

ROYALTY WHO WILL HONOR DR. COOK; COPENHAGEN SCENES



THE NEW PALACE OF THE KING, CHRISTIANSBORG CASTLE.



KING FREDERICK VIII OF DENMARK



THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY, THE CROWN PRINCESS OF DENMARK, THE CROWN PRINCE OF DENMARK, AND TWO INFANT DANISH PRINCES.



VESTERBRO'S PASSAGE, ONE OF THE MAIN STREETS, COPENHAGEN.



MAURICE EGAN, AMERICAN MINISTER.

REJUVENATION OF DEMOCRACY

Committee of "Protestants" in New York State Meet at Saratoga for Two Days Conference.

TO SINK ALL DIFFERENCES IS THEIR AVOWED PURPOSE

Judge Parker, Principal Speaker of the Day, Delivers Ringing Denunciation of Republicans.

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Democracy's proposed rejuvenation, undertaken by a committee of democrats who are not in accord with the party's present management in New York state, promises interesting developments during the conference which began a two days' session here today.

Mr. Osborne Speaks. Thomas Osborne, chairman of the executive committee, in his address calling the conference to order said: "We meet with a common purpose, to sink our differences; and from this moment uniting if we may with our fellow democrats, to do all we can to assist in lifting our party in this state from the deep slough of despond into which it has fallen."

Judge Scores Republicans. Judge Alton B. Parker roundly scored the republican party in his address. He said: "Who that has made a careful study of the political conditions of our country can doubt that the need of the hour is the upbuilding of a party, so fundamentally sound in its principles, and so clean in its leadership, that the people will select it as an instrument to drive from place and power the party that has seated its money changers in the temple of liberty, where they bought and sold the privilege of collecting from the people in one form or another the riches in which they riot."

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 5 p. m. Friday, for Asheville and vicinity: Unsettled weather, with probably showers to night or Friday.

CORBIN FUNERAL PLANS COMPLETED

Obsequies Will Take Place Tomorrow, and Remains Will Be Laid in Arlington.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Arrangements for the funeral of Lieutenant General H. C. Corbin have been completed. The obsequies will take place tomorrow and the body will be interred in Arlington cemetery.

Following is the text of a telegram from President Taft:

"Mrs. Taft and I have just heard the sad news. Our hearts go out to you in deep sympathy. We earnestly hope that the memory of General Corbin's great and patriotic services to his country during a long and useful life will in time mitigate your great sorrow. We mourn his going as that of a sincere friend and gratefully cherish his memory as one who did much for both of us.

HARRIMAN DEAD

New York, Sept. 9, 4:10 p. m.—E. H. Harriman died at 4:05 p. m.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Dr. W. G. Lyle issued the following bulletin concerning the condition of E. H. Harriman at 9:30 a. m.:

"Condition unchanged. "W. G. LYLE."

Dr. Lyle's statement leaves the situation here one of anxious waiting, for it is generally believed that the financier's condition is critical.

A telephone call at 1:45 to the Harriman home brought positive denial of the Wall street report of Harriman's death. This could not be stated too strongly on Dr. Lyle's authority. It was said at the house. A bulletin in regard to Harriman's condition may be given out later.

Dr. Cook's Prestige Is Diminishing; Foreign Papers Beginning to Joke

Cook Declares He Will Prove His Claims—Nothing Further Heard from Peary—Cook Is Still Receiving Much Honor in Copenhagen, But His Prestige Has Suffered Some, by Reason of Peary's Announcement—Trend of Foreign Comment Against Cook, and Is Tinged With Flippancy and Scorn.

Commander Peary is still at Battle Harbor. He is making slow progress southward toward North Sydney, Nova Scotia, whence he will proceed to American ports.

No further word has come from him to any quarter concerning the momentous controversy which has raged between Europe and America by his challenge of Cook's claim.

Dr. Cook is still at Copenhagen, the center of marked attraction from dilettantes of the official and scientific world, but with diminished prestige owing to the cloud overcasting his glory since Peary's announcement and his drastic challenge of Cook's exploit.

What corroborative data there is on which two explorers base their positions it is still withheld, by Cook because of his determination to bid his own time in presenting his evidence, and by Peary because he is still beyond the range of communication and detailed knowledge of the various claims and conflicts.

