

Large Audience Hears Cook, Arctic Explorer

LECTURER MAKES DIRECT AND SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST REAR ADMIRAL PEARY.

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The great Peary-Cook polar controversy became a live issue again last night in Valley City, when more than one thousand people listened to Dr. Frederick Cook present his side of the case at the armory theatre.

Dr. Cook came to Valley City as one of the members of the Valley City Lecture association's program, and the largest house of the season greeted him. Before eight o'clock every seat down stairs was taken, and the gallery was packed by the time the explorer and A. P. Hollis appeared on the stage.

The subject of what have been undoubtedly the most vicious and determined attacks upon the character and veracity of any man in recent years made a distinctly favorable impression upon his audience. Dr. Cook apparently is a man who is either the greatest "faker" in history, or else a martyr of martyrs. The reception he received after the lecture, last night, indicated that a large number of local people thought the latter.

Beginning with an account of the preparations for his dash northward, Dr. Cook declared that his trip to the pole was only one of the objects of the journey made by him in company with his friend, John Bradley, the New York capitalist. Bradley made the trip primarily as a hunting trip, while Cook had the pole as the object of his search.

Starting at Etah, the northernmost supply point on the journey, the explorer took his hearers through the barren grounds of the Arctic regions, over the fields of moving ice where neither bird, fish or animal made its home, discarding useless impediments and men, until the party was reduced to three men, the one white man and his two Eskimo companions, and they were ready for their final dash for the top of the world.

Vivid in the extreme was the account of the hardships undergone, the storms and cold encountered, and at last the conviction that they had reached the goal which a hundred expeditions had vainly striven to reach

before. The photographic views taken on the trip, thrown on slides lent a touch of reality to the account of the doctor's journey, and it is probable that there were but few in his audience who were not with him in sympathy and in the belief in his convictions that he had really attained the "great nail."

The lecture was really a defense of the doctor's statement when he came out of the Arctic regions, that he had been the first man to discover the pole. As he reached the climax of his journey, the return to the outer world, Dr. Cook referred in explicit terms to the controversy between himself and Rear Admiral Peary. He was frank in making charges of dishonesty, selfishness, and commercialism against his detractor, and accused Peary of having been the cause of the charges against Cook in the Mount McKinley incident.

The next number of the lecture course will be the Neapolitan orchestra in December.

Thursday night this week, Nov. 14, will be held one of the first drills for the new members who desire to join Company G. Now is the time for the new members to come in and get started in the work. Special drills will be held during the months of November and December and any young man who is the age of 18 years to 45 years old, who has good habits and who wishes to become a member of a military organization can do so by appearing at the armory and handing in his name to one of the members of company G. The commanding officer desires that all young men who are thinking of making application to join company G will do so in the next 30 days.

GREGERSEN-CRITCHFIELD.

The marriage of Mr. Jens Gregersen and Miss Myrtle G. Critchfield took place at the bride's home at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the presence of relatives and close friends. Rev. J. E. Liljedahl officiated, and the impressive ring ceremony was used. After congratulations had been extended, a bounteous wedding repast was served in which the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Critchfield proved themselves more than equal to the occasion as host and hostess.

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A DOUBLE MISTAKE

By ARTHUR W. BREWSTER

Happy the man in whose daily avocation there is no risk. When I was a young man I went to work for a wholesale drug firm. One day a retailer wrote from a neighboring town that our concern had sold him a drug that made every one sick who took any of it. It turned out that I had put up the package sold.

I never entirely got over the narrow escape I had had in this case. I received only the usual reprimand from my employers, for no one can perfectly rely on accuracy always. Later I set up for myself as a retailer of drugs. Though our system was perfect, we had some narrow escapes from committing unintentional murder. When any of my clerks made a mistake I impressed upon him the importance of being careful, but I could not in my heart blame them.

There are occasions where a person who is perfectly methodical, adheres to a system, exercises every care and yet will do something that he can never afterward understand why he did it. Then there are occasions when it is impossible to fix the mind on one's work. One day not long after I had set up for myself a young lady came into the store and asked for some harmless medicine. At the same time a man asked for a poison with which to kill bugs. The young lady happened to be one who impressed me. I couldn't keep my eyes off her. Before the two different packages were ready other persons came in, and I did one of those things I should not have done. Instead of paying no attention to newcomers till after serving those present I undertook to serve all of them. What was the result? When the young lady who had called for a simple remedy and the man who wished a bug poison had gone a horrible suspicion came into my head that I had given the poison to the young girl. I could not warn her, for I didn't know who she was.

Why had I broken my rule about serving a number of persons at once? I couldn't answer the question except for the reason that I had been very much struck with the young lady. Indeed, I had looked at her so admiringly that I had noticed a faint flush come into her cheek. But the fearful consequences of her or any one else taking the dose of the bug poison for the medicine she had called for would surely result fatally.

