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COOK HAS A REPLY

Anxious to Answer Peary and Prove Veracity of Claims.

PEARY SAILS FOR HOME

Leaves Labrador on Steamer Roosevelt—Dr. Cook Will Not Enter Into Controversy Until Peary Makes Himself Clear.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

On Board the Oscar II, by United Wireless and Marconi Wireless Telegraph via Halifax, N. S., Sept. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook evinces the strongest desire to arrive in New York as quickly as possible. He is anxious to prove to America the veracity of his claims, although the charges brought against him by Commander Peary and others do not cause him the slightest concern. He has a complete answer he says, for everything. In reply to a question as to what he would make to these charges, Dr. Cook said this afternoon:

"I will not enter into any controversy until I know definitely what has been brought against me and whence it emanates. Commander Peary's general and articulate charges do not call for any response from me until he gives to the public as much as I have. He has given few details of his journey, claiming that he reached the Pole on a certain date, without much else.

"His accusations are founded purely on statements given him by an ignorant man, whom I purposely kept from learning the facts. When I land I will examine the charges and reply when the proper time comes. Peary's declaration that he is the only man who has been to the Pole and that he will prove it, still waits proof.

"I have already expressed by readiness to place my observations before a committee from scientific bodies and the verdict of that committee will justify my story."

Dr. Cook has received dozens of dispatches daily, extending a welcome to him and inviting him to receptions, banquets and other functions.

He is ready to accept some of these invitations, but has left the arrangements entirely in the hands of John R. Bradley. Many offers have also been made for lectures and magazine articles and on other propositions, which Dr. Cook has declined without exception.

The vessels progress has been considerably delayed by a dense fog which lasted for several hours off Cape Ray yesterday. This was followed by a high wind, which sprang up with remarkable suddenness and died down this morning almost as suddenly.

The skin suit the explorer returned from Upernivik was exhibited on the upper deck this morning and aroused great interest. Dozens of cameras were turned upon it and afterward upon Dr. Cook, who declined all requests to put the suit on.

Dr. Cook says he would like to avoid any demonstration at landing. He desires first of all to see his wife and family.

Discover Peary Sails.

Battle Harbor, by Marconi Wireless Telegraph via Cape May, N. F., Sept. 18.—The Arctic steamer Roosevelt with Commander Peary aboard, sailed from here at 8 A. M. today for Sydney. Captain Bartlett received orders yesterday from Commander Peary to have the Roosevelt ready on Saturday morning for the voyage to Sydney and also to time his arrival at that port so that they may reach there about 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning. The latter instructions were given in accordance

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OUTLINES.

Commander Peary, who sailed from Labrador yesterday in the steamer Roosevelt, declared that his record of the discovery of the North Pole is sealed in skins and will not be opened until he gets to New York. He refused to disclose his alleged proof that Dr. Cook never reached the Pole. President Taft received an enthusiastic welcome yesterday at Minneapolis, Minn., where an elaborate programme previously arranged was carried out in a less demonstrative manner on account of the critical illness of Governor Johnson. The President received a telegraphic message from Gov. Johnson and paid a high tribute to him for his civic virtues and distinguished services.—Collector Loeb at New York is forcing the collection of thousands of dollars due in taxes under the new tariff act by millionaires who own foreign yachts.—Henry L. Buckley, a member of the staff of the Philadelphia Press, was killed in an auto wreck near Reading, Pa., yesterday, and other occupants of the car were badly injured.—New York markets: Money on call nominal, time loans dull and firm. Spot cotton 15 points higher, closing quiet at 12.85. Flour quiet without change. Wheat No. 2 red 1.09 nominal elevator and 1.11 nominal f.o.b. car. Corn easy, No. 2 72 elevator and 79 nominal delivered, No. 2 new 66 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Oats dull, mixed 41 1-2 to 42. Turpentine quiet. Rosin steady, strained common to good 3.60.

DAY'S DOINGS AT THE CAPITAL

Official Badges of Marksmen Sent Out. Field's Minstrels at Raleigh—Delegates to Good Roads Congress—Other News Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 18.—Adjutant General J. F. Armfield shipped out to the various companies of the North Carolina National Guard the official badges to be distributed to those members of the various companies who made the necessary records in the target practices at the annual encampment the past Summer to entitle them to the rank of marksmen.

There are 157 men in the guard entitled to receive the badges which are of attractive design in bronze. There is one sharpshooter badge which will be awarded provided a disputed record is adjusted in favor of the guardsman being admitted to the rank.

There came today to Governor Kitchin an official communication from Secretary Chas. Nagel, of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor urging that North Carolina business interests enter heartily into the movement for the American Exposition to be held in Berlin, Germany May to July 1910.

