

PEARY-COOK FACTIONS

Worldwide Controversy Over Discovery of North Pole Will Probably Continue For Years--Await Cook's Book

By FREDERICK R. TOOMBS. SMALL wonder that the discovery of the north pole should have precipitated a war among the mapmakers of the earth. The sensational circumstances attending the revealing of the exploits of the Cook and the Peary expeditions made certain a long series of disputes, differences of opinion, rival claims and rival charges.

WAGE BITTER WAR

The Commander Is a Man of Wealth--Owns Sixteen Islands on Maine Coast--Mrs. Peary's Record Trip

Navy's Support of Peary. Commander Peary has more supporters in the United States as regards his claims than has Dr. Cook. His friends in the navy department have stood by every word he has said thus far and are not endeavoring to convince the public of the responsibility of Dr. Cook's assertions.

ously frozen. For six weeks I lay there on my back, a helpless cripple, through the utter darkness, living principally upon cornmeal and molasses, my companions trying to lull a little warmth into the deadly cold by burning empty boxes and barrels, until the faint rays of returning daylight in the latter part of February permitted an attempt to reach my ship, 250 miles to the south. Lashed down to a sledge, my feet and legs wrapped in a musk ox skin, that journey of 250 miles was made in eleven marches of from twelve to eighteen hours each, bumping and pounding over the broken ice of the Arctic sea. The mean minimum daily temperature during that march was 53 1/2 degrees below zero. The temperature the day we reached the ship was 63 degrees below zero.

It is an outside island about fifteen miles from Portland, partly wooded, partly open, with vegetation almost tropical in its density. The commander also owns Basket Island, in Casco bay, an ideal seashore resort. It is a small island, probably not more than a quarter of a mile long and perhaps an eighth of a mile wide. In fact, it is an ideal location for a big seashore hotel of the exclusive type, and this, it is said, is just the use to which Commander Peary will eventually put it. He has purchased an island off Freeport called "A Pound of Tea," and away down the middle bay, off Freeport, is Shelter Island, twenty miles from Portland and about the same size as Basket. This is one of the explorer's purchases.

somnambulism. The patient, while apparently rational and in full possession of his senses and, for instance, as was proved by experiment, able to play an excellent game of chess, became unusually loquacious, discussing his private affairs most freely, but after an interval in which he regained his normal balance he remembered nothing of what he had said or done. Dr. Fox became convinced that the coughing attacks and the somnambulistic periods that followed them were due to auto suggestion superinduced by the fumes of asthma powders which it was learned, the patient frequently had inhaled until he fell asleep.

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COMMANDER PEARY IN ARCTIC COSTUME.

out until his new book appears, and as a result the publication of the work is awaited with keen interest on all sides. Peary's Claim That He Was First. Most of the acrimony given the discussion, particularly during the last few days, was caused by the publication of a statement by Reuter's News Agency, which said that Commander Peary claimed that he was the first man to reach the pole. This report gave still another dramatic turn to the situation, and the many supporters of Dr. Cook expressed heated indignation at such action by Peary before he had had a chance to look into a detailed account of his rival's trip. Also as an indication of the fairness of Dr. Cook toward Peary the former's friends point to the message sent from Copenhagen in which the doctor said: "I am glad to hear of Peary's success. If he says he reached the pole I know he got there."

That vital differences as to veracity should arise between two world heroes of the caliber of Cook and Peary is a matter of poignant regret. Both men are of Spartan mold, fearless, determined, enduring and patriotic. Each has performed a feat that will fix his name securely in the history of his country and his time. Therefore if either is attacked in the interest of the other an injustice of no small proportions is done. Captain C. T. Hansen, chief of the nautical department of the Danish Meteorological institute, declares that he believes firmly Peary duplicated Cook's achievement by following the western route for the greater part of his path north. Captain Sverdrup, who commanded Nansen's boat, the Fram, says that the last telegrams received from Peary are much more convincing to him than the first, which he was inclined to doubt. But Sverdrup says he is convinced absolutely that Cook reached the pole. Peary Tells of Hardships. Commander Peary related the following at a reunion of the Washington alumni of Bowdoin college: "To note briefly one of my arctic experiences, on the 6th of January, 1899, after a sledge journey in the very midnight of the great arctic night, a journey over an unknown frozen road of such roughness as you can scarcely imagine, reduced to a diet of raw dog, I stumbled into Fort Conger, the abandoned headquarters of the Lady Franklin bay expedition, with both feet seri-

