

PRESIDENT OF FIRE BOARD OPPOSED TO INCREASING WAGES OF FIRE FIGHTERS

Says Asked for Increase Would Mean Additional Outlay of \$20,000 WHY MEN DID NOT PETITION SUPERIORS Fireman Tells Farmer that the Men Pursued the Proper Course in Appealing Direct to Common Council.

That the pay of members of the fire department will not be increased without some such difference of opinion, relative to prerogative, as arose between the Aldermen and the members of the police board when the pay of members of the police department was increased, became apparent this morning when President A. H. Bullard of the fire commission declared his opposition to the grant of more pay to firemen, and said that the project had never been submitted to the fire board for its approval.

Sole power to reduce, or increase, the wages of city employes, not fixed by charter, is reposed in the Common Council. This is in accordance with usage dating to the formative period of the English parliament when the electors strove to take the power of the purse from the King and gave it to the representatives of the people.

The principle involved was thoroughly tried out in the police pay case, when the Supreme court found that the power to fix wages is in the Common Council, that when the power has been exercised so as to make an expense that such expense must be provided for by the Board of Apportionment and Taxation. According to President Bullard the expense involved in the pay increase sought for the firemen will be \$20,000 annually. This estimate does not take into consideration the plan of the board to have the department composed entirely of permanent men.

President Bullard said this morning: "I am opposed to the pay increase asked for by members of the fire department. The expense of conducting the department something like \$200,000 annually. The members of the department are already as well paid as the men of the fire departments of Hartford and New Haven."

In his further discussion of the resolution President Bullard declared that neither the resolution nor the subject matter had been submitted to the board of fire commissioners for approval. "The fire department," he said, "cannot have two heads. There should be but one head. The matter of increasing salaries has never been passed upon by the members of the fire board. I do not know how the other members of the board would feel toward it. But I think a majority of them would be opposed to it."

"MR. HARRIMAN BETTER TODAY"

Official Statement Issued by Railroad Magnate's Personal Physician Stocks Rise and Fall, Varying According to Nature of Rumors (By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

Turner, N. Y., Sept. 8.—"Mr. Harriman is better to-day." This statement, signed by Dr. W. G. Lyle, Harriman's personal physician, was the sole reference to the financier's condition available from Arden House to-day. A six-mile walk up the winding road was necessary to obtain even that. Telephone communication was refused. The guard line had been moved further down the hill to-day and a huge cable stretched across the road to bar intruders. One of the guards stationed there consented to take a note to Dr. Lyle. Five minutes later he returned with the words: "Mr. Harriman is better to-day," written across the back of the note and signed: "W. G. Lyle."

The messenger brought back this verbal statement: "The doctor says if you send any more of these notes, they will not be answered." There was great activity on the mountain road, autos shooting back and forth from the house at high speed. Harriman's son-in-law, Robert Gerry, drove from the house just before noon at breakneck speed. A stranger sat in the automobile with him.

(Continued on Page Four.) WEBER ENDORSED BY THE GERMANS At a meeting of the German American Alliance, better known throughout the city as the Central German Verbund, held on Monday evening, September 6, a resolution was adopted endorsing unanimously as the German representative candidate for the office of town clerk, the present incumbent, Robert Weber, of the German organization that their fellow member be the candidate on the Democratic ticket. The Central Verbund is composed of the German residents of the city. At the same meeting the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolutions to the Democratic Town Chairman Michael A. Kenny.

KING EDWARD SEES HIS DERBY WINNER LOSE IN ST. LEGER Historical British Turf Event Captured By Bayardo TALENT MADE BIG HAUL (Special from United Press.)

