

POLE'S ANNEXATION ALREADY PLANNED

Arctic Continent Part of United States.

CONSTITUTION FOLLOWS FLAG

Wickersham Says Question of Citizenship Raised.

IF POLE IS INHABITED

Attorney-General Would Defend Flag at Earth's Summit—Truth of Cook's Story Affirmed by Chief Geographer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—That the flag planted by Dr. Cook on the new Arctic continent will be defended by the United States was the opinion expressed by Attorney-General Wickersham at Lawrence Beach, L. I., his summer home, tonight.

"The Constitution will follow the flag if the new land discovered by Cook proves to be of any value," said Mr. Wickersham.

"The new territory may perhaps not prove a very valuable acquisition, but if human beings can live there, if there are native races living there, a serious question of citizenship will have to be considered. However, before taking any position in the matter I prefer to wait for information of a little more definite character."

Cyrus C. Adams, chief geographical expert of the American Geographical Society, said tonight that his examination of Dr. Cook's narrative had convinced him that the explorer's claims to the discovery of the pole are genuine and well founded.

"It is inevitable," said Mr. Adams, "that the data which Dr. Cook will presently submit to the scientific world will be subjected to the closest scrutiny. No sane man with experience in such matters could hope for an instant to produce a false log with false astronomical and magnetic observations for such a period as was covered in this remarkable trip to the pole."

"The story of Dr. Cook's expedition as it has reached us contains no improbabilities. He found, in accordance with the belief of experienced explorers, that once beyond the great ice ridges which stretch for 100 miles out from the coast of northern seas the ice is smooth and clear and the road easy."

DON'T ANNEX ALL DISCOVERED

Americans Have Found New Continents Near Both Poles.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—State Department officials believe it is of little consequence to the United States which lands Dr. Cook has discovered on his way to the North Pole, so far as actual territorial possession is concerned.

It is recalled by the Department officials that ever since 1845 American explorers in both the Arctic and Antarctic have discovered vast areas of land to which no claims ever were made. An American named Wilkes found in the Antarctic a land of more than 200,000 square miles in area, and Dr. Kane made large discoveries in the Arctic, but no effort has been made by the United States to assert its rights.

General Greeley some years ago located lands that never before were known to exist.

Many of the world's greatest navigators have from time to time made discoveries to which no claim was ever made. The principal reason for this, however, is said to be that the lands were almost inaccessible and absolutely of no value.

As to the particular territory which Dr. Cook is said to have discovered, it was asserted that it was quite probable that these lands would be found to be an extension of the mainland of Greenland, and, if so, they belong to Denmark. At any rate, it is extremely improbable, it is said, that the United States would attempt to assert sovereignty over them.

ESKIMOS TRUST LIVES TO COOK

At First Refuse, Then Consent, to Dash for Pole.

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Sept. 2.—Dr. Otto N. Nordenskjold, the explorer, who has just returned from an Arctic voyage, describes an interview he had with Knud Rasmussen, the Danish student in Greenland, who passed the winter with the Cape York Eskimos together with Dr. Cook.

Rasmussen told Dr. Nordenskjold that the Eskimos at first absolutely declined to follow Dr. Cook because of the risk. At last some of the young men declared themselves willing to aid him in his attempt to reach the pole, and at the moment of starting several highly experienced men joined the party, saying they would not leave their sons and would not forsake this man who had trusted them.

COOK'S STORY CORROBORATED

Minister Egan Quotes Greenland Official in His Support.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Maurice F. Egan, United States Minister at Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—A deposit of \$200,000 has been made in a bank here by John Hays Hammond to bind an option on the Santa Gertrudis mine, in the Pachucha district of Hidalgo. The proposed purchase price is \$3,000,000 Mexican money.

Hammond and associates are also negotiating for the purchase of the La Blanca mine, in the same district, for \$3,000,000 Mexican money.

COOK WILL HAUL PEARY INTO COURT

WHAT ABOUT THOSE FOXSKINS SHIPPED FROM ETAAH?