Raleigh theatre-goers had their first real treat of the season this afternoon and tonight whether the A. G. Field Minstrels appeared at the Academy with even a better aggregation of minstrelsy artists and special features than in past seasons. An elaborate parade at noon and matinee an evening performance were the features of the appearance here and each scored a big success.

Governor Kitchin has reaffirmed his position that he has no power to grant a pardon for the dead man in the case from Caldwell county in which he received a ruling yesterday from the attorney general in which that official took the position that the dead man was clearly not within the jurisdiction of the Governor of North Carolina. It seems that all there is left now to secure the relief desired is for the Superior Court to make the order relieving the bondsman of the dead man or let a special act be procured from the next General Assembly for the bondsman whom it seems it is generally contended should not be held to the payment of the judgment for the fines and costs.

Governor Kitchin appoints as delegates to the National Good Roads Congress T. P. Womack, Youngsville; C. G. Wright, Greensboro; P. H. Hanes, Winston-Salem; J. T. Bland, Burgaw; W. A. Finch, Wilson; R. A. P. Cooley, Nashville; I. M. Proctor, Raleigh; R. H. Blackwell, Waynesville; J. C. Sikes, Monroe; Edmund Jones, Lenoir. The congress meets in Cleveland, Ohio, September 21 to 23.

ABBOTTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Fourth Anniversary of Popular Institution Entered Upon.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Abbottsburg, N. C., Sept. 18.—The 15th of September marked the opening of the fourth anniversary of Abbottsburg High School. The exercises began at 10:30 o'clock with an address by Hon. J. B. Peery of Rosedale, followed by Senator O. L. Clark, of Clarkton, and Congressman H. L. Godwin. After listening to the many able speakers of the day for a short while, a delicious dinner was spread on the campus where about 110 new students and quite a large crowd of patrons and visiting friends were assembled to partake of the delicious repast prepared by the gracious women of the little town. When dinner was finished and many baskets of fine turkey, cake and other good things were taken up the school bell pealed forth and school was called together by the able Prof. Paul White Gay and in the place of complimentary words, Dr. R. Q. Alexander, of Charlotte, president of the Farmers' Union, came forth to tell the good farmers of this section how to raise wheat and the many necessary articles of food for home consumption, protecting themselves by co-operation, etc. President Alexander spoke for one and a half hours and gave some excellent advice along the agricultural line. At the conclusion of his speech, the vast crowd of over 500 extended hearty thanks to the committee for such a fine dinner and commended them on securing such an able body of speakers for the day. Supt. Angus Cromartie was among the visitors of the day.

SUIT AGAINST SOUTHERN

Damage Suit For \$25,000 Brought at Winston-Salem. (By Wire to the Morning Star.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 18.—The largest damage suit ever brought in this section was filed today against the Southern Railway Company for \$25,000. It was brought in the name of the administrator of James Neal, a negro brakeman, killed four months ago. \$2.50 Curtain stretchers, \$1.98 at Rehder's.

ARREST OFFICIALS TAFT'S GREAT TOUR

Unlawful Drawing of Jurors in Graft Case Stirs Chicago.

TAMPED WITH JURY LIST

Occurred in Trial of Inspector McCann, Charged With Accepting "Hush Money"—Excitement in Legal Circles.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Chicago, Sept. 18.—Bench warrants were issued today by Judge Hesse A. Baldwin, of the Circuit Court for John J. Holland, member and secretary of Cook county jury commission; Nicholas A. Martin, secretary to Alderman Kenna, of the first ward; and Willis J. Rayburn, a real estate man. The charge against the three is that they conspired to draw names of grand jurors in a manner other than that required by law.

Coming in the midst of the trial of Inspector McCann for alleged grafting, the news of the action based on alleged tampering with the jury lists caused great excitement in legal and political circles.

In criminal court circles the action was regarded as the forerunner of a wholesale expose of alleged conspiracies which may have affected the drawing of other grand and petit juries.

Because of the small nature of the charges against Inspector McCann, who is accused of accepting "hush money" from disorderly houses in his district, especial care was exercised, it was believed in drawing the grand jury which indicted him and in selecting the members of the petit jury now engaged in deciding on his guilt or innocence.

Commenting on the issuance of the warrants and the cause of the drastic action, States Attorney Weyman said today: "We propose to throw the light on the darkest hole in Cook county and clean out the jury commission room which is room."

Under the State law, the names of prospective grand jurors are selected at random from a sealed box containing the names of 1,500 citizens who have been examined for jury service by the jury commissioners and their fitness certified. A similar method is prescribed for petit jury lists.

The three accused men are alleged to have substituted other names for those drawn in the regular manner.

The defense scored a victory today in the McCann trial when the court overruled an attempt by State's Attorney Wayman to introduce evidence that McCann had spent large sums of money since he became inspector and that he bought a 640-acre farm in Texas last October. McCann's testimony was completed this afternoon and court adjourned.

NEGRO WORSTS POLICE.

