PEARY OUTLINES ASSAULT PRESIDENT TAFT'S TOUR Enthusiastic, Thousands Greet Him On His Western Trip.

Fourteen Counts Embodying His Coming Statement, to Prove That Cook Did Not Reach the North Pole.

ert E. Peary was obtained this information, a forecast of the indictment he and Gen. Thomas Hubbard, president of the Peary Artic Club, will cold as minus 83 degrees. draw against the contentions of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he has reached the North Pole.

There are 14 counts in the indictment and they may be summarized as follows:

First-That Mr. Peary and Matt Henson, either individually or together, talked with every member of the Smith Sound tribe of Eskimos and obtained testimony that corrorates that of E-treck-a-shoo and A-pel-lah, the boys who accompanied Dr. Cook, that Dr. Cook had not been out of sight of land.

Second-That in violation of the recognitized custom of Artic exploration Dr. Cook has not brought back records left in cairns at points he asserts he had reached, notably the one left at Cape Thomas Hubbard in 1906 by Mr. Peary.

Third-That Dr. Cook's story that he traveled from Annotok to the Pole and then back to Jones' Sound, a distance of more than 251-2 degrees, or about 1,700 miles, in one sledging season is impossible. He points out previous record of 11 degrees, and navik. Mr. Peary's best record this year of 14 degrees.

Fourth-That his general equipment was such that it would be a physical impossibility to have accomplished the remarkable feat.

Fifth-That Dr. Cook maintains he carried a glass mercurial horizon on his trip of 1,700 miles, whereas Mr. Peary used a cast iron horizon, so

Bar Harbor, Special -From Rob- | being broken, but could be heated when the mercury froze. This is necessary sometimes, Mr. Peary contends, as mercury freezes at minus 35. Dr. Cook reports finding it as

Sixth-That Professor brought back from 86 degrees 38 minutes duplicate records of Mr. Peary's march and of his own to prove absolutely that Mr. Peary reached that latitude.

Seventh-That Captain Bartlett brought back from 87 degrees 43 minutes duplicate records of Mr. Peary's march and of his own to absolutely that Mr. Peary reached that latitude.

Eighth-That the sledge of Dr Cook's was of such a type, not built on the lines of any Artic explorer's sledge, that it could not possibly have lasted for a march of a day with a standard load of 500 or 600 pounds.

Ninth-That Dr. Cook's snow shoes were of a impracticable type for use in the Artic and were not of the kind that would conduce to speed.

Tenth-That Dr. Cook's leaving of his records at Etah was a scheme on his part by which he could claim they were lost or destroyed, and so could escape being forced to produce them.

Eleventh-That no man who had carried the American flag to the Pole would leave such a slight and easily transported article in charge of a perfect stranger.

Twelfth-That Dr. Cook did have fresh dog teams from Etah and could that this is more than twice the best have carried his burdens to Uner-

Thirteenth-That when Harry Whitney went on board the Jeanie he did not take time to go back to Etah and get the articles that he must have known were valuable to Dr.

Fourteenth-That if Dr. Cook did leave such priceless articles at the Eskimo village Mr. Whitney would mave been anxious to have rushed that it would not only be saved from them to the United States.

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 be-

longing to Dr. Cook in his own lug-

ashore from the Roosevelt, separated

Dr. Cook's property from his own

baggage and repacked Cook's proper-

ty in boxes. After this had been done

Whitney and Bartlett cached all

Cook's property in a cave in the

curely with stones and turf and left

it and the property in charge of one

It may be remarked in passing,

Mr. Whitney went on, that ten years

ago Peary did with the explorer

Sverdrup, who was cruising in Smith

sound, what he has done with Cook;

In conclusion Mr. Whitney declared

he regretted being dragged into this

controversy. He said he had found

conduct generally was more com-

mendable or whose dealing with him

New York, Special.—Dr. Cook

when shown Mr. Whitney's statemen!

said that he approved of all that

substantially correct," said Dr. Cook

Concerning the papers left with Mr

Whitney Dr. Cook said:
"Mr. Whitney was in all probabil

ity unaware of the written records

being left with him. They are not

"It confirms all my declarations.