Discoverer of Pole Accuses His Rival of Robbing Stores and Opening Letter.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Robert E. Peary may be called on to answer charges of having taken valuable fox skins belonging to Dr. Cook, according to Captain B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic Club of America.

"There will be lots doing when Dr. Cook returns," said Captain Osborn today. "There will be a reception, of course, and dinners and all sorts of celebrations. Then, too, there will be another matter to settle, and it will bring on a fight with Peary, and I am going to be in the fight, too, and I will tell what I know."

"The fight will be about the way Peary has acted over a store of blue foxskins, worth thousands of dollars, which Dr. Cook left at his supply station to help defray the expenses of his return trip. We have the affidavits of three men, and we have traced Peary's mysterious consignment of boxes from Etah through the Custom-house and to a warehouse in Brooklyn. We will ask him what became of all those valuable skins belonging to Dr. Cook."

"Then we will want to know why Dr. Cook's letter to his wife was opened and read. It was intended for her eyes alone and was written by Dr. Cook just before he passed beyond all communication with the outside world."

"We would have given out all these facts before, but Mrs. Cook asked us to wait until Dr. Cook returned, so he could conduct his own fight, and he is a good fighter."

TAFT WILL VISIT ALASKA

Announces Plans to Governor. Knox Says Annex Pole.

BEVERLY, Mass., Sept. 2.—President Taft, in bidding good-bye today to Walter Ely Clark, who is to be inaugurated as Governor of Alaska, October 1, announced he probably would visit the far Northwest territory next Summer. It is reported that, if the President should go to Alaska next year, he may extend his trip to include the Hawaiian Islands.

Neither the President nor Secretary Knox would discuss Dr. Cook's discovery of the North Pole. When the Secretary was asked what the State Department would do with the pole, he laughingly replied: "Annex it, of course."

The President has a touch of scintilla that may keep him off the golf links for the remainder of the week.

EARL GREY SEEING FAIR

Canadian Governor-General and Party at Seattle.

SEATTLE, Sept. 2.—Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, Lady Grey, Lady Sybil Grey and Lady Edith Grey, daughters of the Earl; Viscount Lascelles, his aide de camp, Captain Fife, and Mr. Gower, arrived here this afternoon on the Canadian government steamer Quadra, and will remain until tonight, when they will visit the Exposition tonight, where the Canadian government has a building.

The Governor-General and his party during their stay in Seattle will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hill, at the hotel Perry.

COMPROMISE IS BROACHED

Bartholt Would Favor Hawaii and Subsidize Mail Liners.

HONOLULU, Sept. 2.—At the luncheon which will be tendered to the Congressional delegation tomorrow by the Hawaiian Merchants' Association, the passage of a ship subsidy bill or the suspension of the coastwise navigation regulations in order to allow foreign vessels to handle traffic between island points and the mainland will be strongly urged.

RUSSIANS TO BE IMPORTED

Hawaii Believes They Will Solve Labor Problem in Islands.

HONOLULU, Sept. 2.—The Territorial Board of Immigration has decided to attempt the solution of the labor problem in the Hawaiian group by the importation of Russian families from Manchuria. L. C. Atkinson, agent of the board, called for Harbin today on the liner Siberia, and is expected to make arrangements for the immigration of 50 such families to Hawaii.

If the experiment proves successful, it is probable that many more Russian families will be induced to settle in the islands.

HAMMOND IS BUYING MINE

Takes Option in Mexico by Paying \$200,000 Cash.

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HONORS IN STORE FOR POLE FINDER

Denmark Has No Doubt He Reached Pole.

WARSHIPS WILL WELCOME HIM

Greenland Official Has Full Faith in Explorer.

JOHN BULL STILL DOUBTS

Wants Proof Before Believing Cook. Admits He Is Greatest of Explorers If Reached Pole, but Must Be Shown.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 2.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's credit stands so high with Danish polar explorers that the first message announcing his success in reaching the North Pole, meagre as it was, was accepted as conclusive. Commodore Hovgaard said today:

"I believe the message is true, because Dr. Cook is most trustworthy and opposed to all exaggeration."

