## **COOK NOT SHAKEN** BY PEARY'S BLAST

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### BRING ESKIMO TO AMERICA

Will Let Them Be Questioned by Peary's Men-Did Not Take Peary's Stores, but Peary Took His, Thinking Him Dead.

(Continued From Pirst Page.)

doubt, if there can be such, of the fact that I have reached the North Pole. But knowing that I am right and that right must prevail, I will submit at the proper time my full story to the court of last resort-the people of the world."

### Unmoved by Peary's Attack.

This is the reply by Frederick A. Cook made tonight to Commander Peary. Coming so quickly upon other dramatic incidents of the week, Commander Peary's dispatch denying that Dr. Cook had achieved the triumph for which he has been feted and honored in Copenhagen has been read here with feelings of amazement and conern. But Dr. Cook himself seems in no wise disturbed. He was perfectly cool and apparently unmoved when confronted tonight with telegrams from the United States saying Peary had denounced him as an impostor. His demeanor has not changed in the slightest from the day he landed at Copenhagen. Dr. Cook's friends had urged him to their utmost to make a statement for the public, but he had said repeatedly that all he had to say for the present was that he possessed proofs that he had visited the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

When it was suggested that his chances of proving his case might be ruined unless he made a satisfactory statement at once, he smiled and asked how a man could be ruined by popular clamor calling him an impostor, when he had proofs of his case that could and would be published, as he had often repeated, when they were in the proper form to be given out.

Says Peary Took His Stores. Regarding the controversy over his alleged taking of Peary's stores, Dr. Cook sacerts that he has written and other satisfactory evidence that Peary took his stores, perhaps believing him

dead.

"Harry Whitney is personally acquainted with all the facts and perhaps what he has to say when he returns may be interesting," added the explorer.

Then Cook remarked quietly: "Make as little as you can of this, and don't say anything disagreeable about Mr.

### Cook continued: Nobody Owns Eskimo.

I will not enter into any controversy over the subject with Com-mander Peary, further than to say that if he says I have taken his Eskimos, my reply is that Eskimos are nomads. my reply is that Eskimos are nomads. They are owned by nobody, and are not the private property of either Commander Peary or myself. The Eskimos engaged by me were paid ten times what they agreed to accompany me for.

"As to the story that Commander Peary says I took provisions stored by

him, my reply is that Peary took my provisions, obtaining them from the custodian on the plea that I had been so long absent that he was going to organize a relief station for me, in case I should be alive. For this I have documentary proof."

Dr. Cook told Captain Sverdrup and another friend the day after he landed here that he hoped there would be no unpleasantness over supplies with the Peary party; that he had found some of Peary's possession of one of his depots and had turned them out unceremoni-

## Bring Eskimo to America.

It is settled that Cook will send a ship to take to America the two Eskimos who accompanied him on the last stage of his journey to the North Pole, as well as some of the party sent back when the start for the last stage began. Captain Sverdrup may command the expedition; it is Dr. Cook's desire that he shall do so, and they conferred today regarding the details.

Cook's purpose in wanting his Eskimo comrades in America is to have them relate their story of the trip to the North Pole. He proposes to have them examined by men familiar with the Arctic and the Eskino, including the members of Peary's party, if they wish.

## Confident of Outcome.

Dr. Cook's apparent confidence is the greatest factor working in his support in Copenhagen. Those who have talked with him agree that he is an absolutely sincere, simple man, or else deserves a pedestal in history as one of the greatest actors. When the latter alternative was suggested to him he merely expressed the conviction that time, even if there were no other evidence, would confirm his statements, because with the rapid advance of the means of travel his route would soon be visited by others who could

pass judgment on his testimony.
Dr. Cook's constitution is of iron. In
the last three nights he has averaged three and one-half hours' sleep, sitting up to the small hours attending to his correspondence and arising at 6 o'clock in the morning to resume his task, but he shows no ill-effects of the strain. His engagements today included a luncheon given in his honor by the British

Minister at the legation and a motor trip into the country to attend a dinner given by Mrs. Gammell, whose husband financed several Danish expeditions.