Laughs at Auto and Airship Plan. The explorer has never had any sympathy with the various schemes advanced to invade the ice locked polar regions with airships or automobiles. When Dr. Cook proposed a few years ago to dash for the south pole in an auto Commander Peary scoffed at the idea. He said: "The roughness of the ice would prevent any such plan from working out successfully. Then, too, the stretches of open water could not be overcome." He also deprecated the idea of going to the north pole in an airship in the following words: "I don't feel like criticizing those who try the airship method of navigation. I don't care for a balloon. Let me put it in this way: I don't believe that the airship in its present state of development can successfully combat the conditions which will be met with in an attempt to reach the pole. When an airship has been constructed which can navigate the air independent of storms and behave in the air as one of the big liners does at sea in any kind of weather, then it is time enough to talk about reaching the pole by means of an airship, but not before. My experiences have not impaired by belief in my own method, which is in making a dash over the ice by means of sleds."

"My Most Important Work." Commander Peary has long maintained that the discovery of the pole would not prove the most important result of arctic exploration. He states his views on the subject in the following words: "The gain to the scientific world by the results of my work in the arctic regions is of far more actual value than the discovery of the north pole. "The discovery of the north pole is merely a more or less spectacular fact, but still one that had to be tried again and again until actually accomplished. "I have traveled the most northerly land on the globe. The departments of science which will be benefited by my sojourn in the north are geology, meteorology, anthropology and natural history. The full result of my labors, especially in the field of meteorology, cannot be fully ascertained until the observations I have taken have been worked out by scientists. "Perhaps the most important result of my labor--I am not now speaking from a scientific standpoint--is the demonstrating most conclusively that the right kind of a man can carry on arctic exploration without great danger or suffering exceptional hardships. In fact, he can work in the far north as well as in his office in New York. "In natural history the work I have done, I am vain enough to think, is great. No expeditions ever had the opportunity that we had of studying the musk ox. I have sent home at different times very complete specimens of this animal, and I have also sent a young walrus. So far as I know, no other specimens of these animals are now living in captivity, and scientists have unexcelled opportunity to study them when alive. Commander Peary is widely reported to be a poor man, one who has been impoverished by his arctic trips. Such is not the case, however. Three years ago he purchased a total of sixteen islands along the Maine coast north of Portland, which are held at high prices owing to the demand for exclusive sites for cottages along the coast. Several of the islands are in Casco bay. Eagle island, which he owns, has for several years been Commander Peary's stronghold, his fortress, where he could retire at will safe from the attacks of interviewers and photogra-

HYPNOTISM CURES NERVOUS DISEASES

How Philadelphia Lawyer Recovered From Asthma. PHYSICIAN WRITES A REPORT. Man Made Ill, in Doctor's Opinion, by "Auto Suggestion"--Must Have the Patient's Consent in Order to Effect Relief Through Mental Suggestion. Used in Hysteria and Neurasthenia. That hypnotism has been used successfully for several years in the treatment of many cases of nervous disorders, though never without the knowledge and consent both of the patient and of the members of his family, has become known after the publication in the Journal of Psychology of a report presented by Dr. Charles D. Fox of 2123 Pine street, Philadelphia. The particular case with which Dr. Fox's report dealt was that of a lawyer, designated only as Mr. X., who, Dr. Fox said, had been cured of asthma by hypnotism, but Dr. Fox admits that the science of mental suggestion is used frequently and effectively in many cases that come to the nervous department of the Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia, with which he is connected. "It should be understood," said Dr. Fox, "that hypnotism is used only in selected cases where there appears to be no pathological condition to account for the illness and which therefore offer us opportunity for the employment of ordinary methods of treatment. It has proved especially valuable in treating various forms of hysteria and neurasthenia and in curbing and curing alcoholism and morphinism. Must Have Person's Consent. Questioned as to the extent to which hypnotic influence should dominate another's will, Dr. Fox emphatically laid down the proposition that it is impossible to put a person in the hypnotic state without that person's consent. He intimated that in his opinion any plea that a crime had been committed under hypnotic suggestion was absurd unless the person hypnotized had deliberately submitted his will at the outset to the control of another, but in his account of his treatment of his patient, "Mr. X.," he gave remarkable instances of the extent to which suggestions made while the patient was in a hypnotic state had been carried out after the patient had returned to his normal condition.

