German Lloyd pier in Hoboken last night. The major was arrested by order of Deputy Surveyor John J. Raczkievicz, as were his friends.

According to Raczkievicz and Deputy Surveyors Norwood and Harris Major Rutherford and his companions were arrested as a last resort to make them cease a tirade of abuse and highly colored language.

The customs officials, after ordering the arrest of the major and his friends, made an investigation of their movements throughout the afternoon. Raczkievicz said that they had been drinking at a hotel in Hoboken while waiting for the docking of the George Washington and became abusive when they made an effort to get inside the customs lines shortly before the gangplank was put aboard.

The major and his two friends appeared at the gate and started to pass through, according to Raczkievicz. They were detained by a customs inspector and asked to show a pier pass. The major explained that he had none, but offered his card. The inspector told him that the card would not do, so the major tried to force his way through. The trio was held in check by the two inspectors and Otto Schmollinska, the special policeman at the Lloyd pier. Then followed a lively discussion.

Word was sent in to Deputy Surveyor Raczkievicz that three men, one of them an army officer, were trying to force their way into the lines. He sent out Deputy Surveyor Norwood, accompanied by Deputy Surveyor Harris. When they arrived, they said, they heard the major abusing the inspectors at the gate.

Harris made notes of the remarks of the major and then reported them to Raczkievicz. When the latter came to the gate a dozen men, accompanied by women, appealed to him to arrest the three men. Raczkievicz told the men to go away quietly, and when they refused ordered their arrest.

Major Rutherford and his companions were taken to the automobile in which they had driven to the pier, and in that to the police station, Harris and Raczkievicz going along to make a charge of disorderly conduct against them.

On the way to the police station, Harris declared, the major's companions planned two fictitious names and addresses. The major, who had previously proffered his card on the pier, made an effort to conceal his identity. His companions gave the names of Daniel K. Meyers, of No. 601 West 142d street, and Edward E. Albert, of No. 1056 Sterling Place, Brooklyn.

After getting bail, Major Rutherford and his two friends returned to the pier repentant and wanted to see the deputy surveyors and apologize for their conduct. Raczkievicz and Harris were unrelenting and informed them that they would be at court this morning with ten witnesses, who would testify against them.

One of the major's companions said later that his name was Maher and that he and his party had come to the pier to meet his parents. The only Maher on the steamship was a Miss Helen Maher, but it was said she was not related to him.

Major Rutherford, who is a tall, good looking man of about thirty-eight, was greatly disturbed over his arrest. He said he had been in the service for twelve years. He was raised to the rank of major in January of this year, and is stationed at Fort Totten.

Major Rutherford was born in Arkansas on February 17, 1873. He entered the United States volunteer service in Missouri in 1898, and in 1901 was commissioned to the regular army. He served in Manila, and was later transferred as a surgeon to the United States General Hospital at the Presidio in San Francisco.

GIVES GOVERNMENT \$1

Patriotic Ranchman Wants to Help Pay Expenses.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A ranchman living in San Antonio, Tex., wrote to Secretary MacVeagh a few days ago, asking for a copy of the estimates of government expenses for 1911, inclosing a \$1 bill. Robert O. Bailey, Mr. MacVeagh's secretary, sent the estimates showing that it will cost about \$680,000,000 to run things another year and returned the \$1. The ranchman's reply was received to-day, and the same \$1 bill came with it.

RAN FROM OPERATING TABLE

Victim of Appendicitis Said Four Scars Were Enough.

Refusing to undergo a fifth operation for appendicitis, Michael Schuman, of No. 125 Madison street, leaped from the operating table and dashed from the New Rochelle Hospital yesterday, declaring he was going home to die. He bears scars of four operations for appendicitis, and he said they were enough for him.

Schuman was taken with violent pains in the region of his appendix on a Stamford trolley car yesterday morning, and was taken to the hospital by the police. The case was diagnosed by Dr. Thomas C. Taylor, the police surgeon.



DR. FREDERICK A. COOK. Who had his first glimpse of New York last evening since his sudden disappearance, more than a year ago. (Photographed on board the North German-Lloyd steamship George Washington.)

LAD SAYS HE WAS A PRISONER TWO YEARS

Children's Society Seizes Little Unfortunate in a Condition Called Shocking.

ALL THE TIME IN ONE ROOM

Says Woman Who Was His Only Companion Is His Mother—Searching The Bronx for Her.

Looking like a pocket edition of Rip Van Winkle, with his matted and unkempt hair falling far below his shoulders and his clothes tattered and torn, a boy, eleven years old, who said his name was Henry De Graff, was taken yesterday by agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children from a room at No. 1870 Third avenue, where the child said he had been confined for two years.

