

COOK'S STORY OF DISCOVERY

Got to North Pole After Prolonged Fight

WITH FAMINE AND FROST

He Reports That He Encountered Extreme Cold, the Thermometer Going to 83 Centigrade. His Final Dash.

Paris, Sept. 2.—The Paris edition of the New York Herald this morning publishes a signed statement from Dr. Frederick A. Cook, which is dated "Hans Egede, Lerwick, Wednesday" on his experiences in the Arctic regions.

"After a prolonged fight with famine and frost," says Dr. Cook, "we have at last succeeded in reaching the North pole. A new highway, with an interesting strip of animated nature has been explored and big game haunts located, which will delight sportsmen and extend the Esquimaux horizon.

"Lanz has been discovered on which rests the earth's northern rocks. A triangle of 30,000 square miles has been cut out of the territorial unknown. The expedition was the outcome of a summer cruise in the Arctic seas on the schooner Bradley, which arrived at the Smiths of navigation in Smith Sound late in August 1907. Here conditions were found favorable to launch a venture to the pole. J. R. Bradley liberally supplied from his vessel suitable provisions for local use. My own equipment for emergencies served well for every purpose of Arctic travel.

"Many Esquimaux had gathered on the Greenland shores at Amattok and workshop were built of packing boxes by willing hands and this northernmost tribe of 250 people set themselves to the problem of devising a suitable outfit. Before the end of the long winter night we were ready for the enterprise and plans had matured to force a new route over Grinnell Land northward along its west coast out on the Polar sea.

Started Feb. 19, 1908. "The campaign opened with a few scouting parties to explore the way and seek the game haunts. Their mission was only partly successful because of the storms. At sunrise of 1908 (Feb. 19) the main expedition embarked on its voyage to the pole. It consisted of 11 men and 103 dogs drawing eleven heavily laden sledges. The expedition left the Greenland shore and pushed westward over the troubled ice of Smith Sound. The gloom of the long night was relieved only by a few hours of daylight.

"The chill of the winter was felt at its worst. As we crossed the heights of Ellesmere sound to the Pacific slope the temperature sank to minus 83 centigrade. Several dogs were frozen and the men suffered severely, but we soon found the game trails along which the way was easy.

Had Two Esquimaux and 26 Dogs. "We forced through Nansen sound to Land's End. In this march we secured 103 musk oxen, seven bears, and 335 hares. We pushed out into the Polar sea from the southern point of Herbert island on March 15. Six Eskimos returned from here. With four men and 46 dogs moving supplies for 50 days, the crossing of the circum-polar pack was begun, forming the last supporting party, returned and the trials had now been reached by the arrival at the final. The two best men and 20 dogs were picked for the final effort.

"There before us in an unknown line of 400 miles lay our goal. The first days provided long marches. A big lead which separated the land from the ice of the central pack was crossed with little delay. The low temperature was persistent and the winds made lift a torture. But cooped up in our snow boxes, eating dried beef tallow and drinking hot tea, there were some animal comforts occasionally to be gained.

New Land Discovered. "For several days under the weight of known land was lost the overcast sky prevented an accurate determination of our position. On March 30 the horizon was partly cleared and new land was discovered. Our observations gave our position at latitude 84.47, longitude 86.50. There was urgent need of rapid advance. Our main mission did not permit a detour for the purpose of exploring the coast.

"Here were seen the last signs of solid earth; beyond, there was nothing stable to be seen. "We advanced steadily over the monotonous moving sea ice and now found ourselves beyond the range of all former footprints of bears nor the blow holes of seals were detected. Even the microscopic creatures of the deep were no longer under us.

"The middle influence of the shifting desert of food became almost unendurable in the daily routine. The surface of the pack offered less and less trouble and the weather improved, but there still remained the life-sapping wind which drove despite to its lowest recess. The extreme cold compelled physical action. Thus day after day our weary legs spread over big distances. Incidents and positions were recorded but adventure was promptly forgotten in the next day's effort.

"The night of April 7 was made notable by the swinging of the sun at midnight over the northern ice. Sunbursts and frostbites now were recorded on the same day, but the double days glimmer infused quite an incentive into one's life of shivers.

