

PEARLY AND PARTY ISSUE STATEMENT

The Long Expected Document—Main Reliance Is Placed on What Cook's Eskimos Said.

TWO BOYS WERE EXAMINED VERY CAREFULLY, AT ETAH

"The Eskimos Laughed at Dr. Cook's Story," Says Peary, in Introductory Statement.

NEW YORK, October 12.—The following statement of Commander Robert E. Peary, which he submitted, together with the accompanying map, to the Peary Arctic Club in support of his contention that Dr. Cook did not reach the North Pole, is now made public for the first time.

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Introduction by Peary.

Some of my reasons for saying that Dr. Cook did not go to the North Pole will be understood by those who read the following statements of the two Eskimo boys who went with him, and who told me and others of my party where he did go.

On my return from Cape Sheridan and at the very first settlement I touched (Nerke, near Cape Chalon) in August, 1909, and nine days before reaching Etah, the Eskimos told me, in a general way, where Dr. Cook had been; that he had wintered in Jones Sound and that he had told the white men at Etah that he had been a long way north, but that the boys who were with him, I-took-a-shoo and Ah-pe-lah, said that this was not so.

Signed Statement of Peary, Bartlett, McMillan, Borup and Henson, in Regard to Testimony of Cook's Two Eskimo Boys.

The two Eskimo boys, I-took-a-shoo and Ah-pe-lah, who accompanied Dr. Cook while he was away from Anoratok in 1908 and 1909, were questioned separately and independently, and were corroborated by Panikpah, the father of one of them (I-took-a-shoo), who was personally familiar with the first third and the last third of their journey, and who said that the route for the remaining third as shown by him, was as described to him by his son after his return with Dr. Cook.

Notes of their statements were taken by several of us, and no one of us had any doubt that they told the truth.

Their testimony was unshaken by cross-examination, was corroborated by other men in the tribe, and was elicited neither by threats nor promises, the two boys and their father talking of their journey and their experiences in the same way that they would talk of any hunting trip.

To go more into details: One of the boys was called in, and, with a chart on the table before him, was asked to show where he had gone with Dr. Cook. This he did, pointing out with his finger on the map, but not making any marks upon it.

As he went out, the other boy came in and was asked to show where he had gone with Dr. Cook. This he did, also without making any marks, and indicated the same route as the first boy.

When he was through, Panikpah, the father of I-took-a-shoo, a very intelligent man, who was in the party of Eskimos that came back from Dr. Cook from the northern end of Nanzen's Strait, who is familiar as a hunter with the Jones Sound region, and who has been in Commander Peary's various expeditions for some fifteen years, came in and indicated the same localities and details as the two boys.

Then the first boy was brought in again, and with a pencil he traced on the map their route, members of our party writing upon the chart where, according to the boy's statement, they had killed deer, bear, some of their dogs, seal, walrus and musk-oxen.

The second boy was then called in and the two went over the chart together, the second boy suggesting some changes as noted hereafter.

Finally, Panikpah, the father, was again called in to verify details of the portions of the route with which he was personally familiar.

The bulk of the boys' testimony was not taken by Commander Peary, nor in his presence, a fact that obviates any possible claim that they were awed by him.

Certain questions on independent lines from the direct narrative of the Continued on page three.

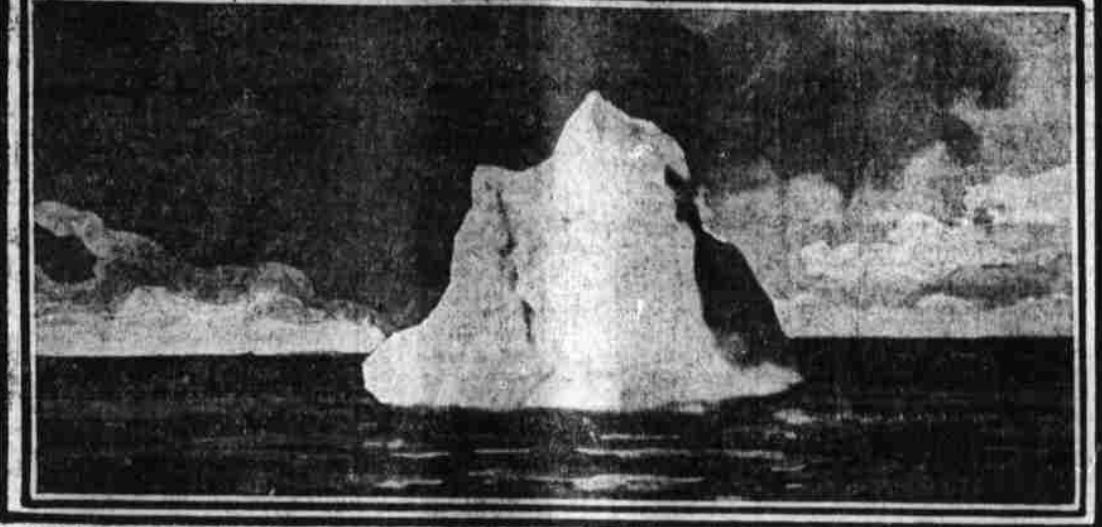
Whaler's Crew Suffered Horrors of Shipwreck in Arctics