C. A. Nielsen, an official of the Greenland administration department, said:

No Doubt of Discovery.

"When Dr. Cook says that he reached the North Pole, there can be no doubt about it. His scientific discoveries will prove that."

A committee under the presidency of the Minister of Commerce has been formed to arrange a fitting reception to Dr. Cook on his arrival at Copenhagen. Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the American Minister, will be aboard a special steamer that will be sent by the Royal Geographical Society tomorrow to meet Dr. Cook, who is on his way here in the steamer Hans Egede.

Torpedoboot to Meet Him.

The Danish government tonight dispatched the torpedoboot Jutland from Aarhus to meet Dr. Cook and the Jutland will probably come across the Hans Egede off the Skaw.

The commander will convey congratulations to the explorer in behalf of the government. The special committee of the Royal Geographical Society will invite Dr. Cook to be the society's guest during his stay in Copenhagen.

JOHN BULL SAYS "SHOW ME"

Newspapers and Scientists Want Proof Cook Reached Pole.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Dr. Cook's narrative of his thrilling journey to the North Pole, while it has not removed the doubts raised as to his having accomplished the feat, has at least quashed the improbable suggestions advanced in some quarters yesterday that he had attained, not the North Pole, but the magnetic pole.

Captain Roald Amundsen in an interview at Christiania on this point says:

"Such a position is nonsense. The magnetic pole is situated on the American side and it is quite impossible that Dr. Cook could have been driven so far from his planned route. I feel certain that Dr. Cook has expressed nothing definitely about the result. I know

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AOKI CHILD TO KNOW NO WHITES

ARCHDEACON EMERY'S DAUGHTER DECLARES HER LOVE.

Admires Oriental Husband and Will Continue to Live in Squallid Bellevue Colony.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Recovered from a serious illness incidental to the recent birth of a daughter, Mrs. Gunjiro Aoki, formerly Miss Gladys Emory, daughter of Archdeacon John Emory, of the Episcopal Church, in a letter to friends has renewed her protestations of admiration for her Oriental husband and his race, and declares her intention to raise her offspring in their present home colony of Bellevue, Wash., where the associations are such that the child will not encounter the jibes of children of white parents.

Bellevue, a colony composed entirely of Japanese who have married white women, is 15 miles east of Seattle on the shores of Lake Washington and consists of a few squallid shacks. For neighbor Mrs. Aoki has Mrs. "Jimmie" Tamasaki, formerly daughter of John Potter, a wealthy Washington farmer, in whose home the daughter's name is never mentioned, and Mrs. Haraguchi, who deserted a wealthy husband for her present soul-mate.

FOREST FIRES ARE SERIOUS

Heavy Damage Threatened at Points East of Kelso.

CELKO, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Though the fire wardens are working hard several large fires are filling the air with smoke. It is reported that a large fire is raging around Carleton Mountains, five miles south of town, rendering the county road at some points almost impassable.

At Mullholland Creek, 14 miles east of Kelso, a disastrous fire is destroying the timber in the vicinity of the Alger Logging Company's camp, and for several days the camp crew has been fighting fire and all cables and apparatus have been brought from the woods.

FALLS IN FAINT, DROWNS

Farmer's Head Drops in Shallow Water Near Bank.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—James Buchanan, an aged farmer living near here, fell in a faint while standing at the edge of the river yesterday afternoon. His head fell in the shallow water at the river's edge and he was drowned before assistance could reach him.

He had crossed the river during the day with some produce and on his return last evening was tying his boat when he was attacked with a fainting spell.

CHARGE MAY BE SUSTAINED

Federal Agent Said to Have Found Pecunage at Car Plant.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 2.—Special Government Agent H. W. Hoagland, who has been investigating charges of alleged pecunage at the car plant of the Pressed Steel Car Company at Schoenerville, is said to have found new evidence today tending to substantiate the charges. He refused to make a statement.

MANY LOST IN JAVA FLOOD

Death Estimate Placed at 600. Property Damage Is Great.

