

WHITNEY CREDITS BOTH EXPLORERS

Rich Hunter Says Cook and Peary Reached North Pole.

TRANSFERS STORES ONLY

Declares Commander Did Not Move Rival's Supplies, but Ordered Murphy to Dispose of Them Before Others.

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Etah on this day and did not hear Cook's communications. There were two houses on the Greenland shore, one at Annotok, holding Cook's stores, and another at Etah, holding Peary's stores. The three white men, Whitney, Murphy and Fritchard, sometimes occupied one and sometimes the other of these houses.

"Use Cook's Supplies First"—Peary.

Murphy is not able to read or write. He had written instructions from Peary, which Whitney, at Peary's request, read over to him from time to time. These instructions were very stringent. They directed Murphy to use Cook's stores first and Peary's afterward.

Murphy was told in them that he was along in a needy condition, and furthermore the instructions implied that Murphy was to organize an expedition to search for Dr. Cook, but, according to Whitney, this part of the instructions was worded very ambiguously.

Whitney said that Cook had a copy of these instructions, and doubtless would make them public. Murphy treated Cook very civilly and Cook suffered no discourtesy.

When Dr. Cook and his Eskimos arrived at the house they had no sledges. Being too tired to drag it over the rough ice, they had left it 20 miles from Etah. The following day some other Eskimos went out, recovered the sledges and brought it in. On it were Dr. Cook's instruments, clothes and food.

The doctor had figured out rightly the date he would be likely to get to Upernivik and when the Dundee whalers or the Danish store-ship would reach there and he argued that he had no time to lose. He planned originally to take two Eskimos and two sledges, but one Eskimo fell sick and it made it necessary for him to cut down the luggage he could take with him. He came, consequently, with only one sled and a few instruments with which he had made his observations at the Pole.

These were in three cases, one containing a sextant, another an artificial horizon and a third instrument which Whitney said he could not recall. It possibly might have been a chronometer. Cook left no written records with Whitney that Whitney is aware of. There may have been some records, however, in the boxes in which Cook packed his instruments.

Peary's Talk With Eskimos.

Continuing, Whitney said that last month, when Peary on board the Roosevelt reached Etah from the north after his winter work, there he (Whitney) informed him of Dr. Cook's arrival in April, adding that Dr. Cook had told him to tell Peary that Cook had gone beyond Peary's farthest north. Peary made no comment and Whitney said he was not asked any more questions by Peary. But the next day Cook's Eskimos came to Whitney and asked him what Peary's men were trying to get them to say. Peary's men had shown the Eskimos papers and maps, but the Eskimos declared they did not understand these papers.

So far as Whitney is aware, Cook's Eskimos never admitted that, while with the doctor, they had only progressed "two sledges" from land.

Bars Out Cook's Outfit.

The day the Roosevelt was leaving Etah for home, Whitney informed Peary that Cook had entrusted to him certain belongings to bring home on the vessel that was coming up for Whitney, but, as this ship had not arrived, Whitney was at a loss what to do with the property.

Peary declined to permit Dr. Cook's belongings to be brought aboard the Roosevelt and he put Whitney on his honor not to include anything belonging to Dr. Cook in his own luggage. Whitney thereupon went ashore, separated Dr. Cook's property from his own baggage and, with the aid of Captain Bartlett, commander of the Roosevelt, whom he had asked to help him, re-packed Cook's property in boxes.

After this had been done Whitney and Bartlett cached all Cook's property in a cave in the rocks. They built up the cave securely with stones and turf and left it and the property in charge of one of the doctor's Eskimos.

DR. COOK APPROVES WHITNEY

Explorer Says Hunter's Story of His Instruments Is True.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Dr. Cook, when shown Mr. Whitney's statement, said tonight that he approved of all that Mr. Whitney had said. Concerning the papers left with Mr. Whitney, Dr. Cook said: "Mr. Whitney probably was unaware of the written records left with him. They are not of much consequence, as I have duplicate. As to the instruments, his statements are correct."

"The whole story as to my not going far north is based on the reply I gave to Murphy when he asked me one day: 'Have you been farther than 87 north?' I answered: 'Yes, much farther north, but I gave no other information to Murphy, and Mr. Whitney stuck to the original idea and would not let Murphy know."

"The Eskimos did the same. They had promised me not to disclose what I had done."

PHYSICIANS AT BANQUET

Half a Hundred Are Dined by Pendleton Convention.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—More than 50 physicians sat down to a banquet of the annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Medical Association, now in session here. The gathering is the largest of its kind ever witnessed in Eastern Oregon, while the programme is by far the strongest.

In addition to the papers by different members of the association, leading men in their profession have been brought from Portland, Spokane, Seattle and other cities in the Northwest. The entire State Board of Health is in attendance and a large delegation of physicians from the Walla Walla Valley Association are also here.

