

## COOK'S SHIP WAITS OUTSIDE

### OSCAR II. ARRIVES TOO SOON WITH THE EXPLORER.

Stays Off Fire Island From 3 P. M. Until Dawn To-day So as Not to Upset the Elaborate Reception Plans of the Doctor's Friends—The Programme.

Capt. Hoppel of the Oscar II., the Scandinavian-American liner that brings Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Arctic explorer, to America this morning, has made the record for his line during the trip just finished, with daily runs sometimes as high as 400 miles.

But owing to this very ambition of the skipper of the Oscar II. to break records Dr. Cook and his fellow passengers had to ride at anchor off Fire Island from early yesterday afternoon until dawn this morning in order that a premature landing would not spoil the reception arrangements planned by Dr. Cook's admirers.

At the offices of the line in Bowling Green it was learned yesterday morning that the Oscar II. at 9:35 A. M. was sixty-five miles east of Fire Island, which would have enabled the liner's passengers to dock in Hoboken yesterday evening.

As early as Sunday members of the Arctic Club and Brooklyn friends of the explorer who planned the big welcome that will be tendered Dr. Cook to-day landed by wireless that the Oscar II. probably would dock yesterday, whereupon there was much commotion among the members of various reception committees who would not be ready for the doctor's arrival until to-day.

As a result of much telephoning and scurrying of messengers between committees and the Scandinavian-American offices the company finally sent a wireless message to Capt. Hoppel to hold off a bit and not dock until to-day. Capt. Hoppel therefore anchored off Fire Island shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The fleetship Virginia, bound for New York, reported by wireless about 8:30 yesterday afternoon that she had just passed the Oscar II. and that the liner again was under way, but headed out to sea and the eastward as if killing time. Later in the afternoon it was again reported that she was at anchor off Fire Island and would stay outside until dawn to-day and then come up to Quarantine.

Dr. Cook sent in two brief wireless messages in reply to questions and he also sent a wireless to his wife, who with Mrs. Austin D. Sullivan of Portland, Me., has engaged apartments at the Waldorf.

The explorer was told by wireless at Fire Island that Peary thought it significant that when he, Peary, ran across Harry Whitney in Greenland Whitney had said nothing about Cook's discovery of the pole although Whitney at the time was supposed to have known about it, and even to have had some of Dr. Cook's records in his possession.

Dr. Cook answered this immediately from Fire Island yesterday afternoon. Whitney so his reply ran, previously had made arrangements to go hunting at Hudson Bay but should be back here "in a few weeks." The reason Whitney didn't mention Cook's discovery to Peary, said Dr. Cook, was that Whitney had given his promise not to mention it until he had returned to the United States.

"Whitney will defend neither Peary nor myself," said the doctor, "but will tell the truth, which is all that is required."

## STORM HITS THE GULF COAST

### NEW ORLEANS CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

Great Damage to Railroad and Other Property—Cotton Crop Suffers Severely—Hurricane Signals Up—Mobile Preparing for Flood From the Bay.

MOBILE, Sept. 20.—With the barometer slowly but steadily falling at 5 o'clock this afternoon Mobile was fast becoming embroiled by the tropical hurricane which has raged along the Mississippi, Alabama and Florida coast since early morning. Rain has fallen steadily.

The highest wind velocity at the weather bureau was thirty-four miles an hour from the southeast, and steadily increasing. The wind at Fort Morgan is blowing more than forty-five miles an hour. Water in the river and bay is rapidly rising under the pressure of the wind. Merchants along the river front are preparing to move to upper stories. All small craft have been taken up the river to safe harbor, and seagoing craft are preparing for a heavy blow.

The Louisville and Nashville is detouring its trains. The train leaving New Orleans to-night for Mobile will be sent via Meridian. The company reports all wires down south of Scranton, with New Orleans and the West cut off. It is reported that the hurricane has hit Natchez, doing much damage and putting the electrical power house out of operation.