BATAVIA, Java, Sept. 2.—It is estimated that 600 natives have perished in the floods in Southeastern Java. The damage to property and crops has been enormous.

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SANTA FE ROAD TO ENTER SPEED WAR

Run Fast Train to Catch Mail Contract.

AFTER PRIZE OF \$1,250,000

Spreads Alarm Among Rivals by Aggressive Move.

WORRIES HARRIMAN LINES

Transcontinental Speed Race Started by Hill Extends to Southern California—Wants to Get Whole Melon.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—(Special.)—The management of the Santa Fe Railroad has about decided to put into operation a new fast mail and express train to run between Kansas City and Los Angeles, with a view to capturing the bulk of the Southern California mail.

This adds another speed war to that recently declared by the Hill roads in the mail, express and passenger traffic to the Pacific Coast, affecting a different territory between the East and California.

Official Confirms Report.

This intention became known in Western railway circles today and caused great excitement. A conference of competing lines was called, and, after long discussion, E. O. McCormick, assistant traffic director of the Harriman lines, was delegated to find out what plans the Santa Fe had in mind. Mr. McCormick and C. T. Nicholson, vice-president of the Santa Fe, spent the greater portion of the afternoon together, but all that could be learned after long discussion was that the new fast mail train probably would be put on within a month.

After the conference Mr. Nicholson admitted for publication that his company was considering a new train which would make a material out in the present running time of 60 hours between Kansas City and Los Angeles.

The entire Southern California mail is involved in the move, and this is said to bring about \$1,250,000 annual revenue to the railroads. The Santa Fe and Rock Island, in connection with the Southern Pacific, now have this business about equally divided.

Santa Fe Once Had Monopoly.

The bulk of this mail comes from the St. Louis gateway by the Missouri Pacific. The reweighing period for all the territory west of the Missouri River and west of St. Paul begins next February and on this account every road in that territory is urging the disposition of the mails for the yearly period following the 10 days' weighing by the Government. Formerly the Santa Fe carried the bulk of the Southern California mail, but several years ago the Missouri Pacific put on a fast train which captured the mail out of St. Louis and the Rock Island put out its Golden State Limited, which left Kansas City just after the arrival of the Eastern mails. At that time the Santa Fe was not in a position to change its schedule to wait for the mails, and permitted the Rock Island to take some of the tonnage away from it.

It is known that the Rock Island and

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WILL DICTATED BY SPIRITS PROBATED

MEDIUMS WIN CONTEST OVER CALIFORNIAN'S ESTATE.

Heirs Charged That Robert Crawford Smith Was Unduly Influenced by Fakery in Last Days.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—Judge Rives, of the Probate Court, handed down a decision today admitting to probate the will of the late Robert Crawford Smith, who left the greater part of his estate to associates of the last few years of his life, with whom he had been interested as a believer in the physical manifestations of spirits. In the long court fight it became known that a large part of the will was dictated by spirits.

Mrs. Dora Barnett, a medium, was the chief beneficiary of the will. She received a bequest of \$10,000. Mrs. Leotta Swilling, another alleged medium, was willed \$2000, and Miss Lottie Livingston, of Pasadena, a school teacher, came in for a \$5000 slice of the property.

Heirs at law of the aged Mr. Smith contested the will. They charged that Smith was unduly influenced by his spiritualistic friends, testimony tending to show the alleged influence of "fake" mediumship upon the mind of the aged man.

BAN PLACED ON HOG MEAT

North Yakima Packers Infected With Typhoid Germs.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 2.—(Special.)—The puzzling epidemic that has already killed close to 400 prime hogs in the Yakima Valley was today diagnosed by J. Nywening, City Health Officer, as typhoid fever.

Cultures made from diseased animals show the presence of typhoid bacillus and post-mortem examinations show ulceration of the intestines. As a result all sale or purchase of hogs has been interdicted and families have been warned not to eat pork foods.

The disease has not yet spread to other stock, but there is a strong belief in medical circles that many recent cases of typhoid which have heretofore been blamed on water, were due to eating of diseased meat before quarantine was made.

Of the recent fatal cases of typhoid, several have been young children, older people seeming able to resist the infection.