Everything in the interview is

he refused to bring back any of

Sverdrup's letters or records.

of Dr. Cook's Eskimos.

They built up the cave se-

Whitney thereupon went

to do with this property.

WHITNEY BELIEVES THAT BOTH REACHED THE POLE

gage.

rocks.

St. Johns, N. F., Special.-Harry certain belongings to bring home on Whitney of New Haven believes that the vessel that was coming up for Dr. Frederick A. Cook found the Whitney, but as this ship had not Pole and that Commander Peary did arrived Whitney was at a loss what the same. In expressing this belief Mr. Whitney said that he knows no reason for doubting Cook more than Peary.

'Dr. Cook's story," he added, "seems to me truthful and probable. Nothing else would explain his twelve months' absence."

Speaking of Dr. Cook's detailed account of his trip to the Pole, Mr. Whitney said that the explorer showed him how the western drift of the ice had landed him in a region far remote from where he expected to go, and he was unable to get back. He could not speak with authority as to whether Dr. Cook and his two Eskimos could carry on their three sledges enough food for their journey to the Pole, as he himself is a novice in Artic traveling. He declared he knew nothing of the controversy beyond the vaguest details. The first he learned of it was at Indian Harbor, when he received messages from several American papers asking for

Mr. Whitney denied that Com- both Dr. Cook and Commander Pear mander Peary had removed Dr. courteous and considerate and that Cook's stores from Annotok to Etah. he had never met any men whose What Peary really did was to transfer a few things and rebuild the house at Annotok. Boatswain Mur-phy's only reason for refusing to Dr. Cook Satisfied With Statement. help Captain Bertnier's Canadian expedition to get dogs and sledges at Etah was that they were short of dogs themselves. Mr. Whitney had Mr. Whitney has said. trouble in getting enough dogs for his teams all through the winter and Murphy was looking out for Peary, so that he would have sufficient dogs for the commander's exploring trips around the country when he returned

The day the Roosevelt was leaving Etah for home Whitney informed of much consequence, as I have Peary that Cook had entrusted to him dupes."

HARRY WHITNEY MAKES A STARTLING STATEMENT

stands Commander Peary and his men went among the Eskimos and tried to have them declare Cook did not Eskimos did not do so. He also packed them himself, but he said denies that he quarreled with Peary on the Roosevelt.

"Dr. Cook did leave me three cases of scientific instruments," declared the New Haven sportsman. "They Roosevelt.

A St. Johns special says Whit- | were the ones used on his polar trip. ney makes one startling state- In one of the cases was a sextant, in ment. He declares that he under- another an artificial horizon, while in the third, I believe, there was a chronometer. Dr. Cook also left me several boxes of other personal effects, clothing and specimens. It is, exceed Peary's "farthest north," but of couse possible that Cook's records he insists that he understands the may be among these, as the doctor nothing to me of any records.

"I promised Dr. Cook that I would take those things south with me on my vessel, but when the ship did not

THE ROOSEVELT IN THE BIG HUDSON-FULTON PARADE New York, Special .- Looking in triumphant screams of her siren and

Roosevelt, which bore Commander Peary on his quest of the North Pole, It was barely daylight when the look-

outward appearance little like a ves- ran up the Peary Arctic flag at her sel that has braved the ice and storms masthead, then the flag of the New of the Arctic zone, the little steamer | York Yacht Club, at her fore, and the American ensign at her mizzen. Commander Peary's ship arrived in the entered New York harbor Thursday. nick of time to participate in the closing ceremonies of the Hudsonouts discovered the vessel off Sandy Hook, coming slowly. Off the point the naval parade which Friday went of the Hook, the Roosevelt gave three) up the Hudson as far as Newburg.

