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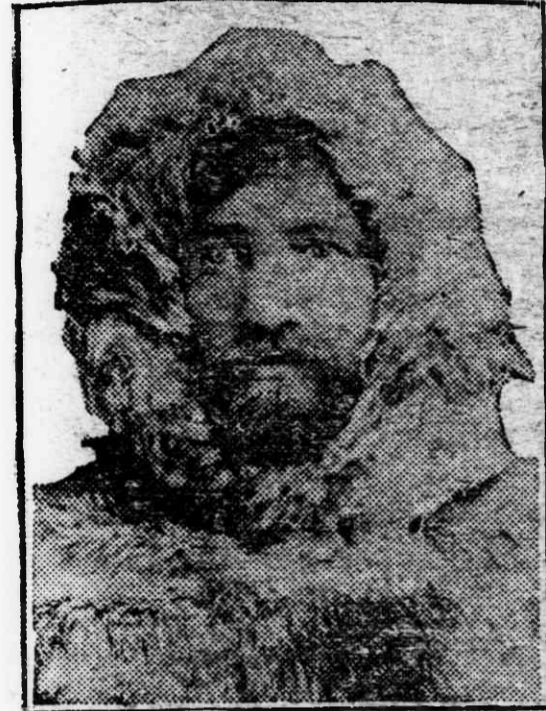
## REACH NORTH POLE

### American With an Eskimo Party Gains Northernmost Point.

### SUCCESS OF DR. COOK

American Has, It is Reported, at Last Reached the Goal Long Sought By Explorers of the Frozen North Land.

Washington.—Dr. Fred A. Cook, an American explorer, has, according to telegrams received from him, succeeded in reaching the North pole, that goal to attain which so many lives have been lost and so much money spent.



DR. FREDERICK A. COOK.

Accompanied by a few Eskimos and with a dog team Dr. Cook reached the pole on April 21, 1908. It has been many months since he started out on his venturesome journey and at one time it was rumored that his expedition had perished. The brave American, however, has battled against almost insurmountable obstacles, suffering great hardships and experiencing danger, and has at last claimed for the United States the discovery of that portion of the earth's surface which almost every nation of the world at one time or another has tried to locate.

The observatory at Brussels has received the following telegram from Dr. Cook, dated Lerwick, Shetland Islands, which confirms the report of Dr. Cook's successful exploration: "Reached North Pole April 21, 1908. Discovered land far north. Return to Copenhagen by steamer Hans Egede.

"Frederick Cook." The American officials at the observatory state the dispatch is surely authentic, and that the north pole has been reached for the first time by an American.

**What Discovery Means.** For the first time in the history of the world an accurate chart of the globe may now be made. Dr. Cook's discovery will finally settle the question of the earth's ellipticity—whether or not there is a flattening of the surface at the poles.

A vast field for meteorological, tidal and magnetic research is opened by the discovery of the pole. Observations must be made there before a full comprehension of nature's laws and processes can be had. The prevalent view among philosophers has been that there was no land at the pole. Dr. Cook's effort has disproved this theory. The value of the discovery in terms of money probably is nothing. As a scientific achievement its value is incalculably great.

And finally, that the great goal that had defied the efforts of explorers through the centuries and whose pathway was strewn with the bones of the most intrepid travelers of all the great nations of the world, should be first reached by an American, is a triumph that will be patriotically acclaimed from the St. Lawrence to the Rio Grande and from ocean to ocean.

**Preparing an Ovation.** New York.—Preparations are already afoot here to make the homecoming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an

event of national and possibly international importance. If the plans outlined by members of the Arctic Club are carried out, the welcome Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which the city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers—Cook's former rivals—from all parts of the globe, will gather to pay their personal tribute to his achievement.

**Story Corroborated by Officials.** Washington.—Maurice F. Egan, the United States minister at Copenhagen, has telegraphed the state department that Dr. Cook's reported discovery of the North Pole has been corroborated by Dergaard Jensen, Danish Inspector of North Greenland.

**Dr. Cook in Georgia.** Atlanta.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the first man to discover the North Pole, has lectured in Georgia and will probably do so again in Atlanta and other southern cities next year under the Alkahest Lyceum System. That the people in this section will hear this noted explorer once more seems almost a certainty.

### DEAL PROBABLY OFF.

**It is Said Georgia Cannot Purchase Chattanooga Terminals.**

Atlanta.—Georgia will not purchase the 87 acres near Chattanooga for Western and Atlantic terminals at this time, at any rate.