The little fellow's release was brought about by his own ingenuity in writing a letter to the society, telling of his plight and begging to be rescued. "My name is Henry De Graff. I am eleven years old, and have been kept a prisoner for two years in a room at No. 1870 Third avenue. Please come and rescue me," he wrote.

When Superintendent Thomas D. Walsh of the society received the letter yesterday morning he first thought it was another case of kidnapping. But before deciding to send the information to Deputy Police Commissioner Flynn he dispatched Robert W. Cosgrave, an agent of the society, to the address mentioned by the alleged prisoner.

It turned out, if the boy's story should prove to be true, that he had been held captive under circumstances more remarkable than anything in the ordinary kidnapping line. Cosgrave found the boy in a dingy and untidy room with a wrinkled and wild eyed woman as his only companion. The boy said she was his mother, and that her name was Annie De Graff. She didn't deny it, but would say very little until the agent told her he would have to take the boy away. Then she began to rave and threatened to kill herself if the boy was taken from her.

AGENT VERIFIES WRITER OF LETTER.

The boy told Cosgrave his name, which corresponded to the one given in the letter, and said it was he who had written the letter to the society. Cosgrave declared the youngster presented a shocking appearance of neglect and that everything about the room spoke volumes against it as a habitation, proper and sanitary for a growing boy.

Young De Graff didn't complain that he had not had enough to eat. His mother had fed him two or three times every day, he said, but she had not allowed him to leave the room for two years. She would not let him go to school or even on the street. "When I asked my mother to let me go to school," Henry told Cosgrave, "she would say that I would learn wickedness from the other boys, and that school learning didn't amount to anything."

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TRIPLETS FOR CHRISTMAS

Husband Presented with Three Sons Weighing Thirty Pounds.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Newton, Miss., Dec. 22.—Mrs. William Norman, forty-two years old, residing near here, today became the mother of her seventeenth child. Last night at 6:30 o'clock she gave birth to a nine-pound boy, and this morning, at 7:30 o'clock, two more boys, ten and eleven pounds, respectively, arrived. The triplets are healthy and vigorous.

The fourteen children previously born to the woman are all alive. The father is a farmhand, and his wages are \$9 a week.

FROZEN FAST TO ENGINE

Man Beating His Way Home Rides 41 Miles in 40 Minutes.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Uthaca, N. Y., Dec. 22.—With his hands frozen fast to the rod to which he clung, Adolph Jergo, of South Boston, Mass., was taken from the pilot of the engine of an express train to-day, after riding forty-one miles in forty minutes in the teeth of an icy wind. His ears and hands were frozen, and he was brought back to life only after hard work.

Jergo told the police that he was trying to beat his way home, and thinking that he could make better time, left a freight train at Geneva and boarded the engine of the express. For the forty-one miles, which the train ran at more than a mile-a-minute clip, he faced a biting wind, and a few miles more would have meant death.

AEROPLANE DUCK HUNTING

Latham Enjoys Novel Sport at Los Angeles Club.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, went duck hunting in a monoplane to-day at the Bolca Chiclo Club. He circled over the feeding grounds of the wild fowl at high speed, frightening thousands of birds into the air.

With a double barreled shotgun Latham fired ten times at the ducks, killing a few and crippling others. He then pursued the birds three miles out to sea. After half an hour of hunting Latham landed at the clubhouse.

DAYS WITH DEAD WOMAN

Hostess Stayed in House Alone with Body.

After being in the house four days with a dead woman and two dead dogs, Mrs. Agnes Brennan, of No. 1631 St. Peter's avenue, The Bronx, reported the matter to the police last night, or rather fourteen-year-old Charley Crowley, a bright boy who lives at No. 1519 Hoe avenue, reported it for her. Investigation did not make the police think that Mrs. Brennan had anything to do with the death of Clara Hughes, who was her friend, and so no arrest was made. Illuminating gas was the cause of death.

Mrs. Brennan said Clara Hughes was in the habit of coming to the St. Peter's avenue house about twice a week and staying over night. Long conversations under midnight gas jets were their diversion, and the two were great cronies. The last time the dead woman came there, according to Mrs. Brennan, was on Sunday evening. About 9 o'clock on Monday morning Mrs. Brennan awoke, almost suffocated, and ran out into the yard.

When she came back she saw Clara Hughes lying on the floor, but did not disturb her, thinking she was asleep. When Charles Crowley went to the shanty last night, Mrs. Brennan told him she thought her friend was dead, and he ran around to the Westchester police station. The lieutenant in charge sent two men to investigate, and the Coroner's physician was summoned.