The Portland tribute was one of the most enthusiastic he has had. The ride through the city was made the occasion of a military display by the United States forces stationed at Vancouver barracks, the troops being reviewed by the President at the conclusion of their escort duty.

On Sunday he preached another sermon, this time at the cornestone laying of the First Universalist church in East Portland. The President handled the silver trowel and worked hard to see that the stone was properly adjusted. He referred to his various church experiences and in concluding said: "No church in this country, however humble it may be, that preaches the doctrine of true religion and true morality , will lack my earnest support to make it more influential whenevr opportunity offers."

The President's train left at 10:10 p. m. over the Southern Pacific for Sacramento, Cal.

Mr. Taft attended the morning services at the First Unitarian church in Portland and listened to a sermon by Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr. Afterwards he was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by Senator Bourne. In the early afternoon he visited St. Mary's Roman Catholic school and made a five-minute address to the school children in which he declared that loyalty to the Church meant fidelity to the country.

The line of march followed by the presidential party to East Portland was crowded and there was cheering all along the way.

After making one of the longest jumps of his trip and traveling for twenty-five hours through Oregon and the northern half of California, President Taft arrived at Sacramento, Cal., Monday night at 7:10 o'clock. The President was entertained at dinner, was taken for an automobile ride through the city and made an address in the State Capitol grounds.

He selected for the principal feature of his speech the conservation of natural resources, in which he declared anew that before many of the Roosevelt policies of conservation can be carried into effect, confirmatory and enabling legislation must be secured and he pledged himself to use all his power to induce Congress to pass the laws necessary.

Speaking from the car and at Dunsmuir, Cal., President Taft said in

"Everywhere in this country I have found evidence of prosperity, from Boston to Portland, and if signs do not fail we are upon an era of business enterprise and expansion that never has been seen in this country before. Now, with that I would not have you forget that here are certain responsibilities. We have had evils growing out of prosperity. Men have seized power by means of accumulation of wealth and its use in methods that are not legal and cannot be approved by way of monopoly and otherwise. Now we are attempting by the general law of the United tSates to suppress that kind of abuse.

"They were brought to the attention of the people in a marvelous crusade by my predecessor. Theodore Roosevelt, and it is my duty to continue those policies and to enforce them as far as I may, and recommend to Concress that there he nut unon the American statute books those laws that shall clinch the progress which was made under him, which he preached and which we all look forward to as a permanent condi-

After passing the entire forenoon in the cities of Cakland and Berkley, across the bay, President Taft was welcomed to San Francisco Tuesday afternoon by a throng which lined the walks in some places ten deep along a line of march extending over nearly three miles of the principal streets. School children of this city, Oakland and Berkely cheered the President.

As he was crossing from the Oakland to San Francisco the army transport Thomas was setting sail for the Philippines and by the President's request the revenue cutter Golden Gate, on which he was a passenger, was drawn up alongside the big vessel, the sides of which were lines with soldiers and the families of

officers. On the bridge of the transport the Philippine constabulary band was drawn up and was playing, "Hail to the Chief' as the President shouted across the water to khaki-clad sol-

"Good-bye, boys; I wish you pleasant voyage.' Answeging cheers came back to the

President. "Does it make you feel homesick, Mr. President?" asked a member of the President's party.
"Indeed, it does," replied Mr.

Taft, "and I would give anything if I were going with them."

One of the most pathetic incidents of the President's trip marked his stay in Berkley. He passed in review of the pupils of an institution for the deaf, dumb and blind. The tribute of flags waved with unseeing eyes, of silent nods of the dumb, and cheers from the blind deeply impressed the President.

SNAPPY AND BRIEF

Items Gathered and Told While You Hold Your Breath.

SOME EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS

Lively and Crisp as They Are Garnered From the Fields of Action at Home and Abroad.

