

COOK TOLD WHITNEY ALL ABOUT TRIP

The Cabin Boy on the Roosevelt Was Witness to Peary's Story

CONFIRMS DR. COOK

Message From Dr. Cook This Morning in Which He Expresses Appreciation of Enthusiasm and Support. Says He Positively Told Whitney He Had Been to the Pole and That Pritchard Was a Witness—In the Meantime Pritchard Had Said That He Heard the Story and That Whitney Knew of Dr. Cook's Claims—Whitney Was Told of the Discovery in April, 1906—An Important Link in the North Pole Controversy—Dr. Cook Expected in New York Tomorrow.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) On board steamship Oscar II, by wireless via Siasconset, Mass., Sept. 20—American News Service, New York City—"I appreciate enthusiasm and support. Whitney was positively told that we had reached the pole, and Pritchard, now on Roosevelt, was witness. Make him talk."

New York, Sept. 20—The foregoing wireless dispatch, received by the American News Service today from Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who is due to arrive in New York Tuesday morning on the steamship Oscar II, shows that Harry Whitney, the New Haven millionaire, who had the confidence of both Dr. Cook and Commander Peary, and whose whereabouts is now a mystery, holds the secret as to whether Cook ever claimed in Greenland to have been the real discoverer of the north pole.

Dr. Cook, in his dispatch to the American News Service today, positively asserts that he told Whitney he had discovered the north pole, and that William Pritchard, a cabin boy and assistant cook on Peary's steamer, the Roosevelt, heard him so inform Whitney.

Whitney was told of the discovery in April, 1909, according to Pritchard. When Dr. Cook's dispatch was sent to the American News Service, he knew absolutely nothing concerning the story of the cabin boy, which came from Battle Harbor today. The fact that Dr. Cook refers to Pritchard as a witness and the fact that Pritchard voluntarily declares he heard Cook tell Whitney of discovering the north pole form an important link in the north pole controversy.

Pritchard remained at Annotook with Boatwain Murphy, of the Roosevelt, to guard Dr. Cook's stores, which had been taken possession of by Peary. He was there with Whitney when Cook appeared.

A wireless dispatch received from Sydney, N. S., today stated that the Roosevelt was expected there before nightfall. At the time the dispatch was sent the steamer was 70 miles off Cranberry Head.

Pritchard did not know whether Boatwain Murphy was informed of Cook's success or not. Pritchard said that while he was at Annotook with Whitney and Cook, Murphy was at Etah. During the two days he was there he heard Dr. Cook describe in the minutest detail to Whitney the story of his long dash, his success and his suffering. He said Cook used a map to illustrate his story. Pritchard couldn't remember whether Cook said he reached the Pole April 21 or 22.

A Great Welcome. America will tomorrow pay its tribute to Dr. Frederick A. Cook in the greatest welcome ever accorded to an American since Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila, returned home.

Dr. Cook will arrive at Quarantine tomorrow morning at 8:30, on the steamer Oscar II. The boat could arrive tonight, but is being held back by wireless orders to her captain so that the plans for welcoming the explorer will not be disarranged.

The steamer Grand Republic will meet Dr. Cook on the Oscar II down the bay, having on board 2,000 persons, among them official representatives of the city, state and nation. A special tug bearing Mrs. Cook and her children will meet the Oscar II and the doctor will be transferred to the tug and later to the Grand Republic.

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John W. Castles, a Suicide



John W. Castles, New York financier and president of Union Trust Company, who killed himself in Grand Union Hotel following repeated threats to take his life. His body was found after frantic search of metropolitan hostelrys conducted by his brother, Burton S. Castles.

SHIP BLOWN UP FAR OUT AT SEA

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Sept. 20—A Lloyds telegram received here today from the British steamer Harlow just in Manila from Newport News, reports that on July 27 while 10 miles from Durban, a vessel, on fire was sighted. Before the Harlow could get near there was an explosion strewing the face of the ocean with debris. The Harlow couldn't distinguish the name of the ill-fated ship but believed her to be the Waratah which carried 300 persons and has long been missing.