## One Paper Attacks Peary.

All day dispatches from America re-garding Commander Peary's charges poured into Copenhagen. The newspapers contain only one unpleasant article. The Politiken in its leader tonight says:
"Danes, remembering Peary's bad treatment of one of their own explorers,

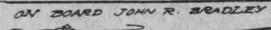
will not be surprised at his attitude to-ward Dr. Cook." The general attitude here is one of suspended judgment until the evidence is produced. Dr. Cook's lecture before the Geographical Society caused a profound disappointment because the people ex-pected more convincing proofs than Dr. Cook has given. He contented himself in his lecture with repeating what had already appeared in the form of statements to the newspapers. The enthusiasm over the announcement of Peary's success has not waned in the least.

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JOHN.R. BRADLEY AND ESKIMO

than the entire party for the purpose of

faking the trip."

Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached

J. R BRADLEY

Guides Say He Did Not Climb. Mount McKinley.

WAS SAILING ON LAUNCH

Claims of Explore Denounced by Men Who Accompanied Him on Alaskan Trip-Time Too Brief for the Alleged Ascent.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 .- "It is with great reluctance that I can only say that Dr. Frederick A. Cook has not made a satisfactory explanation or submitted corroborative evidence that he has made the ascant of Mount McKinley."

Thus spoke Professor Herschel C. Parker, adjutant professor of physics of Columbia University and scaler of mountain heights, today.

The attention of Professor Parker was called to the fact that it was questioned that Dr. Cook had really climbed Mount McKinley. Dr. Cook and Professor Parker were the leaders of the expedi-tion which attempted in 1998 to ascend Mount McKinley and it was only after the return of Professor Parker to the East and other members of the expedition had scattered, that Dr. Cook made the dash up the mountain

There were in our party that made

"There were in our party that made the attempt on Mount McKinley," said Professor Parker, "Belmoore Browne, of Tacoma, the artist and big game hunter, Mr. Porter, the topographer; Fred Printz, head guide: Mr. Miller, the photographer, and the packmen. "We first went up the Yentnar River as far as we could in a boat, and then proceeded rapidly toward the mountain. This line of march was on the southwest side of Mount McKinley, but the mountain and falling, our party went to pieces. We all started down to pieces. We all started down to pieces." it ended in an impassable canyon. We the Sultana River, some of us going crossed to the south side, but there off on hunting trips, others striking for

JOHN R BRADLEY

"I returned East and later was sur-prised to hear that Dr. Cook had ascended Mount McKinley. "Dr. Cook says he reached the sum-mit of the mountain by the east side and was accompanied by the assistant packer, Edward Burrill.
"Men of science quite naturally ask
why he did not make photographs of
views about him after the ascent was

made. BROWN DEFENDS DR. COOK Tacoma Man Says Alaskan Party

Went to Pieces. TACOMA, Sept. 8 .- Belmore Brown

POLAR EXPLORER MEETS RIVAL'S ATTACK WITH SOFT

ANSWER.

DR. COOK, WEO SAYS, "I BELIEVE PEARY FOUND THE POLE IF HE SAYS HE DID."

our efforts to make the climb were frustrated by the cliffs.

"Dr. Cook said the east side was imbranch river, made a second dash for frustrated by the cliffs.

"Dr. Cook said the east side was inpossible, of ascent as the cliffs rose at least 5000 feet without a break. Then we all agreed to give up the attempt for the season and try next Summer on the northwestern side.

"I returned by the cliffs.

"I returned by the cliffs rose at the summit from the southwest slope.

He claimed that he and one of the men who accompanied him reached the top.

I notice that the men who dispute that he reached the summit are persons who he reached the summit are persons who were not with him and consequently what they had to say would not carry great weight."

FFAKER," DECLARE GUIDES

Members of Alaska Party Say Cook Did Not Scale Mountain.