Dr. Cook says he will acquesce in a request by the American Geographic societies in requesting the Copenhagen University to waive its claim to prior examination of his records. In doing so it was to meet the demand in America for a scientific test of the claims both of Cook and Peary. Copenhagen does not take well to it but Dr. Cook hopes to make it right and let the examination go on.

Samuel E. Herman fell overboard a gun boat and was drowned and H. Daniels and E. Hermaine were aspyxated with gas in a room as naval casualties last week amid the great Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Sheriff H. J. Pope, of Taylor county, Ga., was terribly if not fatally wounded, being shot three times by J. R. Brown, whom he was attempting to arrest Saturday night.

President Taft was moved to tears Saturday at Portland, Oregon, by school children in drill. They spelled Taft by rising with flags in form to make each letter and then in one burst pronounced the word.

Two men were killed and a number of other street car passengers in Pittsburg, Pa., were injured Sunday by the breaking of an axle which caused the car to tumble over.

Arthur Wright was arrested Saturday at Portland, Oregon, as he pressed too hard to get near President Taft with a camera. He was found to have a revolver of heavy calibre with a pocket full of cartridges. Upon further examination it is now believed that he really had no bad intentions toward the President.

Albert Pulitzer, brother of Joseph Pulitzer, the phenomenal genius of the New York World, committed suicide at Vienna Sunday evening. He had been a great sufferer from nervous breakdown.

The difficulties of Spain, with the Moors in Africa, in which Morocco is about to be involved, is assuming the attitude of a holy war and the tribes seem frantic.

Charles A. Gordon, who, by confession of the woman was criminally intimate with Mrs. Wm. N. Faulling and killed him on account of these conditions, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Walthourville, Ga., last week, and Mrs. Faulling was banished from the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Duncannon, Pa., have a living child weighing less than two pounds and that could be put into a quart cup.

In France recently a man was tried for killing his wife. He explained that he did it as an act of mercy at the request of his wife, who was a prolonged and intense sufferer. The jury pronounced him not guilty.

St. Louis, Mo., is celebrating the city's centennial in a jubilee of children in exercises.

Judge W. A. Poe and Banker Robnesday, were discussing the comparative merits of Cook and Peary as to polar honors, till they engaged in a

At Montgomery, Ala., a fire practically destroyed 500 bales of cotton Wednesday.

Wilbur Wright flew around the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe Island, Wednesday, as a part of the program for the day in the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Ex-Governor McSweenv. of South Carolina, died Wednesday at Mount Hope Retreat Hospital, Baltimore.

The estimate of Gov. Johnson's estate grows. At last reckoning it was \$37,000.

A boiler at a saw mill near Caneyville, Ky., exploded Tuesday killing two and seriously injuring three. There were flurries in the wheat

and oats pits in Chicago Thursday by which wheat ran up \$1.06 to \$1.20 and oats from 441-2 to 50 cents.

Commander Peary stood on the Roosevelt with Mrs. Peary by his side Friday in the Hudson-Fulton parade and was showered with honors. Spain is rejoicing over recent vic-

tories over the Moors in Africa and the hope of an early termination of the war. In an ambush by the enemy Friday Gen. Vicoria and three officers and 14 men were killed.

The trial at Warrenton, Va., began Wednesday in which Prof. J. D. Harris is charged with murdering Editor W. A. Thompson. The testimony of Harris in his own behalf indicates strongly a case of self defense.

In the election Thursday at Roanoke, Va., the "wets" won by 69 votes. At the election last December the "drys" won by 86 but the "wets" sustained their contention before the court and the second election was ordered.

