

NORTH POLE DISCOVERED.

Frederick A Cook, of New York, Spent Two Days on the Spot.

Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—All Denmark to-night is awaiting the arrival of Dr. Frederick A. Cook. A regal welcome awaits the man whose announcement from Lerwick, on September 1, that he had discovered the North Pole startled the entire civilized world.

The steamer Hans Egede, on which the explorer is returning from the frozen North, passed Cape Skagen, the northern extremity of Denmark at 2 o'clock this afternoon and is expected to steam into the sound late to-night and to dock here to-morrow morning.

Added interest has been lent the occasion by the definite statement of Dr. Cook in an interview off Skagen to-day that he is able to submit data, which will prove beyond cavil that he has attained the goal which for centuries had been the object of explorers. He said he was quite prepared to learn that jealous persons were at work endeavoring to cast doubt upon his work but that he stood ready to give over his figures for a test by any scientific authority.

Dr. Cook told the correspondent that he had seen nothing of the expedition of Commander Peary. He said there was no land at the Pole—only water, the depth of which he could not gauge.

The Danes will not be alone in welcoming Dr. Cook, for Copenhagen is filled with visitors. Every hotel is overcrowded to-night and all the vehicles in the city have been engaged to take the people down to the steamer landing to-morrow. A committee of the Royal Geographical Society has chartered the steamer M. G. Melchior and will proceed out in the sound to meet the Hans Egede and Maurice E. Egan, the American minister, are stopping to-night on board W. Gould Brokaw's yacht Fedora with the intention of accompanying the steamer to port.

CAN PROVE ACHIEVEMENT.

Skagen, Denmark, Sept. 3.—A newspaper correspondent who went on board the Hans Egede from the pilot steamer off here was able to obtain a few words with Dr. Frederick A. Cook. The explorer ascribed his success to the fact that he made use of the old methods, namely, Eskimos and dogs, and that he lived like an Eskimo himself. The doctor then gave a hurried sketch of his expedition in which he said:

"Going northward I struck first a westerly course from Greenland and then moved northward.

"I arrived at the North Pole April 21, 1908, as already announced, accompanied by only two Eskimos.

"We reached the Pole at 7 o'clock in the morning.

"I took daily observations for a whole fortnight before arriving at the Pole.

"Returning we were forced to take a more westerly route and the first ten days I took observations daily and recorded them. I was unable to measure the depth of the seas as I had not the necessary instruments.

"The lowest temperature was 88 degrees centigrade below zero.

"I have ample proof that I reached the North Pole in the observations I took, which afford a certain means of checking the truth of my statements.

"Although I am proud of my achievement in planting the American flag on the North Pole, I look with much greater pride to the fact that I traveled around more than thirty thousand square miles of hitherto unknown ground, and opened up an entirely fresh field for exploration."

The severe gale blowing cut short attempts to obtain a longer interview with Dr. Cook.

The Hans Egede was met in the North sea by the pilot steamer Polar Bear, aboard which was Capt. Amdrup, the well-known polar explorer, who was sent as a special representative of the Danish gov-

ernment to welcome Dr. Cook. As the vessels approached each other, Captain Amdrup led the cheers for the American explorer.

INTERVIEW WITH EXPLORER.

London, Sept. 3.—A special dispatch received here from Skagen says:

"As the steamer Hans Egede steamed by I caught through my glasses a vision of a small man in a dark suit and peaked cap shading his eyes with his hands, as if straining to see the welcome civilization after years in icy exile. It was Dr. Cook, the explorer, whose name is on every tongue. He was chatting with the captain on the bridge, now smiling, now waving his hand. I was allowed to board the Hans Egede.

"Somebody gave Dr. Cook a bouquet. Tears dimmed his eyes as he buried his face in their fragrance. 'It's years since I have seen flowers, said the explorer with a quiver of emotion in his voice.

"When he smiled one noticed the loss of two teeth. 'A fight with a polar bear did that,' he said.