SEATTLE, Sept. 8 -S. P. Beecher, of Peshastin, Wasn., who accompanied Dr. F. A. Cook on his Mount McKinley expe on, says that the doctor did not make the ascent as claimed. Beacher said, in an interview today, that none of the eight men employed on the expedition was paid except the photographer, Walter P. Miller, who withheld the pictures until he received his money. Mr. Beecher con

tinued:

"Cook did not get to the top of Mount McKinley. All the pictures he used to illustrate his books are pictures that readily can be identified as views of lower levels. He took with him a small camera which he could operate himself, and pretended to bring back a set of pictures to tended to bring back a set of pictures to prove he had gone to the top. In his first story, when he got back, he said that the summit was covered with snow, but his alleged picture of the peak show, rocks and soft snow in which footprints can be recognized.

"There is not a picture that either Mr. "There is not a picture that either Mr. Miller or myself could not recognize as having been taken at a 4000-foot level. "Before Cook took Barrill and made his slieged trip to the summit he divided his party. Mr. Miller and Prints were sent up the Ketchina River, while Belmore Brown and I went up the Matanuska River to wait for Cook's return. At Old Knik, at the head of Knik Arm, I met a party of five miners who had just come down the Chulltna in a rowboat. They reported that they had passed Dr. Cook and Barrill headed up the river in a launch.

"The week that these miners reported having met Cook was the time that he says he made his trip to the summit of Mount McKinley.

"Instead of being on a trip to the peak

he was peacefully traveling up the river in a launch.
"It would have been a physical impos

sibility for anybody to have reached the top of Mount McKinley during the week he says he made the ascent. The time between the meeting of the five miners and Cook on the Chulitna River and Cook's return was too short to have made

"While, of course there is no means of knowing what Cook's plan was, we are convinced that he divided the party and took Barrill with him because he had to have one companion, and one was safer

the summit of Mount McKinley in 1966 was from the beginning received with skepticism in Alaska, British Columbia and on Puget Sound, for two reasons: First, his dash to the peak was accomplished so easily where more experienced and better equipped mountaineers had failed. Second, nearly all of the members of the party of eight who went to the mountain with him say that Dr. Cook could not have made the ascent as claimed. These men have constantly discredited the doctor's story, and are not now speaking for the first time. It should be remembered that the men have a grievance against Dr. Cook, they say he did not pay them the wages he had promised. plished so easily where more experience

BURRILL STANDS BY COOK

Explorer's Alaska Companion Says They Climbed McKinley.

HAMILTON, Mont., Sept. 8 .- Ed. Burrill, who has just returned from the Bitter Root Mountains, says that he and Dr. Cook were the only ones who made the climb on Mount McKimley in 1905. He refused to make any further statement than this, except to say that when Dr. Cook gets to this country, he will go before a notary and make a sworn statement regarding his association with the explorer. Burrill does say, however, that Printz, one of the party on part of the trip, was not with Dr. Cook when the ascent was made, but was away on a hunting trip in the foothills. Burrill repudiates and fiatly contradicts all recent published statements attributed to He refused to make any further staterecent published statements attributed to him and says that the interview with Printz insofar as it relates to him is not

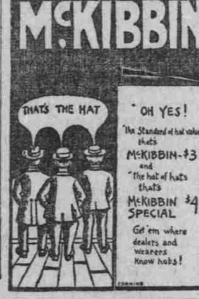
COOK IS A LIAR; SAYS MILLER

Explorer's Former Photographer

Thinks Pole Hunter Is Faking. SEATFLE, Sept. 8.—Walter P. Miller, who was with Dr. F. A. Cook as photog-rapher on the Mount McKinley expedition on which Dr. Cook alleges he attained the summit and whose pictures Dr. Cook used to illustrate his book on the ascent of the peak, said to the Associated Press

today:
"I don't believe Dr. Cook climbed
Mount McKinley, and I don't think he
ever reached the Pole."

Miss Kang Tung Plh, of Canton, China-is registered among the students of Bar-nard College. She is a daughter of Kang Yu Wel, the Chinase reformer.



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