At 9 o'clock it was reported that great waves were washing over the Louisville and Nashville bridge at Biloxi and that a man had been swept away and drowned. The hurricane signal is out at Pensacola, but has not been displayed in Mobile. A message was heard at 8:30 to-night by the local wireless station, said to be from the fruit steamer Admiral Farragut, bound from New Orleans to Cuba. The Farragut's operator told the New Orleans operator that the wind in that part of the Gulf was blowing at 100 miles an hour.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 20.—New Orleans and the neighboring country was cut off from communication from the outside world by the destruction of telegraph and telephone connection at 4 o'clock to-day. The storm had been reported in the Gulf at that coast country from a point near Waveland, Miss., on through the coast parishes fronting Lake Borgne and surrounding Lake Ponchartrain, and on westwardly into Texas had been swept by a great wind storm from the Gulf of Mexico accompanied by a great wave and the backing up of river and lake waters that flooded great stretches of country, causing immense destruction of property and doubtless loss of life.

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The Gulf waters from Lake Borgne were added to the volume of the flood, and when the latest despatches came out of New Orleans outlying parts of that city were covered with water, while the wind had destroyed several buildings. Throughout the day the heavy wind continued, but it was not destructive until about 4 o'clock.

Houston and Galveston, Tex., report that all afternoon they have been unable to get communication with New Orleans. SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 20.—A tropical hurricane struck the Gulf coast over night and is now passing over the southern part of Mississippi and Louisiana doing incalculable damage to crops and property. All telegraph wires are down as the hurricane extends its zone and communication with a territory reaching from Natchez, Miss., an Alexandria, La., to the coast is cut off from the outside world, and the real damage wrought cannot be ascertained to-night.

Reports received from New Orleans early in the evening said considerable damage had been done in that city. Audubon Park, which lies on the river, is damaged more than \$10,000.

Railroads running south report all their wires down and trains are being discontinued. Wires to Natchez, Miss., and Alexandria, La., went down about 9 o'clock and nothing further of the storm's damage can be learned. The New Orleans Cotton Exchange estimated that the damage to the crop will run far into the millions, and as a result an advance of one-quarter of a cent was marked up in the contract market before the close.

## ROUGIER FLIES HIGHEST.

### Makes Official Record of 645 Feet at Brescia—Calderrera in Bad Luck.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BRESCIA, Sept. 20.—Rougier, the aviator, broke all records for high flights to-day when he reached an altitude of 645 feet (official measurement) in an attempt to beat Orville Wright's record made in Berlin.

Lieut. Calderrera's bad luck attended him again. He started a flight in a Wright biplane but had hardly got going when it fell. Calderrera was not hurt but the machine was badly damaged. The Italian aviator then started in another machine for the Brescia prize. He failed to beat the record of Glenn Curtiss, who was leader for the grand prize for distance and first prize for quick starting. Calderrera, however, displaced Rougier, who was in second place, but who now stands third.

NOON, NOT MOON. Italian Astronomers' Onslaught on Peary Due to a Trifling Blunder. LONDON, Sept. 20.—A couple of Italian astronomers launched a sensation yesterday by figuring out that the moon was not visible in the arctic regions on April 6, when, as they put it, Commander Peary had calculated his latitude as 89 degrees 57 minutes north by lunar observations.

To-day all Europe is laughing at the Italians. Their discovery is a mere's nest growing out of their confounding the English words "moon" and "noon." Commander Peary said that he established his position at 89 degrees 57 minutes on April 6 by observations taken at noon.

## MAYOR EBY FOUND GUILTY.

### He Sent Threat to Dynamite Railroad to President McCrea.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 20.—Abram C. Eby, Mayor of Burkeville, Va., who threatened to destroy property of the Norfolk and Western Railroad unless President McCrea of the Pennsylvania agreed to pay him \$45,000 in cash and give him a place as counsel for the Pennsylvania system, was convicted of using the mails to defraud before Judge McPherson in the United States District Court to-day. The jury deliberated only fifteen minutes.

Sentence was deferred by the Court and Eby was returned to Moyamensing prison. SPANARDS INFLICT HEAVY PUNISHMENT IN ENGAGEMENT NEAR MELLILA. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID, Sept. 20.—The Government confirms the report that a general advance on the Moors began at Mellila this morning.

A wireless despatch from the cruiser Carlos Quinto, which is off Tres Forcas, reports an engagement in which the Moors had numerous casualties. The Spanish had one killed and twenty-eight wounded.