EVIDENCE AGAINST LITTLE

Damaging Testimony of His Wife Will Convict Him of His Wholesale Murder.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.-The guilt of Howard Little, who was arrested about a week ago charged with the murder of "Aunty Betsy" Justice, George A. Meadows and wife and their three children, seems now to be established beyond a reasonable doubt. Little's wife confessed Saturday to having washed his, bloody clothing after the murder and in her affidavit she says also that he left their home about dark on the night of the murder and returned the next morning with his clothes all bloody and torn and said that he would kill her if she told anything about hiscondition. He borrowed a 32-caliber revolver a few days before the crime was committed and returned it on the following Wednesday with two chambers empty. The body of George Meadows was exhumed and two bullets taken from it by Doctors Richardson and White, were almost identical in weight with the balls taken from

shells belonging to the weapon Little

had borrowed.

Little's wife also turned over the lantern' that he had brought home with him that night when showed file marks as if some one had tried to remove stains. He was seen in the barn next morning folding papers across his knee apparently counting money and he gave \$20 to a woman with whom he had planned to start for the west a few days after the murder was committed with which to buy clothing and prepare for the train. Having done this she returned \$1.80 to Little at which time she swears he threatened her life if she revealed any part of their secret. Requisition papers have been applid for and as soon as they can be secured Little will be taken to Lebanon to await his trial. Threats of lynching are freely made.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Roslyn, Wash., Special.—At least eight men were killed and three perhaps fatally injured in a gas explosion in cole mine No. 4 of the Northwestern Improvement Company here Sunday. When the explosion occurred a column of fire was thrown hundreds of feet into the air, lighting the shaft plant and adjoining buildings. Under the intense heat the shaft crumbled and fell. Cinders were blown in all directions, several buildings in parts of the mining town taking fire. citizens were unable to extinguish the fires and the Roslyn fire department was called out. The mine in the neighborhood of the shaft was burning flercely Saturday night, flames shoot ing up from the shaft nearly 100 feet into the air. The electric pumps which supply the town of Roslyn with water were cut off and the water in the city was very nearly exhausted. It was reported that the shaft was caving in and other explosions might occur at any moment.

Nephews in Fatal Duel.

Moultrie, Ga., Special.—At the old homestead of the late Nathan Flowers in the lower part of the county. Bert Williams is dead, Wright Flowers is dying and it is believed William Flowers is fatally hurt as the result of a terrific six-handed battle with rifles and pistols, news of which reached here Sunday. Sheriff Boyd and a big posse of deputies is on the track of John Hart and his two sons who are charged with the shooting and who are at large, fully armed. week. It began on Sunday by 15,000. The trouble occurred over a dispute about the division of the estate of Nathan Flowers. He died, leaving no children and since his death John Hart, who married a niece, has been living on the home place with Mrs Flowers. The Flowers boys are nephews while Williams married a niece. Since Nathan Flowers' death there has been a wrangle over the estate, it is alleged, and trouble has been feared.

Professor Harris Guilty.

Warrenton, Va., Special.-Following closely the verdict Saturday of the jury sentencing Prof. J. D. Harris to four years in the penitentiary for voluntary manstaughter in connection with the ki.lic; of W. A. Thompson, associate editor of The Warrenton Virginian on April 24 last, the court denied the motion of the defense for a new trial,

Second Week of Celebration.

New York, Special.-The Hudson-Fulton celebration, after a week of pomp and pageantry in New York, has moved up the Hudson and for another week the cities lying to the north will vie with each other in doing honor to the memory of Hudson and Fulton. The Half Moon and the Clermont with the naval escort, now at anchor at Poughkeepsie, will continue their voyage northward, stopping at Kingston, Catskill, Hudson, Albany and Troy, where elaborate local celebrations have been planned.

Wright Breaks Record.

Potsdam, By Cable-Orville Wright the American aviator, Saturday broke his own and all other records for high flying. He reached the unprecedented height of more than 1,600 feet although an official measurement was not taken. He had a red letter day in a double sense in his experience as an aviator, taking up Crown Prince Frederick William as a passenger and more than doubling the altitude record which he made recently.