On one occasion it was suggested to X. while under the hypnotic influence that exactly 870 minutes later he should look at his watch and write down the time as if for reference. Just 873 minutes after the suggestion was made X., who at that time was in a perfectly normal condition, yielding to a sudden and uncontrollable impulse, took out his watch and recorded the time. The difference of three minutes, Dr. Fox thought, might have been due to a difference in the time of the different watches. On another occasion X., having been told while in the hypnotic state that he would be alone in the room, absolutely failed to recognize the presence of another physician, Dr. Kulp, though Dr. Kulp, after X. had been restored to his normal condition, spoke to him repeatedly and even took him by the hand. Ill Through Auto Suggestion. Mr. X., the lawyer, is described as thirty-eight years old. For several years he had suffered from asthma, and since 1906 the coughing attacks, which usually came on at night, were succeeded by a condition like that of

WOULD REVIVE CRINOLINE.

French Designers Trying to Restore Old Time Fashion. There is talk once more in Paris of reviving the crinoline. French fashion designers are seriously planning to force the crinoline in the same sensational way which marked the wearing of the first sheath gown at the Longchamps races last year. If these designers took history as a guide they would not touch the crinoline, for, apart from being an absurd article, it has a poor record. The Empress Eugenie first tried seriously to take a hand in French politics immediately after she had revived the crinoline. Eugenie did not realize any political ambition. Instead she was forced to step down from the throne, and, always superstitious, she grew to dislike the crinolines. The only unbecoming gowns Queen Elizabeth wore were crinolines. Elizabeth and Catherine de' Medici had a weakness for crinolines and wore them so extreme that the effect was to make both women seem deformed. Catherine the Great of Russia also had a weakness for the crinoline, and the women of the court were too much afraid of the imperious amazon to tell her that the crinoline gave her a comical aspect.

ROOSEVELT ANSWERS CRITICS

Every Animal Shot For Benefit of Science or For Food. Evidently ex-President Roosevelt has heard something--or it may be much--of the criticism which he has received at home from those whom his shooting exploits in Africa have offended or grieved, and evidently he resents this criticism as unjust, in so far as it is based upon facts, and ignorant when its foundation has been nothing except exaggerated or imagined reports of what he has been doing to the beasts and birds. This is shown by an extract from a private letter received in the Outlook office. After referring to "fake stories of my hunting" the ex-president says: "As a matter of fact every animal I have shot, with the exception of, say, six or eight shot when we had to have food, has been carefully preserved for the National museum. I can be condemned only if the existence of the National museum, the American Museum of Natural History and all similar zoological collections are to be condemned." John D. Scares Sunday School Scholars. "We should try to help each other not only in Sunday school, but in our daily life," said John D. Rockefeller at the close of the services at the Euclid Sunday school in Cleveland on a recent Sunday. "We should not be like the nagging mother who always keep telling 'Don't!' to her little boy till he really did not know what to do. Nor should we be like the Sunday school teacher who asked his class, 'Who made the world?'" Mr. Rockefeller descended from the platform and shook his finger in the faces of the surprised boys in imitation of the teacher he was telling about. One youngster, scared at Mr. Rockefeller's gesture, cried out, "Please, sir, I won't do it again!" A very good remedy and one that we can highly recommend in all cases of kidney trouble, is Pineules, the new kidney remedy. They are especially good in all cases of rheumatic pains, weak back or backache, urinary disorders and weak kidneys. Sold by W. S. Martin.

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