The Spanish warships bombarded the coast near Punta Negri. As a result of the fighting the Spaniards to-night hold the peninsula from sea to sea. About 1,000 Rifas surrendered. The fire of the Spanish artillery was very destructive. The operations for the day were completely successful.

## NEW NAME TO CHANGE LUCK.

### French Submarine in Which 13 Men Died Again in Collision.

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The submarine boat, Farfadet, which has been rechristened Follet, made her first plunge at Toulon to-day after more than four years of idleness. The crew manoeuvred the boat with the utmost coolness.

## ONE OF THE LOT SANE.

He is the Man Justice Marcan Set Free After 12 Years Confinement. Justice Marcan in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday signed an order releasing James T. Walker from the insane asylum at Millard, N. Y., where he had been confined for twelve years. Walker was originally imprisoned for the murder of his wife, who said that he was afflicted with a mania which threatened to take a homicidal turn.

## GOV. JOHNSON NEAR DEATH

### ALL HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY HAS BEEN ABANDONED.

Was Conscious Late Last Evening and Realized His Condition—Dr. Mayo Says That He Has Undergone a Gradual Wearing Away Since Operation.

ROCHESTER, Minn., Sept. 20.—At 11 o'clock to-night Gov. Johnson was still alive but very low. No hope for his recovery is entertained. Mrs. Johnson is at the Governor's bedside. She has been there all day. Dr. Charles Mayo is with her and so is Dr. Will J. Mayo.

Dr. Will J. Mayo has issued the following statement: "Gov. Johnson is not so well to-night. His pulse is 130. The temperature is 100.5. The Governor is weaker. He is fairly conscious and realizes his condition. He is weaker and prostrated. The time has arrived for a change in his condition, and I must say that he is not picking up. I wouldn't say for a certainty that he is going to die. He has not reached that point yet. I do not believe in pronouncing the death sentence. He has pursued a very steady course, but he has not shown any signs of improvement. He has not been at any time in a comatose or a delirious condition. The fact of the matter is he is not doing well. There is considerable soreness in his bowels. He has retained some chicken broth that was given him about 3 P. M. I do not consider this a sinking spell, but in his weakened condition it will be hard on him. His condition now is somewhat different from the sinking spell he had Friday. This is not a sudden change but a gradual wearing away."

## STRANGELY KILLED ON TRAIN.

### Woman's Skull Fractured by a Piece of Steel That Came Through a Window.

As passenger train 608 of the Lehigh Valley Railroad was crossing the Hackensack Meadows on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad between the Passaic and Hackensack rivers on its way to Jersey City at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon a small piece of steel slipped through a window of a car, shattering the glass and striking Mrs. John Lloyd, 37 years old, of 28 Susquehanna place, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Her skull was fractured and she died last night in St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City.

Mrs. Lloyd collapsed in the seat against Mrs. William Lloyd, 40 years old, her sister-in-law, of Drifton, Pa., with whom she was journeying to New York city. The screams of the latter and the smashing of the glass excited other passengers in the car and they went to the aid of the women. The conductor of the train despatched a message from West End to the Pennsylvania Railroad station in Jersey City and an ambulance was sent to the terminal.

The railroad officials began an investigation after the accident to determine whether the steel missile was projected in some mysterious fashion from a west-bound Pennsylvania passenger train which passed the Lehigh Valley express or whether it was thrown by somebody standing alongside the tracks.

## CAN'T COLLECT YACHT TAX.

### Loeb Tells His Troubles to United States Attorney Wise.

United States Attorney Wise received yesterday a communication from Collector of the Port William Loeb, Jr., in reference to the collection of taxes which have been levied on foreign built yachts. Only three owners out of the original list of fifty at this port have paid the tax as provided for in the new law. Among those owning foreign built yachts who have not paid are Mrs. Robert Golet, Cornelius Vanderbilt, William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Eugene Higgins, George J. Gould, James Gordon Bennett, H. Clay Pierce and J. B. and Oliver Harriman.

The amount of the tax in these cases ranges from \$68 to \$13,001, the higher figure being the tax levied on James Gordon Bennett's yacht Lystraita. Mr. Wise declined to make any statement other than to say that Collector Loeb's letter had been received. It is understood on good authority, however, that the Government will soon take legal steps to force the yacht owners to pay.