ONE OF THE NATIVE WOMEN AT CAPE HOVEN AND HER BABY. MARY WHITNEY STANDING BY.

CAPTAIN JAMES BROWN, OF WRECKED WHALER SNOWDROP.

O. C. FARSEY GRANT TAKING LAST LOOK AT ESKIMOS WITH WHOM HE HAD LIVED DURING WINTER.



ONE OF THE LARGE ICEBERGS GROUNDNEAR CAPE HOVEN.

"CRANE INCIDENT CLOSED" IT'S SAID

And That Remarkable Statement Is All That Can Be Adduced from Official Circles.

PRESIDENT MAY HAVE GIVEN ABSOLUTE POWER TO KNOX

At Least, That Is the Only Explanation Suggested of a Very Peculiar Situation.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The simple statement that the Crane incident is closed was the only response made today at the White House and the state department to inquiry as to whether President Taft had accepted the resignation of Charles R. Crane as minister designate to China.

It was stated that nothing had been heard from the president today, and that Secretary Knox had left Washington for his Valley Forge home without having received word from his chief.

The situation is peculiar and the only explanation that suggests itself at this moment is that the president has conferred absolute power upon Secretary Knox to act in his behalf, and that the secretary regards his letter of yesterday demanding the minister's resignation as the conclusion of the matter.

THE MUSKOGEE TOWN LOT CASES

Cases in Which Gov. Haskell and Others Are Involved Were Called Today at Ardmore.

Ardmore, Okla., Oct. 12.—The cases of Governor Charles N. Haskell and other prominent Oklahomans, who are charged with fraud in connection with the scheduling of town lots in Muskogee, were called for hearing in the Federal court here today. It is expected that the cases, which have been pending for a long time, will be tried without further delay.

The indictments in the Muskogee town lot cases were returned by the Federal grand jury early last February. Those indicted were Governor Charles N. Haskell, E. B. Severs, A. Z. English, C. W. Turner, W. T. Hutchings, Jesse W. Hill and Walter R. Eaton. The indictment against Governor Haskell charges him with conspiring with Walter R. Eaton and Clarence W. Turner to defraud the government.

JUDGE SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS INDICTED ON FELONY CHARGE

Huntington, W. Va., Oct. 12.—Judge Samuel W. Williams of Virginia, candidate for attorney general, has been indicted on a charge of felony at Welch, W. Va. The indictment grew out of an assault made by Judge Williams on Judge J. M. Saunders, a former member of the Supreme court, during a trial at Welch. Requisition will be sought to bring Williams to this state.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair tonight, with freezing temperature; Thursday fair, somewhat warmer.

PITTSBURG TAKES THE FIFTH GAME

"Ty" Cobb Had to Dodge Cleveland. Where They Have Out a War-rant for Him.]

TODAY'S LINE-UP. Detroit: D. Jones, cf.; Bush, ss.; Cobb, rf.; Wagner, ss.; Crawford, cf.; Miller, 2d.; Delahanty, 2b.; Morarity, 2b.; Wilson, rf.; T. Jones, lb.; Gibson, c.; Schmidt, c.; Willis, p.; Donovan, p.

Yankees—Johnstone behind the bat, O'Loughlin on bases, and Evans and Klein along outfield foul lines.

BULLETINS—TODAY'S GAME. First inning—Detroit 1; Pittsburgh 1. Second—Detroit 0; Pittsburgh 1. Third—Detroit 0; Pittsburgh 1. Fourth—Detroit 0; Pittsburgh 0. Fifth—No score. Sixth—Detroit 2; Pittsburgh 0. Seventh—Detroit 0; Pittsburgh 0. Eighth—Detroit, 1; Pittsburgh, 1. Willet is now pitching and Schmidt catching for Detroit.