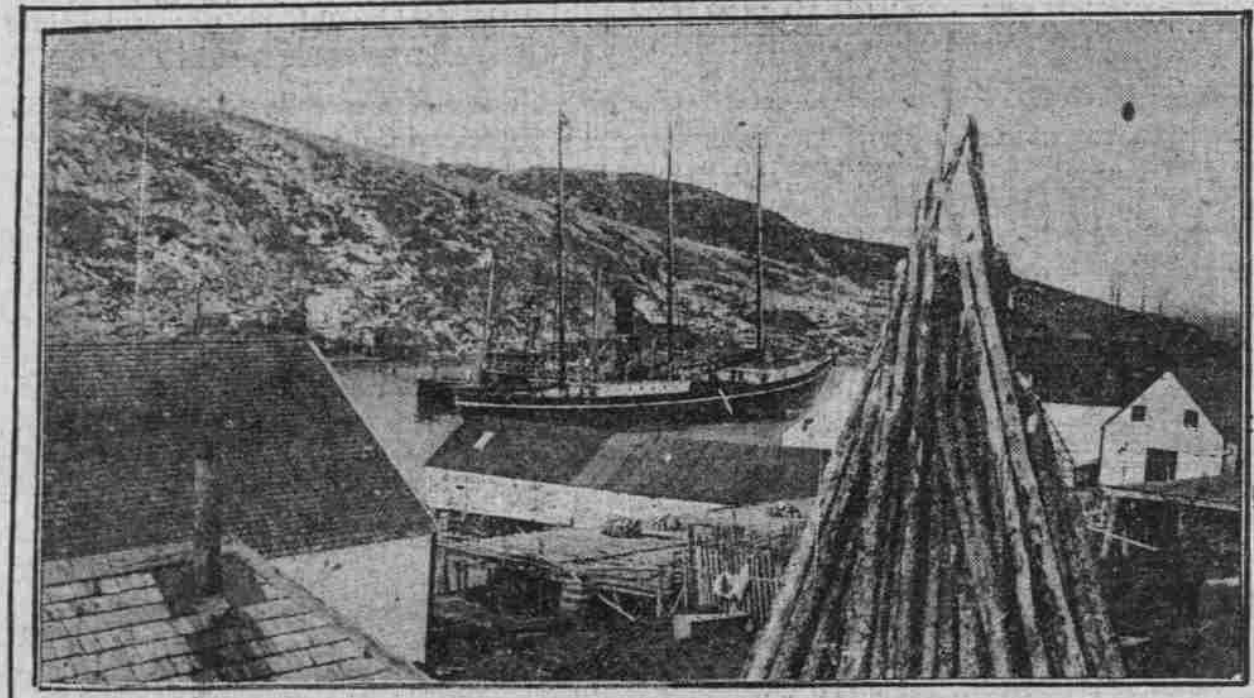
PHOTOGRAPHS OF PEARY, THE ROOSEVELT AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.



PEARY AND CAP. BARTLETT



McMILLAN, BORUP, GUSHUE, HENSON, AND SLEDGE WHICH REACHED POLE.



THE ROOSEVELT IN BATTLE HARBOR.

NORTH IN ICY AIR

Cook Fights Arctic Cold on His March to Pole.

HAS RINGLETS OF ICICLES

Cook Describes Laborious but Pleasing Process of Going to Bed in Igloo—Teeth Grind Hard Frozen Pemican.

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force upon the weary body in the long marches a pleasing anticipation.

In the evening after the blocks of snow walled a dome in which we could breathe the quiet air, the blue flame lamp sang the notes of gastronomical delights. A heavenly drink of ice-water was first indulged in to quench the chronic thirst, and then the process of disrobing began, one at a time, for there was not room for all to sit at once. The fur-stuffed boots were pulled and the bearskin pants were stripped. Then one-half of the body was quickly pushed into the bag.

Teeth Grind Frozen Beef.

A brick of pemican was next taken out and the teeth were set to the grinding of this bone-like substance. The appetite was always large, but a half-pound of cold, withered beef and fallow changes a hungry man's thoughts effectively. The tea, an hour in making, was now ready and we rose on elation to take it. Under the influence of the warm drink the fur coat with its mask of ice was removed. Next the skirt with its ring of ice about the waist comes off, giving further relief. Pushing further into the bag, the hood was pulled over the face and we were lost to the world of ice.

The warm sense of mental and physical pleasure which follows is an interesting study. The movement of others, the stinging of the air, the hoarse of torturing winds, the blinding rays of a heatless sun, the pains of driving snows and all the bitter elements were absent. The mind, freed of the agitation of frost, wandered to home and better times. Under these peculiar circumstances there comes a pleasing sense with the touch of one's own warm skin, while the companionship of the arms and legs, freed of their cumbersome furs, makes a new discovery in the art of getting next to one's self.

In Heart of Storm.

On March 27 it blew a half-gale at night, but at noon on the following day the wind eased. The bright sun and rising temperature were too tempting to remain quiescent and, though the west was still darkened by threatening clouds, the dogs were put to the sleds and off they went among the

WIND DRIVES THEM TO CAMP.