Under a decision rendered by Attorney General Hart at the request of Governor Brown, it is held that the money now in the state treasury can not be used for this purpose, because the money was raised by a special tax levy for the support of the common schools.

Therefore, unless the options on the Chattanooga property can be extended until the state has the money for this purpose, the deal will be off, and the chance to acquire the land will have passed.

### Large Pension for Widow.

Anniston, Ala.—Mrs. Artemina A. Connor, 72 years old, widow of Andrew J. Connor, has been awarded a pension of \$112 per month, beginning with April 8, 1907, the date of the death of her husband, by the United States government for services rendered by him in the war with Mexico. Mr. Connor was a confederate veteran, having served in the confederate army during the Civil war.

### Seven Little Ones Cremated.

New York.—The remains of seven children were found in the ruins of St. Malachy's home, a Roman Catholic institution for the summer care of orphan children, which was destroyed by fire. They were huddled together in one room on the second floor, having been overlooked in the struggle to escape. The little bodies were burned beyond description.

### Governor Brown Turns Down Prison Commission's Finding.

Atlanta.—Governor Brown has refused to pardon or commute the sentence of Olin Pharr, former cashier of the Citizens' bank, of McRae, Ga., who is serving a four years' sentence for embezzlement of \$15,000, although the clemency has been recommended by the prison commission.

Strong personal appeals by the friends of Pharr have also been made to the governor in behalf of the convicted man, but the governor believes it would not be the part of wisdom to interfere in the sentence, and so Pharr very likely will have to serve out the full term for which he was sentenced to the penitentiary.

### SPERRY IS RETIRED.

**Admiral Carried Atlantic Fleet Around World.**

Washington.—Rear Admiral C. S. Sperry has been placed upon the retired list of the United States navy, having reached the age of 62 years. The admiral, whose last important sea command was that of the Atlantic fleet which he brought from San Francisco to Hampton roads, is now engaged in conference at the Newport war college and will continue there until he has completed special work he has mapped out.

## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

There will be held in Asheville, N. C., on October 5, 6 and 7, 1909, a convention which will be of as much importance to the Southern Appalachian section of the country as any of the many conventions that have been held in that city.

This will be a Good Roads Convention whose object and purpose is to stimulate and provide ways and means for the construction of two to three hundred miles of improved roads throughout the Southern Appalachian mountains, with connecting macadam roads extending down into the Piedmont region.

At the present time a large area of our mountain region is practically inaccessible to the tourist and pleasure-seeker and during certain months of the year is inaccessible to the people living in the mountains. It is to remedy this evil and to make all parts of the mountains accessible at all times of the year that this convention has been called.

It will be held under the auspices of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, the East Tennessee Good Roads Association, and the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey. Special invitations have been sent out to the governors of South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia; to the mayors of the leading cities in the Piedmont sections of these states; to all the county commissioners of the mountain counties; to the presidents of the boards of trade and chambers of commerce in the leading cities of the Piedmont and mountain regions of the states mentioned above.

It is not only the people of the Southern Appalachian states that are interested in this movement, but people from the the extreme south, throughout the North Atlantic states and the middle west are interested in seeing this wonderfully beautiful mountain country accessible for coaching parties.

The Southern Appalachian mountain region is most richly supplied with those natural attractions that are demanded by tourists, but we lack the one great necessity that will make these natural attractions available, namely—"Good Roads."

The tourist's trade is a most vital asset to many European countries, and the American tourist is adding a very large amount to this income of those countries. A considerable part of this could be brought into the Southern Appalachian country if this section would do its part toward making its natural attractions accessible.

A German statistician gives these figures regarding the value of the tourist trade to certain of the European countries.

Switzerland entertains during the year 3,000,000 visitors, who spend \$80,000,000. Italy, the Riviera and Spain between them receive \$50,000,000 from their visitors. The various great capitals receive \$25,000,000 by entertaining their visitors, 900,000 of whom visit Paris, 600,000 visit London, 500,000 visit Berlin and 350,000 visit Vienna, etc., over the continent. The seaside and lake resorts receive upwards of \$16,000,000 from their visitors.

The interior districts of England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and Holland are accessible, even to the most remote villages over roads with hard surfaces, and these accounts in part for the popularity of these countries to tourists.

North Carolina should be attract-

ing ten to a hundred times as many tourists as it is doing at present. The tourists want to come and drive and motor through the state, but we have failed to give them the good roads that make this possible.