ROOSEVELT IN LONDON SOCIETY.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] London, Dec. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt, Wilfred Hudson Osgood, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, and Samuel Hubbard Scudder, of Cambridge, Mass., have been elected corresponding members of the London Zoological Society.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRINGS US DR. COOK

Hirsute Disguise Lacking, He Appears Stocky and Strong, Calm and Assured.

THINKS HE REACHED POLE

Presence on Ship Breeds Intense Partisanship Between Two Factions of Cabin Passengers.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook came back in at least one sense last night—that is, he returned to this, the country of his birth and the scene of his aldermanic and other triumphs. Singularly enough, or perhaps by design, he steamed into port on that North German Lloyd liner called the George Washington, after a man who could not tell a lie even in infancy. Stocky and strong looking, with no hirsute disguises and with a calm, assured manner in keeping with the smile of amusement which never deserted him during the interview, Dr. Cook handed a typewritten statement to each of the score of reporters who had boarded the George Washington at Quarantine and had swarmed about him in the ladies' saloon with questions pertinent and impertinent. He wore a black cutaway coat and tan shoes, a favorite combination with him in the days when he enjoyed the "freedom of the city" and displayed a gold key. His statement follows:

"I have no statement to make other than that which I have carefully prepared and which is now being published. I want the American people to read that story as a whole and not to depend upon extracts from it. With the best intention in the world, extracts from a document so large as my complete story are liable to be misleading. "Any interview I might give would necessarily be fragmentary and doubtless misleading, also, so I shall not give out any interviews, and any purporting to come from me will not be authorized. I spent weeks carefully preparing my story, and I have frankly said in it all that there is to say. Every charge against me is taken up and answered in its proper place in my narrative.

Was in America a Month Ago.

"Where I have been and what I have been doing during the last thirteen months since I left the United States in November, 1909, is fully set forth in my story. I will say, however, that I was in the United States less than a month ago. I arrived in Quebec on October 29, went to Troy, N. Y., thence to Newburg and Poughkeepsie. I was in the two last named cities about three weeks, writing, revising and correcting proofs on my story.

"I registered under an assumed name because I was very busy—too busy to receive my many personal friends or newspaper men. No other precautions were taken to keep my presence concealed. I stopped at leading hotels and took an automobile ride each pleasant day. I was at the Palatine Hotel in Newburg, most of the time. I left Poughkeepsie on the night of November 23, and went directly to Halifax, where I sailed for Europe on the same steamship line, on the same steamer and just a year from the time I sailed from the same port when I left America in 1909.

"I do not know what my plans for the future will be. I have no plans whatever for going on the lecture platform. I have not returned to America with the intention of making money out of my Arctic experiences. Money did not prompt the writing of my story, as I have seen suggested in certain newspapers. As I said, I have come back solely for the purpose of rehabilitating myself and my family by setting matters right with my countrymen.

"The band of cross-examiners could hardly be content with this document, carefully prepared with the aid of a representative of the magazine in which the explorer's 'confessions' are appearing, while the ship was coming up the bay. They pressed him for something hot off the bat, with no press agent strings attached. At first he refused absolutely to amplify his statement, but finally he consented to answer a few of the rising tide of questions.

Still Thinks He Reached Pole.

"Is it possible that you will enter into a debate with Peary on the lecture platform?" "No, it isn't possible." "Why do you say it isn't possible?" "Because that isn't my manner, my way of doing things." "Do you contemplate a lecture tour?" "I do not." "Do you believe now that you got to the North Pole?" "That was the next query."

"I have stated circumstantially just what I do believe in my magazine story and wherein I may be wrong in my belief." "Yes, but the people are anxious to know to-morrow morning what your attitude is to-day—what you think about it as you enter New York for the first time since your disappearance." "But I have explained all that."

"Can't you give us anything definite for to-morrow morning, doctor?" "Well, personally I believe I got to the pole." "What, then, do you think of the verdict of the University of Copenhagen with regard to your 'proofs'?" "I accept its verdict for the reason that I don't believe any man could present such a thing as positive proof that he had reached the pole."

"Didn't you believe in your 'proofs' when you forwarded them to the university for examination?" "I felt as confident of them as a man can be of that sort of thing." "Do you believe Peary got to the pole?" "I said I believed he had reached the pole when I was here over a year ago, and I haven't changed my mind." "Are you done with exploring, doctor?" "I think I am done with exploring." "Few of the passengers could tell what

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