STOLE MONEY FOR HER SWEETHEART

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburg, Sept. 20—Miss Stella Jones, a prepossessing young woman of Glenwood, whose life has always been above reproach, is a prisoner at central station, charged with embezzling \$4,000 from Peter Herms, a well-known ice cream and milk dealer. The investigation by the detectives developed that Miss Jones gave the money to Gilbert N. Elster, with whom she was infatuated, and that he had squandered it on high living and joy rides while pleading with Miss Jones for money to expend on the recovery of his health. Elster was also arrested and is charged with stealing jewelry valued at \$125 from another young woman.

READY FOR START IN MUNSEY CONTEST

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Sept. 20—Everything is in readiness for the start of the Frank A. Munsey reliability automobile tour tomorrow morning. Referee Trego and his assistants on the technical points have examined and sealed all competing cars, numbers and pennants have been affixed to each machine and observers have received their final instructions, and the only thing that remains is the word from Starter Cover for the first car to get under way. The first car, a Ford, will be given the word at 7 o'clock, and the others will follow at one minute intervals, the last to get under way being a Renault. Washington is crowded with people prominent in the automobile world, among them being a number of the best known racing drivers in the country, including William Knipper, Will House, Joe Matson, Leo Shaab, and Howard Hardesty.

JOHNSON STILL BATTLE FOR LIFE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Rochester, Minn., Sept. 20—Governor John A. Johnson's battle for life went on today, with hope growing hourly that the state executive would survive the operation. Mrs. Johnson got a little sleep last night, leaving her husband's bedside in St. Marys Hospital after many hours of waiting and hoping. Dr. Mayo and Nevin both believed that it was safe for her to leave her husband. At 5:30 a. m. Dr. Veivin, physician at St. Marys Hospital issued the following statement regarding the condition of Governor Johnson: "There is a slight change for the better in the governor's condition. His temperature is 99.2, pulse 108, and respiration 30. He has rested considerable and has slept two hours and a quarter since midnight. The atropin administered at midnight brought relief. After the wound was dressed at 5:30 this morning the governor fell into a doze and is still sleeping."

BRITT-JOHNSON FIGHT NEXT

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 20—When Willus Britt and his man Stanley Ketchel arrive in town next Wednesday they will find heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, their next opponent almost in fighting condition. Johnson is leaving no moss grow under his feet, as is evidenced by the hard work he did in the gymnasium Sunday. It was given out today that Johnson's weight when he goes into the ring with Ketchel will be somewhere around 195 pounds. That the champion will not want for sparring partners was made plain yesterday. Sam Fitzpatrick who brought Johnson out of the bushes, was a visitor to his former charge's camp and while there offered his present protegee, Frank Mantell, to act as a sparring mate. Already Johnson has two camp fellows in Joe Mills and big Bob Armstrong.

INDIANS PROTEST. Say They Are Mistreated by State and County Officials.

Washington, Sept. 20—Oklahoma Indians, numbering 16,000 have prepared a petition which has been sent to Washington officials of the Indian protective league, which protests in vigorous terms against their treatment by state and county officials. It will be presented to congress at the next session. Representative McGuire, of Oklahoma, will introduce a bill intended to correct the abuses under which the Indians declare they are suffering.

FIRE IN THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE CAR

Burned a Hole In the Floor of the Car Early this Morning

DES MOINES SPEECH

President Was Not Disturbed and Didn't Know of the Fire Until the Train Reached Des Moines—President's Car Was Filled With Smoke, But the Actual Damage Was Small. Train Was Stopped and the Whole Train Force Engaged With Buckets in Putting the Flames Out—Supposed That Fire Was Caused by a Spark From the Locomotive—Opposed to Specifically Exempting Labor From the Operations of the Anti-trust Law.