## THREE IN AN AEROPLANE?

### Reeder Says He Has Carried Two Others and May Fly to Town To-day.

WHITE PLAINS, Sept. 20.—John Reeder, who has secretly built an aeroplane which he calls an auto torpedo, says he is going to take part in the race for flying machines between New York and Albany in the Hudson-Fulton celebration. At 3 o'clock this morning, while the countryside was asleep, Reeder says his airplane rose in the air a hundred feet, with himself, Foster Reeder and Peter Barnes on board. The passengers say that the auto torpedo rose easily and landed without any mishap. The inventor says that the ship can be used either with a balloon or without. It is 55 feet long and 18 feet wide in the centre. The framework is of iron and has one propeller in front and one in the rear. They are operated by a 25 horse-power motor.

## LOOMING TO HAIL A MILE OF COAL CARS.

POETTSBURG, Va., Sept. 20.—The Virginian Railway, which runs from Norfolk to the coal regions of West Virginia, has just put on its line two mammoth locomotives, each with capacity for pulling a train of 122 loaded gondolas, making a train a mile and a quarter long. This record was built by the late H. H. Rogers.

## CIRCUS ELEPHANTS AT LARGE.

### Fences, Trees and a Porch Demolished Before Animals Are Captured.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Sept. 20.—Eight elephants belonging to a circus stampeded shortly before daylight to-day and invaded the residence part of the city.

Fences were torn down and scores of fruit trees uprooted by the animals before they were captured. One beast demolished the porch at the home of E. F. Hammond and overturned an addition to the house that had been recently completed.

Five of the elephants were corralled in a swamp on the outskirts of the city. The keepers used other elephants as decoys to lead the animals back to captivity. The other three were captured in the same manner an hour later.

## FOSTER SEN DECLARES DEATH HAS LONG BEEN CONCEALED.

HARTFORD, Sept. 20.—Dr. F. J. Foster of Vermont, an adopted son of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, said this afternoon at the home of Dr. Robert C. Hannon that he was certain that his foster mother, Mrs. Eddy, was dead and had been dead for some time, though information of her end had been concealed from the public by a coterie of Christian Scientists.

He, with Dr. Hannon, who incidentally would like to become Mrs. Eddy's successor and thus consummate a compact which he alleges Mrs. Eddy made with him years ago which in substance was that he as the only qualified and logical successor should take up her work when she died, is positive that a clique in Boston has been perpetrating a gigantic fraud on the public for some time.

He also intimates that vast sums of money donated for church work are either being hoarded up in the vaults of the society or have been diverted to improper private uses. Dr. Hannon further declares that legal action will soon be taken against the alleged plotters.

## OPPOSES WIFE'S DIVORCE.

### Grace Van Studdiford's Husband Denies All Her Allegations.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 20.—Charles Van Studdiford to-day filed an answer to the divorce petition of Grace Van Studdiford, the singer, in which he denied that she has faithfully demeaned herself or discharged all her duties as his wife and makes general denial of all her charges.

Van Studdiford is reported to have told friends that he believes his wife is ready to marry another man, and that he does not propose to sit idly by and submit to a divorce.

Van Studdiford was a wealthy member of a pioneer family here when he married Grace Quive. His fortune is gone and he is now a travelling salesman for a coffee house.

## RUSSIAN COAL EXHAUSTED.

Foreign Contracts Impending to Supply the Warships, It Is Said. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 20.—The Globe's correspondent at St. Petersburg reports that the coal mines at Goschen and Vladivostok, from which Russian naval supplies were drawn, have been utterly exhausted.

## FUSION PLANS ALL TANGLED

### COMMITTEE FAILS TO NAME A CANDIDATE—IVINS LEADS.

Three Sessions of the Nominating Committee—Labor Men Back at a Republican and Demand a Place on the Board of Estimate—Meet Again To-day.

The committee on nominations of the fusion conference adjourned at 11 o'clock last night to meet again at 11 o'clock this morning without making a decision as to any of the candidates. A member of the committee said after the adjournment was taken that the selection of a candidate for Mayor seemed to lie between Henry L. Stimson and William M. Ivins, with the chances still favoring Ivins.