A crisis hung over my head which, till it had passed, would keep me in a frightful suspense. As soon as the calamity occurred, if I had made the error I feared I had made, the medicine I had sold would be examined, my name would be on the package and I would soon hear of the trouble. The best that could be said for my comfort was that I would not likely be tried for murder, because I had no motive for poisoning any one. But I would carry to my grave the knowledge that I had through carelessness caused the death of the person to whom I had sold it, for I remembered she asked me, "How often shall I take it?" Furthermore, my business would be ruined and I would not have the heart to go elsewhere and make another start. I made two resolutions in case the trouble fell upon me—first, I would never again start in the drug business; second, I would commit suicide.

Every morning and every evening I took up a newspaper with fear and trembling. When a week had passed I felt that the danger was somewhat lessened. But had the young lady died from the effect of poison would those about her surely attribute her death to that cause? This gave me a feeling similar to that of one who may expect at any moment to drop down from heart disease, apoplexy or some other fatal disease.

I am one of those persons whose active, imaginative minds may influence their bodies. I became morbid, then ill, simply from suspense. I took a partner into my business and absent myself from it most of the time. A physician told me that I was going into a decline. But I knew well enough that if I could be assured that I had not killed any one I would be well enough. Finally it occurred to me that if the young lady had not suffered the consequences of my possible error she would likely have visited my store again.

One day I was wandering aimlessly through an unfrequented street tortured by my troubles when, turning a corner, I came face to face with the girl whose fate was driving me into melancholia. There she was, tripping along as healthy, as rosy, as fresh as life. Beside myself with joy, I made one bound, caught her in my arms and covered her face with kisses.

When I realized what I had done I was stricken with a fresh terror lest she have me arrested for assault. Instead, when I released her she smiled at me through her blushes and said, "I knew how you felt toward me the day I went into your store for a prescription."

"You knew that I?"

"Of course. You didn't say it, but you looked it."

"And why have you never come again?"

"Do you suppose I'd do that? Not I. It was for you to seek me, not me you."

We have been married a long while, but to this day she doesn't know why I was so just in meeting her again. I wouldn't dare tell her.

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INTERNATIONAL DEADLOCK ON

Neither Austria Nor Servia Ready to Yield.

GERMANY IS FOR PEACE

Proposes European Conference, at Which Balkan States Will Be Represented, as Soon as the Campaign in the Field is Concluded.

London, Nov. 13.—The deadlock continues in the international political situation brought about by the Balkan war. Neither Austria-Hungary nor Servia has given way on a single essential point in regard to the future of Albania and the proposed occupation by the Servians of a portion of the Adriatic sea.

Despite this, and the further fact that the Russian press is daily intensifying the warlike tone of its support of the Servian cause, some of the European chancelleries take a more optimistic view of the condition of affairs, assuming that the recent conference between the Austrian and Servian statesmen at Budapest has tended to relieve the crisis.

So far as is known, however, Dr. S. Daneff, the president of the Bulgarian chamber of deputies, simply informed Emperor Francis Joseph and his ministers of the position of the Balkan nations in the matter and in return had explained to him for the benefit of Servia and Bulgaria the policy of Austria-Hungary.

European Conference Proposed.

The great powers not directly interested in the outcome, but more particularly Germany, are making strong efforts to reconcile the two antagonists, and it is believed that Germany has at least induced Austria-Hungary not to press her objections to Servia's aims until the end of the campaign. Germany has pointed out that the whole question of the Balkans can then be settled by a European conference in which the Balkan nations will have a voice.

When Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the heir to the Austrian throne, meets the German emperor shortly the plans for this conference will be drawn up in outline.

This view coincides with that of Great Britain, as Premier Asquith explained in his speech on Saturday.

The authorities at Vienna take pains to point out that the military conferences being held at Budapest are not incongruous with Austria's desire for peace. They explain that plans and precautionary measures have been considered, but say they will not be carried out unless Servia should violate Austria's interests.

Plan Naval Demonstration.

There has been some talk of a naval demonstration on the Adriatic coast when the Servians reach there, but the carrying out of this depends on the course of events.

In the meantime it is said that the European powers, at the request of Turkey, are about to sound the Balkan allies with the object of arranging an armistice.

Bulgaria is not likely to accede to an armistice until the conclusion of the battle along the lines of Tchatalja, in front of Constantinople, which now is being fought.

Around Adrianople the Bulgarians are going through some of the hardest fighting of the campaign. Dispatches from the Bulgarian side state that the Bulgarian troops suffered heavy losses in the taking of the two Turkish forts on Kartalpe and Papaztepe, outside of the fortress of Adrianople. Whenever they wavered their officers and priests exhorted them to go forward at any cost. The fort at Papaztepe was taken only after heavy reserves had been brought up, so stubborn was the Turkish stand.

Cholera has also broken out among the Bulgarians at Tchatalja.

Conditions inside the Turkish capital and in the suburbs just outside the city walls were described in the latest dispatches as almost unbelievable. People were dying by thousands, it was said, of disease, wounds received in battle and sheer starvation.

The Turkish capital, always unsanitary, has been totally uncared for since the war broke out.

Cured.

Doctor—That man who just went by was my first patient. Friend—Is that so? Of what did you relieve him? Doctor—Twenty-five dollars.—Chicago Tribune.

Sure Sign.

"So Green has been promoted again." "Yes, but how did you know?" "I just overheard you knocking him."—Detroit Free Press.

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