COOKE ESTATE \$10,000,000

Crocus of Hawaii Leaves All His Wealth to Family.

HONOLULU, Sept. 2.—The will of the late Charles M. Cooke, capitalist and financier, disposed of but little property, the bulk of his holding being the corporation of C. M. Cooke, Limited. Everything he bequeathed to the family of the deceased.

The will asks that the property be not appraised, that no bond be required and that the administration do not publish an inventory of the estate.

This latter provision has been declared illegal by Attorney-General Hemenway, owing to the requirements of the inheritance tax law. Some estimates place the value of the estate at \$10,000,000.

HARBOR QUEEN HITS RAFT

Grays Harbor Vessel Hits Boomstick in Hogueum River.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 2.—The passenger steamer Harbor Queen, Captain Henry Foster, struck a boomstick in the Hogueum River tonight and soon began filling with water.

The crew saved themselves by lowering a lifeboat, while others jumped off on a raft of logs, against which the damaged craft floated.

The steamer later tipped over and floated two miles down the bay before finally picked up by the tug Pilot, which responded to her call for help. An attempt is being made to beach the Queen.

FALL KILLS BIKE CHAMPION

Hugh McLean, Middle Distance Rider, Fractures Skull.

BOSTON, Sept. 2.—Hugh McLean, champion middle distance bicycle rider of the world, died tonight from a compound fracture of the skull, suffered this afternoon at the cycle track, where he was practicing for next Saturday night.

GREAT DISASTER IN JAVA

Volcano Erupts, Earth Quakes and Hundreds Are Killed.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 2.—Dispatches received here report an eruption of the volcano Smeru in Java, causing great havoc and a terrible earthquake with hundreds of fatalities in the Besouki district.

MOURNED BY 38 CHILDREN

Hoosier Who Has Outlived Four Wives, Dies Aged 96.

INDIANA, Pa., Sept. 2.—Thirty-eight children mourn the death of their father, John W. Miller, aged 96 years, who died today.

Mr. Miller was married four times.

BANK DIRECTORATE ASKED TO PAY UP

Oregon Trust Affairs Near Climax.

DEMAND IS MADE BY RECEIVER

Civil Suit Threatened Unless Board Advances Cash.

BOOKS WILL BE EXPERTED

T. C. Devlin and S. G. Reed Seek to Fix Responsibility of Directors to Force Redemption of Their Securities.

Directors of the defunct Oregon Trust & Savings Bank have been requested by T. C. Devlin, receiver of that institution, immediately to pay into the receivership their indebtedness. Failing to comply with the proposal of Mr. Devlin, suit will be instituted against the former directors to enforce settlement. The directors from whom an adjustment is demanded are: W. H. Moore, president of the bank; E. E. Lytle, vice-president; W. Cooper Morris, treasurer, and Leo Friede.

Shortly after the bank suspended Mr. Moore assigned to the receiver land in Eastern Oregon on which he placed an appraised value of \$75,000. This property subsequently was listed in an inventory of the bank's assets at a valuation of \$115,000. Mr. Moore has been requested to take the land out of the hands of the receivership for the consideration at which it has been listed by the receiver.

Bonds to Be Redeemed.

Mr. Lytle has been asked to take bonds of the United Railways to the amount of \$75,000, which are included in the assets of the suspended bank, and pay into the receivership that amount in cash. Mr. Friede is expected to meet his share of the claims of the creditors by paying into the institution about \$50,000 and assuming telephone bonds to that amount.

S. G. Reed, president of the German-American Bank, and Receiver Devlin, of the defunct bank, also have demanded that Mr. Morris, former cashier of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, make a settlement in discharge of his obligations. Mr. Morris is now residing in Tacoma, where it is reported he is assisting in the organization of another banking institution.

"Ever since the German-American Bank was organized and took over the affairs of the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank," said Mr. Reed yesterday, "Receiver Devlin and myself have been devoting our time to effecting a settlement with several of the large debtors of the suspended bank. In this we have been very successful and we now expect the di-

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