Stole \$200 and Was Chased Into North River.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) New York, Sept. 18.—George Lamkins, a Jersey City negro, gave the New York police a real chase today but tonight he is safely locked up and under guard charged with stealing \$200 from the trouser pockets of a friend. Late today the big negro defeated three relays of patrolmen in a cross-town race to the North river and diving in swam powerfully for the Jersey shore. Half way across he was overhauled in a row boat, but after being taken aboard he tipped five officers into the water and only gave up fighting when he had been held under the surface until exhausted.

YEGGMEN AT MACON, GA.

Safe in Store Blown Open and Valuables Secured.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Macon, Ga., Sept. 18.—Yeggmen at 3:30 o'clock this morning blew open a safe in the store of E. W. Smith, within a stone's throw of the city limits and secured approximately \$700 in cash, a pistol, two diamonds valued at \$300, a number of notes and mortgages and other valuable documents. Entrance to the store was gained with blacksmith tools, and nitro-glycerine was used on the safe. A negro near the store heard the explosion, but thought it was mules kicking in a stable nearby. No trace of the robbers has been gained.

STORM IN GULF OF MEXICO.

Will Move Northward on Louisiana Coast Country.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) New Orleans, Sept. 18.—The following storm warning was issued by the local office of the United States Weather Bureau late today: "Northeast storm warning, 4 P. M.: Eastern Louisiana coast center of tropical disturbance, apparently moving northward over coast and central gulf. Will cause brisk to high northeast winds within the next 24 hours."

The best Gingham, prettiest patterns, biggest assortment for 12 1-2c at Rehder's.

Boy's School Suits, \$1.50 to \$6.50, all sizes at Rehder's.

SERIOUS WRECK ON A. C. L.

Five Persons Injured, Two Fatally, When Passenger Train Was Wrecked Near Lakeland, Fla.—Under Engine.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Lakeland, Fla., Sept. 18.—A serious wreck occurred at 6 o'clock tonight on the Atlantic Coast Line near Winston, two miles above this city, when passenger train No. 89 from Jacksonville jumped a frog, turning the engine completely over, injuring five persons.

Engineer C. T. Crippens, of Sanford, Fla., Will Ropson, express messenger, of Jacksonville; Goldie Smith, colored, Jacksonville; Jim Branch, fireman, Tampa; and Conductor Davenport, were injured, and the passengers severely shaken up.

The engineer and fireman were pinned under the engine and badly scalded, and Messenger Ropson was thrown into the scalding steam with broken limbs. Smith was struck by a driver of the engine and his leg was mangled.

It is believed that Engineer Crippens and Messenger Ropson will die. The others are resting easy.

GOV. JOHNSON IS BETTER.

Minnesota's Executive is Improving Slowly—Welcomes Taft to State.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Rochester, Minn., Sept. 18.—A bulletin from the hospital at 6 P. M. signed Dr. W. J. Mayo, says: "Governor Johnson is better; he looks fine. If he gets through tonight and tomorrow without having any more trouble we look for his recovery. The wound looks fine and the Governor says he feels much improved. His pulse is 102, temperature 99, respiration normal."

Doctors Mayo and McNevin will not again visit the Governor tonight unless his condition grows worse.

Late this afternoon Governor Johnson's condition was such that the St. Mary's hospital authorities would not say definitely that their patient would recover from the operation performed on him Wednesday morning. His condition is critical.

Gov. Johnson so far forgot his own condition this morning, however, to dictate a telegram of welcome to President Taft, to be delivered by Eli S. Warner, Governor Johnson's message read:

"Hearty and sincere welcome to the State of Minnesota. Greatly regret my illness prevents my presence at your reception."

"JOHN A. JOHNSON."

President Taft replied to Governor Johnson's telegram, the answer having been transmitted by telephone. President Taft's message said:

"My Dear Governor Johnson:—I am greatly distressed to hear of your serious illness. I miss your smiling and courteous personal greeting, which I have had every time I have come to the State heretofore, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your message of welcome, sent when you are on a bed of pain."

"I fervently hope and pray that your strength and fortitude will make your recovery speedy."

"My compliments and respects to Mrs. Johnson, whose visit in Washington I remember with much pleasure."

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

SQUEEZING RICH YACHTSMEN.

New York Millionaires Have to Pay Heavy Taxes on Yachts.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) New York, Sept. 18.—Collector Loeb today sent to the United States District Attorney for prosecution a list of 21 delinquent yacht owners, who have thus far refused to pay the tax which went into effect under the new tariff law on September 1st. The law imposes on all foreign built vessels owned by Americans, a tax of \$7 a ton or 35 per cent, of the vessel's valuation.