"Our observation on April 8 placed

the camp in latitude 86.30, longitude 94.2. In spite of what seemed long marches we advanced but little over 100 miles. Much of our work was lost in circuitous twists around troublesome lines and high irregular fields.

"A very old ice drift too, was driving eastward with sufficient force to give some anxiety. Although still equal to about fifty miles daily the extended marches and the long hours for traveling with which fortune favored us earlier were no longer possible.

"We are now about 200 miles from the Pole and sledge loads were reduced. One dog after another went into the stomachs of the hungry survivors until the teams were considerably diminished in number, but there seemed to remain a sufficient balance for man and brute to push along into the heart of the mystery to which we had set ourselves.

"On April 2 we had reached 90 degrees 50 minutes, 46 seconds. The pole was in sight. We covered the remaining fourteen seconds and made a few final observations. I told Etishook and Ah-weloh (the accompanying Eskimos) that we had reached the Great Wall. Everywhere we turned was south. With a single step we could pass from one side of the earth to the other; from midday to midnight. At last the flag floated in the breezes at the pole. It was April 21, 1908. The temperature was minus 38 centigrade, barometer 29.83 latitude 90; as for the longitude it was nothing, as it was but a word."

COPENHAGEN READY TO WELCOME COOK

Boat Will Put Out and Meet Him on Saturday and a Banquet Will Be Tendered the Explorer That Night.

Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—A welcome such as has never been seen in Copenhagen awaits Dr. Cook on his arrival Saturday on the steamer Hans Egede of the Greenland Colonial line. The city is in a revel of delight that the North Pole has been found. The city council will charter a boat and meet the steamer several miles at sea. After a banquet Saturday night, Cook will be presented to King Frederick. The American flag is waving everywhere. All the papers express the belief in Cook and urge the people to the utmost to express their appreciation of the honor. Nearly every American in the city has called on Minister Egan to express his delight.

PRES. TAFT PLEASED; WITHHOLDS STATEMENT

He Thought the Report "Fine," But Won't Say Anything Until the Report is Confirmed; Will Then Send Congratulatory Message.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 2.—President Taft, after reading at the breakfast table today about the reported discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook, ejaculated, "Wonderful." "Wonderful," "Fine." He said he would give no statement at present, but if the report is confirmed he would send a congratulatory message to the discoverer.

HE HAD FAITH IN COOK'S RETURN

John R. Bradley, Millionaire Financier of the Expedition, Was Jubilant To-day over the Reported Success.

New York, Sept. 2.—John R. Bradley, the millionaire financier of the Cook expedition for the North Pole, was jubilant to-day over the explorer's success. He declared if the news is true it is the most wonderful thing ever done by man, makes a successful dash and return alive. He said he always believed Cook was safe and that he would return according to his original plans. He felt confident the explorer had succeeded, being fitted by previous experience for the arduous trip. He refused to subscribe to the relief expedition, because he believed it would interfere with the explorer's plans.

GERMANS DOUBTFUL

Don't Know Whether to Place Credence in the Cook Report.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—Very few of the Berlin morning newspapers publish Dr. Cook's discovery. Those making reference to it do so only briefly in the form of a dispatch from Copenhagen, which is captioned with a question mark. The Boersen Zeitung pronounces the new discovery as "a piece of news which would be a splendid achievement of man." The Lokal Anzeiger also expresses its doubt of the correctness of the news but adds that if it is true it must awaken the widest interest in the whole civilized world. Inquiries made by the Lokal Anzeiger from prominent representatives of geographical science in Berlin show that Dr. Cook is regarded as a serious explorer, with abundant experience on polar ice. The paper further represents that the view of the Berlin geographers is that the discovery of the pole has no value to geographic science, such as popular fancy pictures. It adds that even if it is true that Dr. Cook has reached the pole this will not stop the plans of Count Zeppelin and Professor Hergesell, since the latter has planned geographical studies and measurements.

SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THE COOK STORY

One Says It Would Be Impossible to Fake the Observations Which Explorers Make Daily.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 2.—Scientists here are unanimous in believing Cook's work will be accepted. The fact that he was the only white man who did not affect the credibility of his statement, Dr. Cleveland Abbe, editor of the weather bureau's monthly review, said "Dr. Cook is a man of established reputation,

WATER WIPES OUT TOWN

Besokia in Island of Java Was Deluged

600 ARE REPORTED DEAD

Property Damage by Floods and Cloudburst Is Said to Be Enormous, According to To-day's Dispatches.

Batavia, Java, Sept. 2.—Floods and a cloudburst have wiped out the town of Besokia, and it is reported that six hundred people have perished. The property damage is enormous.

MAY LOSE JAIL.

Bennington Building Has Been Declared Unsanitary.

Bennington, Sept. 2.—Assistant Judges of county court Norman B. Mattison of Glanville and Clifford B. Kent of Dorset are in town attempting to unravel the complications arising out of the recent inspection and report of the state board of health in relation to the county building containing the court house and jail. Judge Kent has just returned from the health officers' school at Montpelier where he consulted the attorney general and the president of the board and from whom he gained information that puts the county in a trying position.

WILL CARLETON APPEALS.

Post Objects to Paying Third of What He Was Sued For.

Brattleboro, Sept. 2.—A verdict was rendered yesterday afternoon in the case of E. S. Niles, claimant, vs. Adora N. Carleton's estate, Will Carleton, appellant, for the plaintiff to recover \$483.62 and the interest on the same of \$156. The verdict was rendered by Judge F. M. Butler of Rutland in Windham county court. The case was tried at the April term when Mr. Niles claimed that \$1,000 was due him for the repairs which were made to a large estate in the town of Halifax which was owned jointly by the plaintiff, his brother and Mrs. Carleton. This property was purchased by the three parties in 1890 and they occupied it until November 9, 1904, when Mrs. Carleton died.

WEDDING AT WORTHFIELD.

William Bruidnell and Miss Amy Trux of St. Albans.

Northfield, Sept. 2.—William Bruidnell of this place and Miss Amy Trux of St. Albans were married in the Catholic church yesterday morning by Father Cahill of St. Albans, assisted by Father O'Neil of this place. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the contracting parties. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruidnell, the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bruidnell left on the southbound express and after a trip will make their home in St. Albans. The groom is a well known freight conductor on the Central Vermont.

VETERANS DISHEARTENED.

Only Four Attended Reunion of Co. I, 4th Vt., at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Sept. 2.—Disheartened over the non-attendance of their comrades, the four survivors of Company I, 4th Vt. infantry, who attended their annual reunion here yesterday, returned to their homes late in the afternoon. A business meeting was scheduled for this morning but as the secretary was not there with the books this was not held. Desultory talking was done and the four veteran soldiers, F. J. Hosmer and Charles Dunkles of Greenfield, Mass.; L. H. Allen of Sutton, Mass.; and C. S. Cooley of Newfane, visited the Grand Army hall until the departure of their trains for home.

GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING.

Middle Aged Married Man Convicted of Stealing 15-Year-Old Girl.

Woodstock, Sept. 2.—Windsor county court reassembled Monday morning for trial of Joseph Rivers, a middle aged married man of Windsor, who was charged with kidnapping Daisy Redmond, aged 15, in May 1908. Evidence showed the pair met in Montreal and that they were together in Canada for nearly a year. The case was given to the jury yesterday morning and a verdict of guilty was returned. The case goes to the supreme court on exceptions.

SLEEPY WOMAN ARRESTED.

Josephine Brown Jailed on Nerves of Burlington Yesterday.

\$10,000 GIFT TO CHURCH

Announced Today at the Centennial of the Church

AT ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER

Charles H. Morse of Chicago Made Generous Donation, to Be Known as the John Morse Fund.

St. Johnsbury, Sept. 2.—At the close of the Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks' address at the centennial celebration of the Congregational church at St. Johnsbury Center to-day the speaker surprised the audience by announcing that Charles H. Morse of Chicago has deposited \$10,000 in the Passumpsic Savings Bank, the income of which is to be applied for ministerial support, and if preaching shall ever be given, that the sum shall revert to the heirs of Mr. Morse. This gift will be known as the John Morse fund.