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Pittsburg, Oct. 12.—Ty Cobb, star fielder and batter of the Detroit team, did not accompany his team mates on the special train from Detroit to Pittsburg. Manager Jennings received information that the Cleveland authority intended to arrest Cobb as he passed through Cleveland on the special train. Cobb had some trouble with a hotel watchman in Cleveland recently and it was reported to Jennings that an indictment had been brought against Cobb for assault.

YESTERDAY'S SCORE. (From extra edition, 12th.) First inning—Detroit, 0; Pittsburg, 0. Second—Detroit, 2; Pittsburg, 0. Third—Neither scored. Fourth—Detroit, 3; Pittsburg, 0. Fifth—Neither team scored. Sixth—No score. Seventh—No score. Eighth—No score. Ninth—Pittsburg, 0.

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NEW REVOLUTION IN NICARAGUA

Is Now the Provisional President.

New Orleans, Oct. 12.—A special to the Times-Democrat, from Bluefield, Nicaragua, under date of Oct. 12, states that a revolution has broken out and that Juan J. Estrada has been elected provisional president of Nicaragua. Revolutionists had evidently been long preparing for the blow that was struck against President Zelaya.

Mr. Pearson in the Woods; Politicians Asking "Why?"

Special to The Gazette-News. Canton, Oct. 12.—Among the recent arrivals here, as the society reporters would say, was the Hon. Richmond Pearson. Following the publication of Mr. Pearson's interview yesterday in The Gazette-News, the movements of that gentleman, especially when of such a suspicious character, have caused the politicians to sit up and take instant notice.

It was sort of "horated" round that Mr. Pearson has come here to improve his mind by observing the interior workings of the great plant of the Champion Fibre company, but Canton's postmaster and republicans of like prominence are not making wood pulp at the present writing, and it was observed that Mr. Pearson spent his time chiefly in their company.

Moreover, and at this point the situation assumes a grave aspect for the Grant people, Mr. Pearson went on to Waynesville this morning, and it was admitted that the former congressman might visit every county in the district, all of which are not blessed with pulp mills before his return to Richmond Hill. The question now is, "why this swing around the circle?"

Harrodsburg, Ky., Oct. 12.—In a pistol duel, fought between Editor John P. Pulliam and John W. Roberts, in Pulliam's office, Roberts was fatally wounded, and Pulliam may have to have his arm amputated as a result of a bullet which crushed the bone. Roberts is said to have entered that office of the Harrodsburg Herald and opened fire on Pulliam, who returned it.

No Decision as Yet in the Gompers Contempt Case

Washington, Oct. 12.—The court of Appeals has again failed to render its decision in the contempt case against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, and

SEEK CLEMENCY FOR C. W. MORSE

A Petition to Be Presented to the President Being Circulated by the Eastern Financiers.

New York, Oct. 12.—A petition asking President Taft for clemency for Charles W. Morse, the former banker, is being prepared for circulation among prominent business men and financiers of the east.

Buffalo, Oct. 12.—Snow fell here today.

Pistol Duel in Kentucky; Two Men Bably Wounded

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A trivial quarrel is believed to have been the cause of the affray. Both men are prominent.

FERRER IS SHOT AT BARCELONA

Barcelona, Oct. 12.—Francisco Ferrer, who was convicted of inciting the recent Barcelona rebellion, was shot this morning in Montjuich prison, in execution of the sentence of death imposed upon him.

Did Not Flinch. The doomed man faced the firing squad without flinching, and fell dead at the first volley. Ferrer, except for a momentary expression of emotion immediately preceding his death, retained his composure to the last.

His attorney, M. Gaietran, spoke testily of the work for which he had sacrificed his life and the future of his daughter, whose brave attempt to save his life touched the father more deeply, apparently, than any other incident of his trial and conviction. On Ferrer's arrest his family was left dependent upon his daughter, who at once secured employment in a blanchit factory.

NEW STEPS TAKEN TO PROTECT TAFT

Anarchistic Demonstration in Los Angeles Causes Increase in Precautions for His Safety.

THE GENERAL HANDSHAKING MAY BE BARRED FOR AWHILE

The President is in Arizona Today, and Was Given a Typical Demonstration.

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 12.—A typical Arizona demonstration was given in honor of President Taft, who stopped off in this city for an hour today on his way to the Grand canyon. The capital and other public buildings and business houses were profusely decorated for the occasion. A reception committee headed by Governor Sloan extended the official greeting.

