

WORLD SAVANTS JOIN IN HOMAGE GIVEN DR. COOK

Scientists From Far and Near Add Meed of Praise to Explorer's Laurels

Vaudeville Managers Hasten to Invite Services With Princely Offers

lent to the celebration by the presence in New York at that time of several of the most prominent explorers of other countries, who will add their tribute to the official and unofficial ovations of city, state and nation.

Among those who have already made plans to be in America at the time of the celebration are Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, whose memorable north pole expedition of 1895 reached the highest latitude until then attained; Dr. Otto G. Nordenskjold, the Swedish Antarctic explorer and geologist; Captain Roald Amundsen, the hero of the northwest passage, who is now fitting out a polar expedition to start early next year; Dr. Stephen H. Hensley, the Norwegian explorer, and possibly Lieutenant Shackleton, the English naval officer whose explorations in the Antarctic led him to the farthest southern point ever reached by man.

RALLY TO HIS SUPPORT

Rudolph Francke, the last white man who saw Doctor Cook before his final dash to the pole, added his word of tribute to his friend's achievement.

"Doctor Cook never made a statement he could not prove," said Francke. "From the day I first met Doctor Cook I was impressed with his perseverance. He does not know what it means to quit. His strength of purpose is wonderful."

"When I left Doctor Cook 500 miles from the pole he was ready to make his final dash northward. With hickory sledges of his own design, with some of the best trained dogs in the polar region and with a supply of carefully dried meats and provisions, he was confident of success."

WILLING TO RISK LIFE

Doctor Cook thought it best that I should return. He was the commander of the expedition, and I obeyed without hesitation.

"Francke," he said to me as we parted on the morning of March 3, I am going to take a desperate chance, and I have decided that it would be asking too much to expect you to go with me. I am willing to risk my life for this idea, and I hope to win. I have reason to believe that I shall succeed, but if I go down I shall go alone. From that day I never doubted that he would succeed."

Attorney General Wickersham issued a formal statement today, effectually putting a damper on some of the interviews credited to him concerning the stars and stripes floating over newly acquired territory in the polar regions. He said:

"A reporter came to see me at my home last night and asked for my opinion as to the raising of the American flag over the north pole. I declined to consider the matter seriously, and after some jocular remarks in reply to his question as to what he could quote me as saying, I stated that he could say that I had not given the matter any serious consideration."

Journey Well Planned

That the journey to the pole was well planned is shown by the quantity and nature of the supplies which the schooner yacht deposited in Greenland for Dr. Cook. These included 10,000 pounds of provisions, many tons of dried meats, 10,000 boxes of matches, 5,000 gallons of gasoline, 1,000 gallons of alcohol, two barrels of gundrums, which are currency with the Eskimos instead of money; guns and knives for trading hickory lumber for building sleds and sheds and great quantities of staple groceries.

In all there were sufficient provisions to last the party for three years. An item which attracted the care with which the expedition was planned was that of reducing weight on stoves. Other polar expeditions carried brass or iron stoves, which weighed from 12 to 15 pounds each. Dr. Cook's stoves were made of aluminum and weighed only three pounds each, thus each stove

NOTICE TO HOUSEWIVES

You Can Always Trace the Cause

of a woman's anger and in many cases you find that the selection of a Sunday's dinner necessities has ruffled her temper. However, when you consider the Epicurean tastes of the average man the sympathy goes to the woman. This item was written for the women's benefit. Make it easy for yourselves by making your selections from the

GOOD THINGS TO EAT AND DRINK COLUMNS

PAGE 15 where you find many bargains in Meats, Groceries, Fruits, etc. Regular Every Saturday

Discoverer of the North Pole is Center of Scientific Interest

The king and queen of Denmark, who will accord a royal welcome to Doctor Cook; the American minister to Denmark, and the place in Copenhagen where the arctic explorer will land.



allowed for the carrying of about 12 pounds more of provisions on each sled.

Offered Vaudeville Plum

A well known vaudeville manager in this city has already cabled to Copenhagen, offering Dr. Cook \$4,000 a week for 10 weeks to appear in his various vaudeville houses and lecture on his arctic experiences. The European agents of three other vaudeville managers have been called instructions to Copenhagen to meet Dr. Cook and to offer him princely salaries for his lecture services.