Once in moving order, the drivers required very little encouragement to prolong the effort to a fair day's march in spite of the weather. As the sun settled in the western gloom, the wind increased its fury and forced us into camp. Before the gloom was finished, steady, rasping wind brushed the hummocks and piled up the snow in large dunes like the sands of some shores. The snow house was not cemented with wind, but the tone of the wind did not seem to indicate danger, and, furthermore, we were beginning to realize the great need of fuel economy. We therefore did not deem it prudent to use fire to melt snow, except to quench the thirst.

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DEAL IS CONFIRMED

Stockholders of United Railways Give Option.

\$4,000,000 SALE IS ON

Owners of Controlling Interest Admit Negotiations Are Under Way. Moritz Thomson, of Seattle, Tells Details of Transfer.

Overhauling the sale of the United Railways, as told by the Associated Press yesterday, the following dispatch was received last night from The Oregonian's correspondent at Seattle:

"That the deal for the sale of the interest in the United Railways Company and the Ruth Trust Company, of Portland, has not yet been closed, but that an option for the property has been taken, which in all probability will terminate in an actual sale, was admitted here this afternoon by Moritz Thomson, who with W. D. Hoffman, a prominent business man of this city, and T. L. Greenough, a millionaire of Missoula, Mont., all business associates, hold a five-ninths of the controlling interest in the Portland properties."

When the big deal now pending, in which upwards of \$4,000,000 is involved, is closed, Thomson, Hoffman and Greenough will be without interest in either the United Railways or the Ruth Trust Company, for the deal contemplates the disposing of all the right, title and interest of these three men in the properties."

Mr. Thomson this afternoon very frankly admitted that negotiations for the disposal of the controlling interest in the properties were well advanced. He said that the deal had not yet been closed. Mr. Thomson stated that it will be at least 30 and possibly 60 days before the details of the deal will be known.

"All there is to the matter," said Mr. Thomson, "is that J. H. Harbord and C. T. Dunbar have taken an option on the holdings of Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Greenough and myself. The sale has not yet been made and may not be. Yet we rather expect the negotiations, which have been in progress for some time, will go through. Other details of the transaction I am not at liberty to give out at this time. The deal will probably not be closed for 30 days, and possibly not for 60."

Victim's Body Taken Home.

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The body of Frank M. Hull, who met death in the streetcar accident in Seattle Friday morning, was brought to this city last night by his brother, Ed Hull, of this place. The deceased leaves two grown children—Ethel, at Seaside, Or., and Frank A., of Sitka, Alaska.

PEARY HAS BLAST READY FOR FUSE

Has Completed Statement of Reasons for Denying Cook's Claims.

USES FACTS AS ARGUMENTS

Club Will Hold Special Meeting to Adopt Statement and Then Begin Open War—Some of Points of Attack.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 28.—The material which Commander Peary will produce to support his contention that Dr. Cook did not reach the Pole is now in completed form. As soon as it has been passed upon by the Peary Arctic Club it will be made public. The statement will be only the opening of the campaign which Peary will wage on Dr. Cook. It is intimated that Peary has yet other information to prove his contention, but he thinks it will be unnecessary to make it public at this time.

Club Will Further Statement.

It is announced that President Harbord is planning to call a meeting of the Peary Arctic Club in New York next week. Commander Peary's contribution to the controversy is rather voluminous, but has been prepared with the idea that it should be readily understood by the lay mind. General Harbord said tonight: "The statement has been prepared and will be submitted to the club. I do not feel competent to say whether the club will approve it exactly in its present form. There will be no considerable changes, however. Some expressions may be altered in phraseology, but that is all."

Will Simply State Facts.

"The statement will simply contain facts in their proper order and will contain no arguments except as the statement itself constitutes an argument."

"I do not care to go on record as saying that the statement will prove that Dr. Cook did not reach the Pole. That is a matter for the public to judge. I can say that Peary's statements are true."

The equipment of Dr. Cook's expedition will be described in detail, and against its alleged accomplishment in traveling to the Pole and return will be compared the work of each expedition of Peary and other Arctic explorers. Dr. Cook's experience with Arctic expeditions, his method of keeping the records and his disposition of them in part to Harry Whitney, a stranger to him, will play no small part in Commander Peary's statement.

COOK GENTLEMAN, PEARY CAD

Latter Should Go to North Pole and Stay There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—The San Francisco Chronicle will say editorially tomorrow:

"There is no generosity in Peary's endeavor, and no courtesy to his opponent. He is not in the game for sport, but for money, and the country is that Dr. Cook is a gentleman and Peary a cad, and that without reference to whether either of them reached the North Pole."

"That Cook reached the spot which the instruments which he carried indicated as the North Pole, the country believes. As to what Peary did, there has ceased to be much curiosity. Nobody cares whether he got to the North Pole, but there would be much satisfaction if it were known that he would go there and stay there. It is a good place for him."

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