Delegations from Bisbee, Tucson and other leading cities and towns of Arizona were on hand to join in the welcome to the president.

To Protect President. (Special to The New York Herald Tribune.) Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 12.—Until he leaves this section of the United States, President Taft will strike prominent handshaking from his program and submit to an increase in the measures for his protection. This is not at all to his liking. He is submitting to it at the earnest solicitation of those responsible for reiterating a warning so far unheeded by the president.

When the president rode through the "old section" of Los Angeles, largely peopled by foreigners, he had in addition to his regular guard of two secret service men a troop of cavalry, which surrounded his carriage, while each side and slightly to the rear were two automobiles carrying police in plain clothes. The police kept the crowd back to the curb, but twice alert outsiders had to interfere with too persistent efforts to approach the president, and one arrest was made.

These unusual precautions were the result of an anarchistic demonstration in the city when six men were arrested and one was shot in the leg. Mexican revolutionists joined with those (Continued on page 4)

SUGGOR IS ASKED FOR KEY WEST

"Starvation and Distress Face the People as Result of the 'Big Blow' of Monday.

Key West, Oct. 12.—Hundreds of laborers are clearing the streets and water front of debris resulting from the hurricane which practically destroyed half of this city Monday. It will be many days before normal business conditions may be resumed here.

Great rejoicing is felt over reports from points near Key West showing that the loss of life from the "Big Blow" has been the smallest ever recorded along the Florida coast. Property damage, however, is the heaviest in the history of the peninsula. The mayor has issued an appeal for aid for the sufferers saying "starvation and distress face our people." Contributions are asked for.

SAME OLD STORY, SAYS DR. COOK

The Explorer Returned to Brooklyn Today in the Midst of a Snow Storm.

ESKIMOS TO BE SENT FOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Dr. Cook Today Alluded to the Peary Statement as "Distorted Declarations."

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 12.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook arrived here this morning from Cleveland, in the midst of a heavy snow storm. He went directly to the Iroquois hotel, stating he would see the newspaper men there at 1 o'clock.

"I can only say that the actual, living human witnesses of my journey to the pole will themselves be able to disprove the distorted declarations put into their mouths in the statement issued by Commander Peary," said Dr. Cook to the Associated Press. "There could not be better testimony than that given by the men themselves before an unbiased body of inquirers. Commander Peary evidently regards their evidence as of the most profound importance, and so do I. It seems to me that he might have brought them along with him if he was so confident that they would corroborate his story. He, however, has chosen not to do so. I will therefore send for them as soon as possible, and place them at the disposal of any scientific, or other body, that may desire to examine them with the aid of any competent interpreters whom an examining body may appoint."

Gets a Reception. Asked whether he would make a direct reply to Peary's statement, as had been intimated in an interview at Cleveland last night, Cook said: "There is nothing to add to what has already been said. I do not intend to enter into a newspaper controversy with any one. I shall depend upon witnesses who have already been brought into the case, and prove my case by them."

Dr. Cook was given a public reception on the "change" floor of the chamber of commerce this afternoon. Same Old Story.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 12.—"It is the same old story," said Dr. Cook last night when he was shown the statement issued by Commander Peary, together with the map accompanying it.

"I have replied to the points raised a dozen times," he continued. "The map published by Commander Peary in itself indicates that the Eskimos have respected their promise made to us, that they would not give any information to Peary or his men.

"The Eskimos were instructed not to tell Mr. Peary or any of his party of our trip to the polar sea. They were told to say that we had been far north. They have kept their word. Mr. Whitney has said that during the cross-examination conducted by Commander Peary and others of his expedition, the Eskimos did not understand the questions put to them or the map which was laid before them. Their replies to the questions put to them were twisted to suit a perverted interest.

"I will not enter any argument about the matter, but I will bring the Eskimos to New York at my own expense, an atthey will prove, as did Mr. Whitney, all that I have claimed.

"The Eskimos," he said, "are only too willing to say something that they think will please their questioners.

"I fully expected to see something of this kind," he said. "The document looks formidable over so many signatures, and will probably appear to the public. There is, however, nothing in it, as it is based upon the distorted and evasive replies of persons who were told not to give any details.

"Stammussen, who will be here shortly, has seen the Eskimos and knows the real story. They did not try to deceive him. He will be with them for fourteen days. He speaks the Eskimo language for he is a semi-Eskimo himself and the people have the most complete confidence in him. That is all I have to say now."

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