PEARLY IN PEAS PATCH BRANDS COOK IMPOSTOR; COOK REPLES. "I DON'T DEGRADE MYSELF BY ANSWERING UNTIL RIVAL EXPLORERS AND DIAGRAM OF RACE THAT STIRS SCIENTISTS ALMOST TO WAR"

Polar War Imminent in Scientific Circles and Greatest Controversy Since the Battle of Santiago Threatened—Arctic Club of America Rallies to Support of Cook—Mrs. Cook Reaches New York Where She Hopes to Meet Her Husband Sometime After September 21—Peary May Reach This Country First—His Ship, the Roosevelt, Sighted a Long Distance Off Battle Harbor, Labrador, Making Eight Knots an Hour—Washington Scientists Will Withhold Judgment Until Rival Explorers Submit Facts—Denmark's Most Famous Authority on Arctic Matters Denounces Peary as "Malicious" and "Disappointed"

Peary's Ship Sighted Off Battle Harbor Battle Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 8.—The Roosevelt, the Polar ship on which Commander Peary is returning from his successful quest for the Pole, has been sighted a long way off from this harbor, and heading in this direction, making about eight knots an hour. It is impossible at this time to determine whether the Roosevelt intends making this port or continuing on to Chateau, as Peary first planned. Chateau Bay is 30 miles south of here, but there is no cable station there and as Peary is anxious to reach a cable station so that he may send the story of his expedition to America, it is probable he will not touch there. A score of watchers are crowded on the beach battling for the right to claim the laurels of victory.

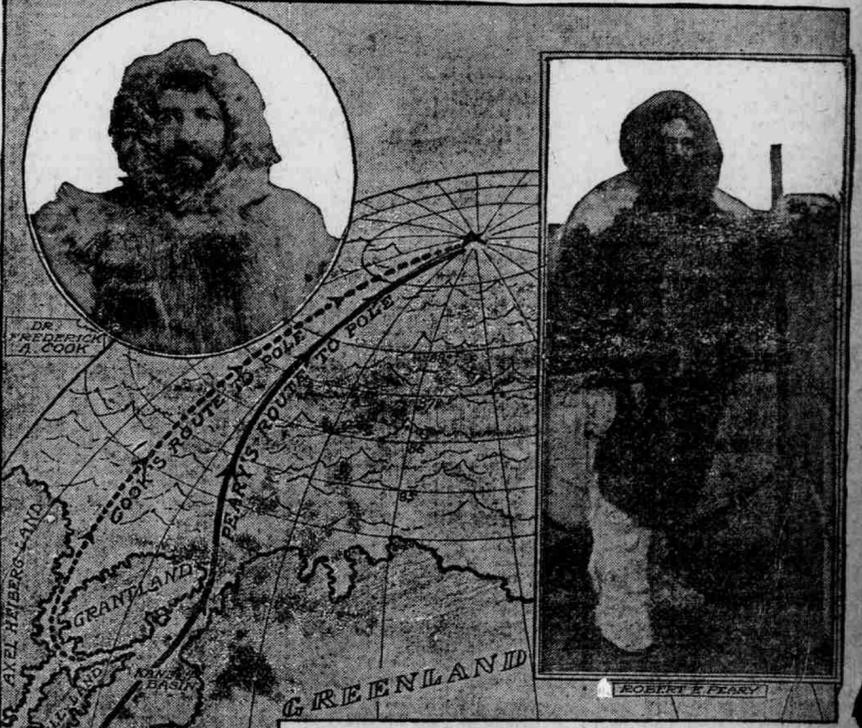
How the controversy will end is purely conjectural. Scientists say it will finally develop into a court case with the foremost scientists of America and Europe sitting as a tribunal. Both Peary and Cook will be asked for proof. The whole dispute and controversy will be thrashed over by the scientists in the weight of the scientific claim each man can bring forward. The man who will go to the real conqueror of the pole. A significant fact in the likening of the Cook-Peary imbroglio with the Schley-Sampson controversy is the fact that the Rear Admiral Schley had come forward with the assertion that he accepts Cook's claims without reservation.

Details of Commander Peary's reasons for refusing to accept as true Dr. Cook's statements cannot be ascertained at this time. But the Peary adherents in America and Europe who have taken up the cudgels declare there are numberless incidents to support Commander Peary's assertions. The strongest of these, they say, is the fact that Dr. Cook made his trip without a white companion. At the time he claims to have reached the Pole, he was accompanied by two Eskimos. His astronomical observations, necessary to fix the position of the Pole, could not have been confirmed by the Eskimo Eskimos, the Peary faction claims.