Among others, the list prepared by Mr. Loeb names James Gordon Bennett, owner of the Lysistrata, \$23,000 due; Mrs. Robt. Goetz, owner of the Nahama, \$12,130; Eugene Higgins, owner of the Varuna, \$11,018; George J. Gould, owner of the Atlanta, \$9,121; Cornelius Vanderbilt, owner of the North Star, \$5,721; W. K. Vanderbilt Jr., owner of the Tarantula, \$568.

Joseph Pulitzer has paid \$11,249 on his Liberty, and Frederick Gallatin \$2,856 on his Riviera. Frederick W. Vanderbilt has requested appraisals on his yacht, the Conqueror and the Warrior.

The owners have decided to carry their cases to the courts for a ruling they say, on the ground that the law is retroactive and discriminatory, and, therefore, unconstitutional.

J. P. Morgan's Corsair, one of the largest and most expensive of American Yachts, was home built and thereby escapes the tax.

BOY MET UNTIMELY DEATH

Townville, S. C., Lad Was Killed By Accidental Discharge of Gun.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.) Anderson, S. C., Sept. 18.—Berry Williams, 17 years old, living at Townville, this county, was accidentally killed today when a shot gun exploded as he was leaning it against a stump while on a hunting trip. The entire load of shot entered the boy's side.

If your boys are kickers, try Rehder's School Shoes.

FATAL AUTO WRECK

Newspaper Man Killed and Several Injured in Relay Run.

OCCURRED NEAR READING, PA.

Philadelphia Paper Had Planned Feature Trip and Accident Occurred to First Car—Injured Not Expected to Live.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Reading, Pa., Sept. 18.—The transcontinental automobile relay run from Philadelphia to Seattle, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Press came to a sudden and sad end late this afternoon when the first relay car was wrecked at Robesonia 12 miles west of here causing the death of one of the occupants of the machine and the serious injury of several of the other passengers.

The dead man was Henry L. Buckley, a reporter for The Press. William Brown, of Philadelphia, was so seriously injured that he may die and William H. Bohn, of the Acme automobile agency in Philadelphia sustained a deep laceration of the scalp. Clifford R. Ely the chauffeur, A. Carter, colored, a valet, were slightly injured. The machine was going into Robesonia at a 25 mile clip when something went wrong with a rear tire. The car upset and Buckley was thrown into the middle of the road fracturing his skull.

When the news of the accident reached the Press the run was called off. The run promised to be an interesting affair. The Press has obtained from President Taft a letter of greeting to President Chibber of the Alaska Yukon-Pacific Exposition and had planned to carry it across the country by relays of automobiles. The car wrecked left Philadelphia at 12:30 P. M., today, Mayor Reubyn giving the signal for the start.

Buckley was 24 years old and a graduate of LaFayette college.

WOMAN SWORE FALSELY.

Man Convicted on Her Testimony Serving 20 Years in Prison.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Ga., Sept. 18.—Declaring that she was driven by the lash of conscience to tell the truth after having perjured herself on the witness stand, where her testimony secured the conviction of Jack Worthington, a Bartow county farmer, to 20 years in the penitentiary on the charge of criminal assault, Rosa Elrod, the alleged victim today made a sensational affidavit in which she says her story of the assault was a pure fabrication.

The girl, accompanied by her father, appeared today before a notary and the attorneys for Worthington and denied her whole story. She admitted having illicit relations with Worthington, but said they were by consent and that he was engaged to marry her. Her father, J. S. Elrod, swore she made the same confession to him.

Both father and daughter declared that the false testimony at the trial was caused by threats of death to the girl, made by enemies of Worthington, who had discovered his relations with the Elrod girl and wanted him lynched or jailed. Worthington's attorneys will use the affidavits in a motion for a new trial now pending in the appellate court.

PIEDMONT TROLLEY LINE

Propose to Connect Several North Carolina Cities.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Salisbury, N. C., Sept. 18.—Lestie M. Shaw, former secretary of the Treasury and Patrick Hirsch, a financier of New York, were here today consulting with local business men in regard to building an interurban trolley line in Piedmont, North Carolina. It is said that the Piedmont line will connect the cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Salisbury, Concord, Charlotte and a number of smaller towns and will handle both passengers and freight.

NEGRO SENT TO PRISON

Who Narrowly Escaped Lynching and is Given Five Years.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 18.—Oscar Herndon, the negro, who would have been lynched two weeks ago for an attempted criminal assault 30 miles from here, and who was caught after four days hunt was convicted of an attempted criminal assault at Rustburg today and sentenced to five years in prison. The negro's youth probably saved him much more severe punishment.

"Joe" Jeannette, of New York, had the better of the six round bout with "Al" Kublak, of Michigan at the National Athletic Club in Philadelphia last night. After the first round in which the Michigan man showed much aggressiveness, it was all Jeannette's.

Dr. C. F. Allen, dean of Piedmont College at Demarest, Ga., is critically ill at Unionville, N. Y., with a tumor of the brain.