(By WILLIAM HOSTER) Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 20—Fire from locomotive sparks burned a hole in the floor of President Taft's private car, Mayflower, at about 2 o'clock this morning. Great excitement prevailed among the train hands while the fire lasted. The interior of the Mayflower and of the Hazelmere, containing the other members of the party, were filled with smoke, but the flames were confined to a space of about a foot and were extinguished after the train crew got to work with water buckets and an axe. The train was bowling along at a speed of 35 miles an hour and well on toward Des Moines when Assistant Secretary Wagner, of the white house, who was transcribing the president's Des Moines speech detected the odor of burning wood. At the same time one of the train crew hurried through from the baggage car to locate the fire that he had almost simultaneously detected. The whole train force was shortly at work. The train was stopped. Orders were given to work carefully and not disturb the president, who had been at work until after 1 o'clock in the preparation of his speech. Effective work was done in a few minutes and the fire was soon stamped and drowned out. The burned spot was in the forward part of the car, near the galley. Its further spread undetected might have resulted in the destruction of the entire car, for at the speed the train was going the flames were easily fanned. A watch was maintained on the car during the rest of the night. During the whole of the excitement, the president slept peacefully and it was not until he awoke in Des Moines that he was informed of the fire. It is supposed that a spark from the locomotive was in some manner blown into the rear car. President Taft is opposed to specifically exempting labor unions from the operation of the anti-trust law, but he believes it will not include the labor boycott. The trend of his address here today was that the boycott should be regarded as a perfectly legal and legitimate weapon. "Stop the over-capitalization of railroads," cried the president in his speech. "Stop interstate commerce roads from acquiring stock control or any stock at all of a competing line." He advocated general amendments to the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws which will give the government greater control over corporations and specifically asked for the creation of an interstate commerce court of five members to whom appeals shall be made against the rulings of the interstate commerce commission. The speech, in part, was as follows: After expressing his pleasure at being in Iowa and referring to the pledges of the republican party in the last campaign the president repeated that portion of his Chicago speech touching upon the question of labor unions and injunctions. Proceeding he said: "But legislation with respect to the laborer is not all the legislation needed. When I look forward to the next session and realize how much there is to be considered, I tremble lest the session will not be long enough and that it will not be possible to do all that has been promised. Immediately after Mr. Roosevelt's election in 1904, he wrote a message to congress in which he recommended that the interstate commerce law be amended so that the in-

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PEARY STILL LAMBASTING DOCTOR COOK

Another Scathing Indictment of Dr. Cook from Commander Peaay

REPEATS STATEMENT

Commander Peary Delivers a Scathing Indictment of Dr. Cook Again Today—Said it Was Possible to Fake Observations and He Didn't Believe Cook Had Been Anywhere Near the Pole—Will Hold Back Further Facts He Found Concerning the Condition of Things at the Pole Until Cook Has Made His Statement—Says Speed He Made Was Not Fast For Him, But Would Have Been For Anyone Else—South Pole a Small Affair.

(By Cable to The Times) North Sydney, N. S., Sept. 20—A scathing indictment of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, delivered by Commander Robert E. Peary was the latest and most sensational development today in the Cook-Peary controversy. At the same time Prof. Donald McMillan, acting as the spokesman for the crew of the Roosevelt, declared it was his belief and the belief of Commander Peary and every other man on the ship that Cook could not have reached the north pole on account of his lack of equipment and his meagre resources. Commander Peary was asked whether it is possible for one to concoct false observations of the pole. Peary's face grew hard and he used his clenched fist to give emphasis as he replied: "In the opinion of Admiral Sir George Nares, of the British navy, Admiral Melville, of the United States navy, and myself, it would have been possible for a skillful man to fake observations of the pole, and even to the extent of deceiving a scientist. And now, with respect to Dr. Cook and his claims, I repeat what I have said before, that Cook did not reach the north pole. "I don't wish to refuse to answer questions put to me by newspapermen, but under the circumstances which now exist I don't feel that I can now give any information concerning the conditions which I found existing at the pole. I propose, for a reason, to hold back these facts until other statements as to conditions at the pole have been submitted." The commander was told during the interview at Battle Harbor that his statements had been criticised on account of the speed he said his party had made. The explorer bristled up and his jaw opened and shut in clicks as he said: "The speed at the 8th parallel to the pole was not fast for me, but it would have been fast for any other expedition. Why, from what I know now, if all the men were the same and the equipment equal, I could reach the pole two times out of three. In some seasons some explorers might make the pole once out of three times but in other seasons you could never reach the pole." Peary belittled the glory of finding the south pole. Speaking of Antarctic dashes he said: "After the north pole achievement the attainment of the south pole is coming as an accepted fact. The south pole discovery, however, is not going to have so definite a place in the people's minds. The south pole has not been in history, literature and poetry for three hundred years as has been the north pole. In the Antarctic, an explorer can take up his work where he left off the previous season because it is possible to work by progressive stages until the pole is reached. "To reach the north pole you have to travel over the Arctic Sea, and to do all your work in one year. In the Arctic regions you cannot work one season and the next year take it up where you left off; so the attainment of the south pole is not so difficult a feat."