Then the Cook adherents declared Knud Rasmussen, himself half Eskimo, the foremost Arctic explorer and scientist of Denmark, had seen two Eskimos and they had vouched for Dr. Cook's claim that he did make the dash to the pole. Now the United Press has received from its Copenhagen staff correspondent a statement that Rasmussen himself did not see the Eskimos, but that he saw other people who were with them, and that their confirmation of Cook's story therefore came to him second-hand. Peary factiousists declare Dr. Cook's failure to produce his data of his trip, his astronomical observations and his diary, brands him as an impostor.

Cook's attitude is a fair one, they say, that he left these documents in Labrador with Harry Whitney, the Danish hunter, who went north with the Peary expedition, and that Whitney will bring the records back to America in October. They also point to the fact that Dr. Cook is preparing a book, and that he does not wish to kill the sale of that work by publishing all the details of his trip in advance. Peary men come back with the statement that no explorer would trust such precious documents, which he had previously planted in the Arctic in other hands, to the hands of the Cook followers. The fact that Dr. Cook has no white companion is a matter of great importance, they say, because of the illness of Rudolf Franke, his companion, and to Cook's unwillingness to have Franke risk his life in an effort to reach the pole. Franke himself, in an interview in New York, declared this was true.

RIVAL EXPLORERS AND DIAGRAM OF RACE THAT STIRS SCIENTISTS ALMOST TO WAR



Few persons who have read closely the interviews with scientists concerning the Cook and Peary polar discoveries are optimistic enough to believe that this controversy is to be settled in a day. In fact, it appears to the average layman as if scientists were for all time to be divided upon the subject. Although it must have been patent to every man who runs and reads that at some time or other the pole would be reached, scientists are naturally skeptical, and when Dr. Cook came out of the wilderness of frozen mystery with the statement that he had found the pole a few scientists accepted it, a few more marveled sagely, and the rest openly discredited it.

Dr. Cook is not so well known. The unfortunate accident of the ascent of Mount McKinley has created some doubt. The scientists merely ask that Dr. Cook substantiate his claims. We recognize that Dr. Cook wishes to protect his technical knowledge for his book. We do not want to take from him the honor of first finding the Pole, if he found it. If, instead, Dr. Cook establishes his claim, he will be hailed as the real discoverer and will go down into history as such. His performance will have reached the ears of Commander Peary's feat. When Peary made his dash for the Pole, he knew nothing of Cook's accomplishments. He traveled over what he thought were virgin ice-fields. Both men deserve untold credit if both reached the Pole. Each must stand on his own record.

PEARY IGNORANT OR MALICIOUS Thus Speaks Foremost Arctic Authority in Denmark, Capt. Otto Sverdrup.

Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—When Dr. Frederick A. Cook was shown Commander Peary's statement attacking his veracity, today, by the United Press correspondent, he replied after a moment's studied reflection: "I won't degrade myself by answering Peary's charges until an accusation is made upon scientific data." Pressed for a more explicit statement, Cook remained silent. He was clearly angered by Commander Peary's charges. He finally said: "Well, it doesn't really matter what Peary says. The scientific world will soon know." His statement is taken to mean that he will wait until the data obtained by himself and Peary is put to the test of a scientific analysis before entering a more formal denial of the Commander's charges. Commander Peary's message created the greatest sensation here since the initial news of Cook's discovery. Despite the inclination of the Danish people to accept Cook's statements as the absolute truth, there is no denying the fact that Peary's virtual denial of Cook's claims has caused a wavering among Cook's supporters. It has also tended to line up the more ardent of his admirers more strongly than ever. These admirers assert that Peary's attack is unwarranted, at least at this time. That the greatest scientific row in the world's history has been launched is conceded here. Dr. Cook is amply prepared to demolish Commander Peary at the proper time. He has scientific ammunition.

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