Foreign comment as expressed by London and other metropolitan journals, while still highly wrought, with mingled enthusiasm and doubt, in beginning to be tinged with flippancy and scorn. The trend of this foreign comment appears to be against Cook. Concerning Peary, the foreign attitude appears to be one of accepting without question his announcement of reaching the pole.

"Judgment Against Cook by Default." London, Sept. 9.—"Convincing evidence" is the verdict of the afternoon papers of London on the brief summary of Commander Peary's voyage to the north pole, published this morning. "There is no possibility of doubt with regard to this narrative," comments the Westminster Gazette, which adds: "Peary has actually reached the pole and he seems to have taken the usual precaution of having all his work verified as he advanced."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "We have now a categorical and credible narrative from one explorer and no attempt at substantiation from the other. In view of Dr. Cook's unnecessary reticence, we may fairly place his claim aside. Judgment for the present goes against him by default."

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—The degree of doctor honoris causa was conferred upon Dr. Frederick A. Cook by the University of Copenhagen today, in the presence of the crown prince of

Denmark and a distinguished gathering.

Dr. Cook in accepting the parchment said: "I can produce all desirable evidence that I reached the north pole," adding that his Eskimo companions would be taken to New York, where they could be examined by impartial men of science.

Willing to Arbitrate. Washington, Sept. 9.—The court and geodetic survey will undertake to arbitrate the Peary-Cook north pole controversy, providing Dr. Cook requests it should do so. In view of the fact that Peary has been operating under the directions of the survey, it will become the duty of that institution to compare his notes without request from any one, and Acting Superintendent Perkins said today that if Dr. Cook should so desire the survey would go over his papers also.

Says Peary Has the Proof. Dresden, Sept. 9.—Prof. Helm, of the technical university of Dresden, is understood to have received a telegram from Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic club, to the effect that Commander Peary is bringing home thorough proofs to refute Dr. Cook's narrative. Peary also has with him an eye witness who will testify that Cook did not make the long journey he described and that his scientific equipment did not contain an artificial horizon with which to take bearings.

Cook Replies to Peary. Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—"I have been to the north pole as I have said. When I heard of Commander Peary's success, if he says he has been to the pole, I believe him.

"I am willing to place facts, figures and worked out observations before a joint tribunal of the scientific bodies of the world. In due course I shall be prepared to make public an announcement that will effectually dispel any doubt, if there be such, of the fact 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."

This is Dr. Frederick A. Cook's reply to Commander Peary.

Coming so quickly upon other dramatic incidents of the week, Commander Peary's dispatch denying that Dr.

which he has been feted and honored in Copenhagen beyond the lot of any other private person, has been read here with feelings of amazement and concern. But Dr. Cook himself seems in no wise disturbed. He was perfectly cool and apparently unmoved when confronted last night with telegrams from the United States saying that Commander Peary had denounced him as an impostor. His demeanor has not changed in the slightest from the day he landed at Copenhagen.

Cook Has Proof. Dr. Cook's friends had urged him to their utmost to make any statement possible 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. Those proofs would be convincing and in due time would be given to the world.

When it was suggested to him that his case might be ruined unless he made a satisfactory statement immediately, he smiled—his usual quiet smile—and asked how a man could be ruined by popular clamor calling him an impostor when he had proofs of his case which could and would be published, as he had offered to repeat, when they were in proper form to be given out. Regarding the controversy over his alleged taking of Peary's stores, Dr. Cook asserts that he has written and other satisfactory evidence that Peary took his stores, perhaps believing him dead.

Harry Whitney Knows. "Harry Whitney is personally acquainted with all the facts, and per- (Continued on page 4.)

ALICE WEBB DUKE COMMITTED TO ILLINOIS INSANE ASYLUM. Once Brilliant and Wealthy Bride is a Mental and Physical Wreck.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Alice Webb Duke, the divorced wife of Brodie L. Duke, the tobacco magnate, was committed to the asylum for insane at Kankakee, Ill., here today.

The once brilliant and wealthy bride of Duke appeared a complete mental and physical wreck, and but ten minutes were required to impress the jury with the need of restraint and treatment for her.