Chairman Outerbridge said: "We have heard a great many arguments pro and con in the case of every candidate that has been mentioned. We shall have to sift and analyze them and so have decided to meet again to-morrow." Mr. Parsons and Mr. Woodruff left the conference refusing to say anything. The conference committee will meet at 8 o'clock to-night in the expectation that the report of the nominating committee will then be ready.

The committee held three sessions. When the committee reassembled for the third time late in the evening the situation had yet to shape itself in favor of any one candidate for Mayor, and it so remained until adjournment for the night.

The conferences were held behind closed doors in the rooms of the committee of 100 in the Fifth Avenue Building. None of the members of the committee would discuss candidates publicly, they said, until their report had been made up, and even those who appeared before the committee in the afternoon to urge names of candidates were left pretty much in doubt as to how things stood.

In the absence of any definite statement last evening the impression seemed to prevail that William M. Ivins still had a shade the better chance of landing at the top of the ticket unless the opposition to Mr. Ivins made itself felt more effectively than it has. One of the members of the committee said late in the afternoon that he thought it would be Mr. Ivins.

William J. Schiefelin, head of the Citizens Union and its representative on the committee, was reported early in the day to be putting in a strong word for Mr. Ivins, and so were Charles E. Gehring and William J. Taylor of the Independence League. Ernest Harvier of the Democratic Union was another Ivins man, according to the reports that leaked out from the conference room.

Mr. Ivins became even a greater favorite in the betting late in the afternoon when it was bruited about that Timothy L. Woodruff, who was supposed to have a long, sharp knife out for Mr. Ivins, had begun to reconsider a bit and had been making some overtures to Mr. Ivins's act in lopping off the Borough Presidents in his charter.

Mr. Woodruff, it was reported, had said that this didn't entirely conform with Mr. Ivins's own ideas and that the idea in the Ivins charter of putting up the borough officers to the Mayor was to be commended in a way. These sentiments were said to have emanated from Mr. Woodruff after he had spent the morning with his lieutenant, Jacob Brenner, over in Brooklyn reporting sentiment out of the conference room as to just how Harbert Parsons stood. Mr. Parsons, it was reported, was having the hardest kind of a time in making up his mind.

## GETS \$25,000 IF HE COMES BACK.

Man Accused of Eloping Forgets That Sun If He Remains Away. BOONTON, N. J., Sept. 20.—If Charles A. Zabriskie, who is charged in divorce proceedings brought recently by George E. Earl with having eloped more than two years ago with Mrs. Earl, does not return to this place within the next two years he will be out of pocket \$25,000, his share of the estate of his father, J. D. Zabriskie, who recently died.

## FORAKER TO FIGHT NEW TAX.

### Will Lead Contest of Cincinnati Traction Co. Against Corporation Levy.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 20.—Former Senator Foraker, who as a member of the Senate was a bitter fighter against the corporation tax, has been retained to lead the fight which the Cincinnati Traction Company is going to make on the law.

They are going to try to show that it is unconstitutional. Senator Foraker is said to be eager for the fight.

The Cincinnati Traction Company is composed of the former stockholders in the Cincinnati Street Railway Company and of the Elkins-Widener syndicate of Philadelphia.

## FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

### John Purroy Mitchell Wants the Nomination—May Run Independently.

Announcement was made last night that John Purroy Mitchell, Commissioner of Accounts, will be a candidate for District Attorney. If he is not nominated through the efforts of the fusionists it is said that Mr. Mitchell will run independently.

Hunter Shot for a Deer. SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Albert Fisher, while hunting on Roger Moulton to-day, was shot through the body by an unknown hunter. Fisher was taken to the Raybrook State Sanitarium, where he is employed, and his wound dressed. There physicians said to-night that there is hope of saving his life. Fisher wore a tan colored leather coat and was probably mistaken for a deer. The party who did the shooting fled through the woods.

## MELBA TO HAVE RACING STAB.

### Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MELBOURNE, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Melba has registered her colors with the Victorian Racing Club and will shortly have horses running on the Australian turf. Her colors are olive green, mauve ash and white cap.