

PEARY'S SAID TO HAVE EVIDENCE

Secretary of Peary Club Says Explorer Will Back Up All His Statements.

COOK'S TALE FABRICATED?

Contented Latter May Have Heard From Eskimos of Pole's Discovery and Got Together His Story.

SYDNEY, N. S. Sept. 12.—Plenty of evidence, designed to back up his statement that Dr. Cook did not reach the North Pole, is in the hands of Commander Peary, according to assertions made here tonight. This view is taken by a large number of explorers, scientists and others, who are here to greet the explorer.

Cook Might Have Heard Discovery.

"I'll agree with President Hubbard, of the Peary Club, that Dr. Cook might have learned weeks ago in Greenland of Commander Peary's discovery and that in the interim he would have made his discovery of the North Pole. News, you know, travels fast among the Eskimos, and it is quite likely Dr. Cook heard of what Peary had done.

Canada Lays Claim to Pole

Looks on All Land North of United States as Own.

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 12.—Canada claims all land directly north of the American continent, as far as the Pole, upon which it would be possible to nail a flag.

Tarr Doubts Cook's Story

Cornell Professor Confident, However, Peary Reached Pole.

SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—I credit in every particular the report of Commander Peary, who declares he reached the North Pole. I do not want to go on record at this time as crediting or discrediting the report of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, claiming a previous discovery of the Pole. I know both explorers well, but before saying anything about Dr. Cook's claim I prefer to have the controversy settled.

New Accusation Found.

TRONDHJEM, Norway, Sept. 12.—The Dagbladet accuses Dr. Cook of appropriating the plans and route for reaching the North Pole devised by Captain Basmann, of the last expedition and published in 1906.

Cut Benefits Oregon

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rate to enable them to break even on the reduced revenue.

The railroad men soon abandoned this contention, realizing that the shipper, not the carrier, fixes the delivery point, and that the shippers will order their grain to the better market, irrespective of whether it be Portland or Puget Sound, and so long as rates are identical the shipper will have no concern in whether the railroad is making a long or a short haul, a cheap or an expensive one.

It is expected here the Northern Pacific will take an appeal to the court before obeying the order. Chairman Fairchild said:

"Appeal in my opinion will be useless, our findings have been carefully drawn after long and exhaustive investigation, any court will be impressed by the absolute fairness of the finding and the conclusions that necessarily follow. The fact cannot be escaped that the Northern Pacific on state business alone made, in addition to a 7 per cent profit, more than \$1,000,000 excess revenue during the year. This year the net revenues will be much greater. The only effect of appeal to the courts will be to delay the time at which the new reduced rates go into effect."



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Sensational Charges Against Atlantic Lines.

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Probe and Gives Data to Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—In official circles here more than ordinary interest is being taken in the investigation of New York into the alleged illegal operations of some of the trans-Atlantic steamship lines, especially the Holland-American line.

Bomb Cases on Trial

Sensational Disclosures are Promised to Chicago.

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NEW YORKER IS SILENT

Danish Paper Publishes Account of High-Handed Action of Peary, Who Leaves Note Saying Rival Dead, No Use to Search.

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some time in Greenland and returned with him on the Danish government steamer Hans Egede.

"Now that Dr. Cook has gone," he writes, "I am no longer under any obligation to keep silent and will exercise my right to publish the story about the house in Annotok, a story which Dr. Cook himself had too much delicacy to relate to the world. I write it from memory as Dr. Cook told it to me, and I am fully convinced that in no details are my recollections wrong.

House Built for Stores.

"Dr. Cook had built his house for stores in Annotok, north of Etah, and it was this depot which he started to reach in February, 1909, crossing Smith Sound. It was a pretty large house, the walls being built of heavily filled provision boxes, so that Dr. Cook knew that when this important point was reached the house was safe. He had before the start given permission to a young friend named Whitney to use the house while hunting musk-oxen for sport in the winter of 1908-9.

Cook Reaches Place Half Starved.

"When Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos, exhausted and half-starved, came within a short distance of the house in Annotok, young Whitney came out to bid him welcome, but inside the house was a stranger, a giant Newfoundland boatman, on watch. This man had been placed in Dr. Cook's house by Peary, when the latter passed Etah with his ship bound north. Peary had given the boatman a written order, which commenced with the following words:

Peary Installs His Man.

"This house belongs to Dr. Frederick A. Cook, but Dr. Cook is long ago dead and there is no use to search after him. Therefore, I, Commander Robert E. Peary, install my boatman in this deserted house."

"This paper the boatman, who could neither read nor write, exhibited to Dr. Cook and the latter took a copy. This copy, however, he does not intend to publish if Peary's course does not force him to do so.

"Dr. Cook gave me a lively account of how the young millionaire Whitney during the whole winter was treated like a dog by the boatman, and how he had witnessed the sailor bartering Dr. Cook's provisions for fox and beaver skins for himself.

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