"You can tell the world," the explorer continued, "that I am in better condition than at any time and look forward with an appetite to the festivities that are promised me. My dinner has been poor these last few years and I shall have to make up for it."

"Dr. Cook then briefly described his journey. Regarding his discovery he said:

"Then came April 21. That was the great day. We looked for the sun. As soon as we got it I made several observations. Great joy came over us. We were only 16 miles from the desired spot. I said to myself: 'Bully for Frederick!'. Then we went on.

"The last stretch was the easiest I ever made in my life, although I had still to make two observations and the ice was very broken here. But my spirits were high and I shouted like a boy. The Eskimos looked at one another, surprised at my gaiety. They did not share my joy.

"I felt that I ought to be there. I made my last observation and found that I was standing on the pole.

"My feelings? Well, I was too tired really to feel any sensation. I planted the Stars and Stripes in the icy field and my heart grew warm when I saw it wave in the wind."

"How does the North Pole look?" was asked.

"Well," said Dr. Cook smiling, "it amounts to the size of a 25-cent piece. There is nothing to see but ice, ice; no water, only ice. There were more holes here than at the 87th degree, which shows there is more movement and drift here; but this and other observations I made afterwards—when I got more settled. I stopped two days at the pole and I assure you it wasn't easy to say good-bye to the spot.

"As I was sitting at the pole I could not help smiling at the people, who, on my return, would call the whole expedition a humbug. I was sure the people would say that I had bought my two witnesses and that my note book with my daily observations had been manufactured on board this ship.

"The only thing I can put up against this is what the York Eskimos have told Knud Rasmussen. Let the skeptics who disbelieve my story go to the North Pole. There they will find a small brass tube which I buried under the flag. That tube contains a short statement about my trip. I couldn't leave my visiting card because I didn't happen to have one with me.

"Perhaps," the explorer added dryly. "I should have stayed there longer had it not begun to freeze on us in our idleness. The Eskimos were uneasy and the dogs howled fearfully. On April 28, therefore, I again turned my nose southward, which was much easier, as you cannot turn your nose in any other direction when you stand at the pole."

AMERICA'S WELCOME TO COOK.

New York, Sept. 3.—America's welcome to Dr. Frederick A. Cook will be made one of the principal events of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, if the explorer can be persuaded to hasten his return so as to reach New York before the end of September. To this end the board of directors of the Explorers' Club held a meeting to-night and sent a cablegram to Copenhagen urging Dr. Cook to be the guest of honor at the club's Hudson-Fulton dinner on September 30. If a favorable reply is received steps will be taken at once to make September 30 "Cook day" at the Hudson-Fulton celebration and a substantial fund will be raised to make his welcome home an event corresponding to the unparalleled character of his achievement.

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J. F. McCUBBINS,
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WALTER H. WOODSON,
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A convention, so to speak, will be held from now until the first of September. During this time the candidates will be selected. The candidates are to be selected by filling out one of the nominating coupons printed below and bringing or sending it to the office of the WATCHMAN, or THE ROWAN RECORD. However, candidates can be nominated at any time after the contest opens until announcement is made to the contrary. Only one nominating coupon is necessary to nominate a candidate and only one will be accepted or counted.

After September 1st the contest will be open and in full blast. It will then be up to the candidates to get busy, the more so the better for them and for us. If you enter the race, enter to win the first prize, aim high at least, and you will not bring up the rear or win the booby prize. As stated in the rules below, votes will be issued to all who bring or send in paid up subscriptions to either the WATCHMAN or THE ROWAN RECORD. And let us remark right here, this contest is just as much for THE RECORD as it is for the WATCHMAN. The good people of China Grove and vicinity, therefore, with all other sections of the county, are invited to take part in the contest, your assistance and interest is greatly appreciated. Every vote will be kept on file until the close of the contest, so if any one should be dissatisfied with the count, a recount can be had under the supervision of the candidates and all mistakes, if any, will be fully corrected and the prizes awarded accordingly.

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