WELCOMED HOME.

Mrs. James McDonald of John Street Was Greatly Surprised.

After three months' visit to her former home in Scotland, Mrs. James McDonald returned to Barre last evening, bringing her niece, Miss Halliday, and being accompanied from Montreal by her sister's mother and Mr. McDonald's two sons, William and Thomas, who had gone to that city to meet them. When Mrs. McDonald arrived at her home on John street and after the family had bade her welcome she was ushered into the hall to remove her wraps and the parlor door was thrown open and the electric light turned on, revealing a room filled with friends who had come to bid her welcome.

GOLDMAN-GALLEANI-REITMAN

Lectured to Small Audience in Miles Hall Last Evening.

Emma Goldman of New York City and Luigi Galleani of this city lectured on "Anarchism and Trade Unions" at Miles hall last evening, being introduced by Dr. Ben Reitman of New York, representing the "Free Speech" committee. Mr. Galleani took the platform first, speaking in the Italian language about five minutes. Miss Goldman then addressed the gathering for about three quarters of an hour in English, being occasionally applauded. Her address was rather mild compared with some which she has been credited with giving elsewhere.

DENY USE OF HALL.

Emma Goldman Told She Can't Use Montpelier Hall.

The Montpelier Eagles having decided not to permit Emma Goldman to speak in their hall to-night, as advertised, her manager, Dr. Reitman says he will take Miss Goldman to Montpelier to-night and see if there is a square deal in the place. Mayor Dawley says there can't be an open-air meeting unless a permit is secured. Some of the other tenants of the Eagles' rooms are said to have threatened to cancel their leases if Miss Goldman is allowed to speak there. Dr. Reitman threatens to sue the managers of the hall.

BIG CROWD AT FAIR.

Including Gov. Prouty and Other Officials at Rutland Today.

Rutland, Sept. 2.—This was the big day of the Rutland county fair, and the indications early this afternoon were that the biggest crowd ever on the grounds will be present. The feature was an automobile parade which was headed by a machine carrying Governor Prouty, Lieut. Gov. Med, Surgeon-General Noble and Col. Paddock and Morgan. The executive party was escorted from the city to the grounds by the 10th United States cavalry who are encamped here for three days. Pilot William Van Steet made a balloon ascension today.

CONDITION IMPROVING.

Manchester Man Who Slashed His Throat Expected to Recover.

Manchester, Sept. 2.—The condition of Selah Cadoret, who attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat with a razor, is said to be improving, caused by ill health, at his home in Barreville Tuesday night, is such that Dr. E. L. Wyman of Manchester Center expects that he will recover.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

George C. Taylor of Island Pond Files in Bankruptcy.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

For Putting in St. Albans Trunk Line Sewer and Cut-offs.

St. Albans, Sept. 2.—At the meeting of the city council last night, the contract for the new trunk line sewer and cut-offs was let to E. F. Moore of Burlington, the lowest bidder, whose bid was \$27,320, claiming that \$475 is extra.

TRIPPED BY SHOE LACE.

Anthony Burns Fell Down Stairs and Broke One Leg.

ANTHONY BURNS

Burlington, Sept. 2.—Anthony Burns of Cedar street fell down stairs at his home yesterday afternoon and had a leg broken. He was afterwards taken to the Fanny Allen hospital where the fracture was reduced. Burns was going up stairs when his shoe laces caught and he fell back a few steps. His right leg took the brunt of the fall and the bone was broken a few inches above the knee. Dr. E. A. Wilder was summoned and bound the leg up as best he could so that the ambulance could convey the injured man to the hospital.

Among arrivals at the City hotel last evening and to-day were George L. Loyer, St. Johnsbury; L. A. Morrow, Boston; R. A. Stewart, New York; A. E. Milneaux, Philadelphia; J. H. McKenzie, Burlington; F. W. Stearns, Rutland; E. W. Huntley, Duxbury; Grace W. Balch, Lowell, Mass.; H. B. Tupper, White River Junction; J. R. Rand, P. T. Donovan, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Towns, Boston; H. H. Leroy, Burlington.

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