W.C.T. U. CONVENES

Holds Session in Salisbury. Closing Sunday Night.

THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Number of Declarations Along the Lines of Reform—For Women on School Boards and No Whiskey Advertisements.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.-The State convention of the W. C. T. U. which has been in session in the First Methodist church here since last Wednesday closed Sunday night, the principal feature of the closing session being an address by F. R. Mc-Ninch, Esq., of Charlotte. His subject was "Retrospect and Prospect" and he reviewed the work accomplished in the past by temperance and prohibition forces in the State and nation, closing with a prophecy of the final knockout of the legal whiskey, which be thinks will be done by a supreme court decision.

The convention went on record as favoring compulsory education, the placing of women on school boards, the spread of the gospel of peace and arbitration through mission work. a more general celebration of July 4, the abolishing of night work for children and the cutting down of the work day hours, and opposed among other things the carrying through the mail of whiskey advertisments into

dry territory.
Officers of the union for the next year are:

Miss Elizabeth Moore, president; Mrs. Mary E. Cortland, vice president; Mrs. Mary C. Woody, honorary president; Miss Elizabeth March, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. E. W. White, recording secretary; Mrs. E. J. Y. Preyer, treasurer; Mrs. B. F. Street, secretary Y. W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Annie Armstrong, secretary L. T. L.

WILBUR WRIGHT'S STUNT.

Joins in the Great Celebration and Makes Spectacular Flight.

New York, Special.-An aeroplane flashed past the white dome of Grant's tomb Monday, then turning gracefully in midair over the waters of the Hudson, shot back to Governor's Island, 10 miles away.

Wilbur Wright of Dayton, O., thus placed his name in the rank with Hudson and Fulton in one of the most spectacular feats in the history of

aeronautics. Over the masts of warships from whose decks cheers of the sailors were borne up to him in his elevated seat. he flew for twenty miles-ten miles up and ten miles back-remaining in the air for 33 minutes and 33 seconds and alighting at the aerodrome with-

out mishap. During the flight business was practically at a standstill in all that part of Manhattan from which a view of his remarkable performance was available. Harbor craft shrieked their applause, cheer after cheer swept up from the banks of the Hudson and the lower bay, for the Dayton aviator had "made good," crowning the aviator program of the Hudson-Fulton celebration with a record.

Odd Play of Lightning.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.-Monday night at 10 o'clock during a slight electrical display a heavy bolt of lightning played a most remarkable prank at the home of Mr. Will Lyerly. near Christiana church, 6 miles from Salisbury. Striking the end of the two-story house at the cone the bolt literally tore the building to pieces, throwing some of it a hundred feet away and scattered and badly damaged the contents.

Donors Generous to Trinity.

Durham, N. C., Special.—Benefactors' day at Trinity colloge was celebrated by a public holiday and Pres. Kilgore's address Monday night. The donations amounted to \$83,984. Of this amount B. N. Duke has a \$50,000 gift for new buildings. The 1909 class receives \$1,000 and the current expense account receives \$33,000. There are seventy-nine individual donors.

Salisbury, N. C., Special-A man giving name as S. B. Smith, whi is in jail at Knoxville, Tenn., on a charge of forgery, is also wanted in this city. He was here several days ago pretending to be seeking a location for a manufacturing plant and went so far as to select a site. He gave worthless notes in securing money, buncoing Manager O. W. Spencer of the Empire hotel for \$20 and Mr. W. C. Maupin endorsed a paper for "Smith" for \$50. The Tennesee officers will be asked to turn the man over to the

Wanted For Forgery.

Young Woman in Distress.

with bim.

Rowan officers when they get through

Columbia, S. C., Special.-A neatly dressed and good-looking young white woman giving her name as Miss Mattie Shea of Augusta, and claiming to have been kidnaped out of her home there by two men a few weeks ago, was picked up at the union station here Sunday night by a sympathetic colored woman who found her in a very weak condition.