THREE DAYS MORE, DAYS OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, AND CONTEST ENDS

PRICES OF BEEF ARE SENT 'WAY UP

Best Grades of Dressed Product Higher Than in Years—Packers Say Cattle Are Scarce.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The best grade of dressed beef reached a level that has not been attained in years when the prices of Number 1 ribs and loins were raised 1 1/2 to 2 cents, respectively, yesterday, bringing Number 1 ribs to 18 cents a pound and Number 1 loins to 21 cents a pound. A year ago the same grade of ribs sold at 17 1/2 cents a pound while loins were quoted at 18 cents.

PACKERS asserted that a shortage in receipts of cattle was responsible for the increased cost of dressed beef products, and to substantiate their assertions referred to statistics compiled by the Union Stockyards and Transit company, showing a falling off of approximately 200,000 head in receipts of cattle for the year to date.

Closing Hour Has Been Changed from 9 O'clock to 12, Midnight, Saturday, September 11.

AND NO ONE CAN AFFORD TO MISS EVEN ONE MINUTE

Better to Have a Million Votes More Than Needed to Win Out, Than a Thousand Too Few.

CAUTION TO CANDIDATES. All contestants are warned that they must return all blue slips and bonus votes before the closing time of the contest. Remember that these certificates are votes, and that you do not receive credit for what business you have sent in unless the votes are in this office or in the mail at the closing hour of the contest.

Time is growing rather short, Gentle Reader. Do you realize you have but three more days in which to put forth every effort to reap the benefits of your labors of the past nine weeks? The race is not yet run, the prizes are not yet won, and you still have a chance to win your much coveted prize. Don't waste a single moment but get busy and stay busy until the last moment. It is better to have a million votes too many to win, than a thousand not enough.

Change of Closing Hour. Inasmuch as this great contest closes on Saturday night and so many candidates who are in business find it almost impossible to get to The Gazette-News office at 9 o'clock, as this seems to be the busiest hour of the day, the contest department, after much deliberation, have decided to change the closing hour to midnight; therefore absolutely and finally they wish to impress upon the minds of all candidates that the contest will close at MIDNIGHT instead of NINE (Continued on page 4.)

Johnson vs. Kaufmann. San Francisco, Sept. 9.—Jack Johnson, the champion heavyweight prize fighter of the world, and Al Kaufmann, the California aspirant for the title, meet this afternoon in a ten round bout. No decision is to be rendered if both men are on their feet at the end of the fight. Both fighters will enter the ring in the pink of condition. Betting is remarkably light.

Number Injured in Railway Accident. Kansas City, Sept. 9.—A Missouri Pacific passenger train, westbound, was derailed near Palmer, Kans., today. According to railway officials a number of persons sustained light injuries but none was fatally hurt.

Best Season It Ever Had. Haywood White Sulphur Springs Hotel to Remain Open Until October 15.

G. C. Rogan, manager of Haywood White Sulphur Springs hotel, Waynesville, announces the hotel will be kept open until October 15, and special rates will be given until that date.

This hotel has enjoyed the best season in its history under the management of Mr. Rogan.

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Nomination Ballot. I hereby nominate... M. Address... District... My Name is: M. Address... Profession... Date... Hour... This nomination ballot, when properly filled out, will count for 1,000 votes. Only one nomination ballot will be credited to a candidate. Under no circumstances will the name of anyone making a nomination be divulged.

Win a \$65 Prize \$65 COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONE NOMINATION PRIZE. This splendid prize will be given to the person who nominates the winner of the Bulck Touring Car. The Gazette-News determined to overlook no one in this big proposition, has decided to give a valuable prize to the person who nominates the successful candidate. Clip out the blank published in this issue, fill in properly and send to the Contest Department. You may nominate yourself. If you win the first grand prize, you will also be awarded the \$65 Columbia. But you need not necessarily be a contestant to win this prize. If you are fortunate enough to have sent in the name of the winner of the Bulck Touring Car, the talking machine will be given you at the close of the contest. Make as many nominations as you like. It costs you nothing to fill out the nomination blank and send it to the Contest Department of the Gazette-News. If you do not send in your own name you may win a prize anyhow. This paper feels that this is a magnificent offer and should result in the selection of none but the most active and aggressive candidates. Try to name a winner. The Columbia was purchased from and guaranteed by FALK'S MUSIC HOUSE.