To Honor Discoverer

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Plans were formulated today to secure attendance at the annual banquet of the National Geographic society in this city next December of two famous explorers of the polar regions, Doctor Cook and Lieutenant Shackleton.

The society purposes to present to Doctor Cook and to Lieutenant Shackleton handsome medals in commemoration of their achievements.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the society, said it was the purpose, if possible, to have President Taft present the medals and to make the banquet the most notable event in the history of the Geographic society.

Calls Story Delusion

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 3.—That Doctor Cook's report of his discovery of the north pole may be a mental illusion on the part of the explorer superinduced by the monotony of a two years' sojourn in polar regions, was the belief expressed today by Dr. Robert M. Keely of this city. Doctor Keely accompanied Peary on his North Greenland expedition in 1891-92 and thus became intimately acquainted with Doctor Cook, who was a member of the party.

"From what I know of the Peary expedition and the conditions near the pole," he said, "I can only conclude that Doctor Cook is making a sincere statement, but the veracity of it is a question of mental illusion."

DISCREDITS-ESKIMO

"I do not believe it is impossible to reach the pole, but it seems improbable that one man can accomplish the feat. As for the Eskimos, their testimony is valueless. They do not even know what the north pole is."

"Peary and Cook were within 200 miles of each other, and if as reported, Doctor Cook made daily observations, a comparison of the conditions of the ice or weather would mean a great deal. Peary reports an unusual condition of the ice alone, it will partly confirm Doctor Cook's statement, for while nothing short of that could the pole have been reached."

"The ice drift has never been northward, according to the reports of any of the explorers in any expedition. "Traveling 100 miles in seven days, as Doctor Cook's story would indicate, seems impossible. I confidently believe that Doctor Cook was affected by the strain of his journey and has come to believe that he has really reached the pole."

Score Doubling Thomases

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 3.—The report that Chicago professors disbelieve that Dr. Frederick A. Cook discovered the north pole called forth criticisms by Dr. Chittenden of the Sheffield scientific school, whose guest Doctor Cook has often been, and by Professor Brewer, who accompanied Doctor Cook on one of his arctic trips. Professor Chittenden said:

"The facts taken and taken by these professors is manifestly unfair and is certainly uncalled for. I think they should wait at least until his return."

Professor Brewer said: "I shall believe Doctor Cook until it is proved he did not reach the pole."

Italian Adds Praise

ROME, Sept. 3.—A correspondent of the Tribuna interviewed Captain Umberto Cagni, president of the international polo commission and himself an explorer of note, on his arrival today at Gaeta aboard the battleship Napoli. Captain Cagni said what Doctor Cook had done was a marvelous piece of enterprise worthy of the greatest daring. He believed Doctor Cook would be capable of scientifically proving, up to a certain point, that he had reached the pole, and declared that who has the courage to face the polar dangers can not be a man of bad faith.

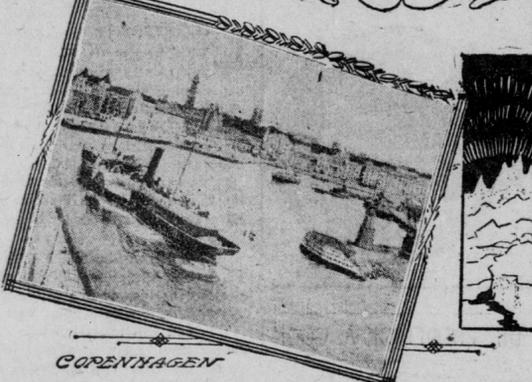
"The arctic explorer," said Captain Cagni, "either must be a genuine scientist or swindler. Doctor Cook is not a swindler. His undertaking is astonishing."

Captain Cagni hoped that when full details were at hand they would be magnificent proof that human activity had accomplished the task which for so long had defied the scientists.

Professor Emanuele, the astronomer, points out that Doctor Cook must have witnessed the total eclipse of the sun, which was visible only from the pole just at the time he is supposed to have reached it. This, the astronomer said, would give him an opportunity to prove scientifically that he had reached the pole.

CHICAGO PROFESSORS SCORED FOR CRITICISM

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 3.—Yale professors were greatly displeased today at criticisms of Doctor Cook made by Chicago professors. Professor Chittenden of Yale said that the Chicago criticisms were unfair and uncalled for, but Professor Brewer went much further.