Considerable thought is being given at the present time, by public-spirited men in North Carolina, to the possibility of the construction of a system of improved highways across North Carolina, north and south east and west, not only for the advantage of tourists coming into North Carolina, but also that our own people may be able, with greater facility, to reach different portions of the state. We want the mountains connected with the seashore, and want all the beautiful and scenic sections of the state accessible at all times of the year, we want the points of historical interest connected by improved roads, so that any one who wishes may be able to visit these places. There is, perhaps, no one thing that will preserve the history of North Carolina to such a great extent as the making of the historical points accessible to the tourist, which will mean that they will be constantly written up. Coaching and automobiling for pleasure is not a fad of short duration, it is a form of pleasure that will be in vogue for generations and generations. Such pleasure trips, however, will not be taken over poor roads, but parties will select those sections of the country that are traversed by good roads. When we have our system of good roads throughout the state we should be able to attract tens of thousands of tourists into the state that are now going to the White Mountains of New Hampshire, the Berkshires of Massachusetts, the Adirondacks of New York, and to Switzerland, Northern Italy and France.

From a business standpoint it would be a most profitable investment to construct these roads, if only for the benefit of the tourist, in as much as the money which they would bring into the sections traversed by the roads would, in a very few years, more than pay for the whole cost of construction.

With the construction of these improved roads throughout the mountainous counties it will be no trouble whatever to find capital ready to construct hotels and inns at various points along the line of these improved roads. A farmer living in their vicinity will find a ready market for his products.

Before the convention, the Highway Engineer of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey will spend a month traveling around through the mountains giving talks on good roads, taking up with the county commissioners the question of the improvement of the roads in their counties, and will map out approximately different routes where improved roads can be constructed; so that these routes can be thoroughly discussed at the convention.

If you are interested in the construction of good roads in the Southern Appalachian mountains, plan to attend the convention on October 6th and 7th, at Asheville, N. C.

### A Hurry Up Call.

Quick! Mr. Druggist—Quick!—A box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve—Here's a quarter—For the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself terribly—Johnnie cut his foot with the axe—Mamie's scalded—Pa can't walk from piles—Billie has boils—and my corns ache. She got it and soon cured all the family. It's the greatest healer on earth. Sold by Allison & Macfie.

## County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.  
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.  
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.  
Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.  
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.  
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.  
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n., G. T. Lyday, W. E. Galloway.  
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.

Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.  
Attorney—Gash & Galloway.

## Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.  
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, A. H. King, E. W. Carter.  
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.  
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.  
Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.  
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.  
Attorney—W. Z. Zachary.  
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

## Professional Cards.

**W. B. DUCKWORTH,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.  
Rooms 1 and 2, Pickelsimer Building.

**GASH & GALLOWAY**  
LAWYERS.  
Will practice in all the courts.  
Rooms 9 and 10, McMinn Block.

## LAND SALE UNDER MORTGAGE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by W. P. Smith and wife, Nancy Smith, to the undersigned, W. H. Faulkner, mortgagee, on the 30th day of January, 1903, to secure the payment of a certain note of even date therewith in the sum of \$72.00, due and payable on the 3rd day of September, 1903, and whereas default has been in the payment of said note, now, therefore, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door, in the Town or Brevard, county of Transylvania, at public auction, on Monday, September 6th, 1909, at 12 o'clock M., all the following described tract or parcel of land situated in Gloucester Township, Transylvania county, N. C., on the waters of West Fork of French Broad river. Beginning on a white oak on the "Rough Ridge," the R. G. Smith corner, and runs north 75 deg. west 96 poles to a white oak; then south 13 deg. west 85 poles to a locust; then south 40 deg. east 82 poles to a hickory on top of a ridge; then east with the meanders of said ridge to the mouth of the walnut cove branch; then east to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less. Said sale made to satisfy said note, interest, cost and expenses. This Aug. 3, 1909. W. H. FAULKNER, Mortgagee.  
Per Gash & Galloway, Attorneys.

## Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. P. Aiken, deceased, late of Transylvania county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of September, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 30th day of August, 1909.  
MARY M. AIKEN,  
Administratrix of J. P. Aiken, deceased.

## Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late C. M. Moore, of Transylvania county, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of August, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 6th day of August, 1909.  
P. C. MOORE,  
Administrator.

## Entry No. 2555.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galloway enters and claims 40 acres more or less of land on the waters of Toxaway river. Beginning on a stake in line of lot No. 775, runs eastwardly with the line of said lot to a stake of the Mill lot, then with line of same so as to cover all the vacant land on the west side of Elizabeth Galloway's homestead to the Wood land.  
Entered Aug. 30, 1909.  
B. A. GILLESPIE,  
Entry Taker.

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