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PEOPLE BAFFLED DAY TO DAY BY SHERLOCK JR

Saturday Was a Rush Day and He Had Some Close Calls

Close After Him Saturday

He is Going to do Stunts With the Police Department—Has Baffled the Public and Gone Any and Everywhere and Now He is Going to Have Some Fun With the Chief and His Men—Several of Them Are Working on "Clues" But He Gets More Mysterious as They Work—Has Talked to Several of the Men and Will Talk to More of Them.

Sherlock Holmes, Jr., had things all his way Saturday. We thought sure he would be caught and we outlined a route for him that kept him real busy all day long. He had a good time at the matinee and enjoyed himself very much. Several people have had him in close quarters, but some slight mistake caused them to lose the \$25. It is strange, but most people get very much excited when they approach him and go to repeat the magic words. It is all simple and easy enough if they would only keep cool and say the sentence correctly. Sherlock is all the talk of the city. In the stores and on the streets he is THE man. For today he will go the usual route, calling at the same places he has been visiting and those who think they have a "clue" should look out for him today. Here is his own story of Saturday: I had a most strenuous day carrying out my published schedule, but was in every place at the time I said I would be. I was up early and went to Wright's Cafe for breakfast. There was a large crowd in there, as usual, discussing my whereabouts. From there I went to the postoffice, got my mail, started across the street and met my old friend Al G. Field, talked awhile and he gave me a complimentary ticket to the matinee. I started then to fill my engagements. I went in Cross & Linehan's and made a purchase and talked to Mr. King awhile. Then made my way on up to Hunter Bros. & Brewer. Here is where the fun started. There were two little boys standing in front of Hunter Bros. & Brewer with the latest edition of The Evening Times, stopping every one they saw go in. However I dodged them and went in and talked to Mr. Hunter, but as they were very busy I did not stay long. I made my way on across the street to that busy drug store, King-Crowells and bought my cocoa-cola. I also saw several people there looking for me. I remained there a few minutes, then made my way up the street. Just as I started into Royall & Borden a little boy ran up to me with The Evening Times in his hand, caught hold of me and said, "Are you the mysterious Mr. Sherlock Holmes, of The Raleigh Evening Times?" Well, son, you almost had me, but you had the phrase torn all to pieces. You left off the Jr., and you called the paper "Raleigh" Evening Times, when it should have been "The Evening Times," so study your phrase and try me again and you will get me probably. I waited a few minutes, when some man told them that I had gone to Weathers & Perry, so they rushed up there. Then I boldly walked into Royall & Borden's and looked over their beautiful stock. When I came out I went to Weathers & Perry and looked through their line of pennants and pictures. I talked awhile, and here's where I fell behind in my schedule. I heard a band playing down the street, and as music sets me wild I ran down to the Tucker Building corner, where they were playing. There was such a crowd I could not get within a mile of the band. I saw Royall & Borden's furniture wagon standing there, so I got up in the wagon and had a good view. Then I followed the band on up the street, left it at King-Crowells and went around to see my friend Mr. Dorsett. I had a talk with him. Asked him if he was going to the minstrel. He replied: "I am too busy on Saturday to go anywhere." I saw the future Mrs. Sherlock Holmes, Jr., in Mr. Dorsett's store. She is a sensible woman. (Continued on Page Two.)

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