HILL LINES ADOPT HARRIMAN'S RATES

New Tariff Sheets for Coastwise Trade Issued to Become Effective October 10

[Special Dispatch to The Call] PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—James J. Hill will wage no rate war for coastwise traffic with the Harriman interests, at least not for the present. This is evident from the new tariff sheets which have just been issued covering the combined rail and water haul between the northwest and California points.

The new freight schedules will not become effective until October 10, but even when they do the through rates from Oregon, Washington and Idaho common points on the Northern Pacific and Spokane and the inland empire will conform with the Harriman rates.

The new schedule will place the Hill lines on an even basis with the Harriman rail and water combination, the Spokane, Portland and Seattle working jointly with the North Pacific Coast steamship company.

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ASSESSOR DODGE PRESENTS FIGURES

Convincing Evidence That San Francisco Has Not Shirked Her Share of Taxes

Strong Showing Made Before the State Board of Equalization on Assessment

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the fire labor and material were 20 per cent higher than at present. These figures must carry conviction. You can not escape them. San Francisco has not shirked. The total assessment of that city today is within 5 per cent of what it was before the fire."

The San Francisco delegation called attention to the fact that many changes had taken place in the property bounded by Third, Ninth, Howard and Townsend streets, and asked the board to bear this in mind in considering the case of San Francisco.

Kern County Lands

Kern county, with a total assessment of \$31,773,968, followed San Francisco before the state board. It was represented by Assessor J. M. Jamison, supervisor H. A. Jastro and appraisers Benjamin I. Brundage, H. I. Tupman and S. J. Planz.

Figures at hand indicated that Kern is assessed on a 3 per cent basis. The board was apparently surprised to find alfalfa land assessed at only \$20 an acre. The appraisers held, however, that this was a fair figure. It was stated that the concentration of vast acreages in the hands of a few owners tended to keep out settlers and to hold values down.

The investigation included an inquiry into values in Bakersfield and in the oil fields. Bearing tracts are assessed as high as \$700 an acre, each well \$1,000 and improvements are added.

The board did not appear to be satisfied with the figures at which the agricultural land is carried, and it is probable that Kern county will be raised.

Sacramento County

Sacramento county made a particularly fine showing before the board to night. The figures of Assessor E. J. Kay showed that he was between 61 and 62 per cent of the valuations of the appraisers.

Sacramento county lost \$1,500,000 in assessments through flood damage last February, when 40,000 acres were submerged. This was offset by a gain of a like amount in the city of Sacramento.

The increase in outside lands brought the roll up to \$55,703,010. As against \$55,180,745 last year. The national banks here are paying taxes on shares amounting to a total of \$300,000. This is comparatively heavy, but almost any other section of the state.

The Pullman car company will appear before the board for a further hearing tomorrow.

REAR ADMIRAL SPERRY GOES ON RETIRED LIST

Man Who Took Atlantic Fleet Back Home Reaches Limit

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—At the age of 62 years Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry was placed on the retired list of the navy today.

Admiral Sperry is now engaged with the Newport conference of the war college there and will continue in that duty until he has completed the work which he has mapped out.

The admiral's last important sea command was that of the Atlantic fleet, which he brought from San Francisco by way of the Pacific ocean and the Suez canal to Hampton Roads.

MARIE DRESSLER FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

Actress Financially Ruined by Failure in England

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—Lella Kerber, the vaudeville actress known on the stage as Marie Dressler, now playing a week's engagement here, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy this afternoon in the United States district court.

She gives her liabilities as \$24,886, and says her only assets consist of necessary wearing apparel worth \$100. The petition is said to be the outcome of an unsuccessful theatrical venture in England.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

August Krebs Tries Hanging and Dies After Fall

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 3.—August Krebs, a German aged 81 and veteran of the civil war, tied a window rope around his neck this morning, attached the other end to the railing of a porch 30 feet above the ground and leaped off. The fall broke the rope, but Krebs sustained injuries in striking the ground which caused his death a few moments later.

BOYS PLAY WITH GUN AND ONE LOSES LIMB

RENO, Nev., Sept. 3.—Freddie Miller, the 7 year old son of C. E. Miller at Humboldt, Nev., shot his 3 year old brother through the leg today, practically amputating the limb. The boy was brought to Lovelock for treatment and probably will die. The children were playing with a shotgun supposed to be unloaded.

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