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## DR. COOK HAILED AS WORLD'S HERO.

Brooklyn in Uproar Over Explorer's Arrival. Brings Data With Him. Discoverer Says He Will Not Argue About Peary Being the Second to Discover the North Pole. Greatly Surprised at Attitude of Man Whom He Has Long Considered His Friend. Will Not say Anything Against His Rival Until He is On Hand to Defend Himself.

New York, Sept. 21.—Dr. Cook stood on one of the balconies of the Bushwick Club in Brooklyn tonight with the flags and streamers that swung from the gables of the building to the boxed bay trees on the sidewalk flapping in his face and a handful of friends and relatives around him as he looked down on the crowd that eddied out across the street, stretched a block in each direction along Bushwick avenue, and blocked the throat of Hart street.

When he came to the rail of the balcony there was a blowing of horns and a banging of tinpans that sounded like an election night and a Coney Island mardi gras rolled into one.

**United Singers Serenade.**  
Directly below him were the 500 members of the United Singers of Brooklyn, who had come to serenade him as the world's hero, and in and around the clubhouse were jammed his neighbors and the other people who had squirmed through the police lines to welcome him home.

For a while after he had stood there bowing and smiling—that smile that seems to have become more a matter of habit than a sign of pleasure—he opened his mouth to speak, but the hubbub kept going with even more vigor than before.

Then he smiled a real smile, as he realized that it was a pretty hopeless task to try to talk to that crowd. A second attempt was not any more successful, but by the time a third was made the efforts of the club members, who were waving their arms for silence and uttering sounds which were calculated to still the noise of the enthusiastic, there was an appreciable lull in the immediate vicinity of the clubhouse, and Dr. Cook spoke as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you for the honor, the music, and the welcome."

That was all there was to it, but an oration could not have drawn out a lustier response. The people that had stood there for from three to six hours to catch a glimpse of this man who says that he has stood on the ninetieth parallel, set up a tumult that made their previous efforts sound like the whimpering of a lot of children. That was the only chance they got to see him except the momentary flash as he was whisked away in his automobile.

**Went Back to Friends.**  
When the balcony scene was finished Dr. Cook went back to the room on the fourth floor of the clubhouse where he was having dinner with his neighbors. When it was over Dr. Cook read a speech, written on the paper of the Oscar II. This is what he said:

"You have shown me that it is good to go to the pole. In returning it was a delight to receive the cheer of other nations. But there is no human ecstasy so great as that which comes from the hearts of one's own people. If I talked for an hour I could not adequately express a suitable appreciation of this momentous welcome. To feel this cordially for one moment is to dispel all the discomforts of the arctic quest."

A few minutes later Dr. Cook went down to the big room of the clubhouse and stood at the angle of a narrow roped-off lane. Then the United Singers were allowed to file past him, but he refrained from shaking any hands except those of the most insistent.

At 10 o'clock he was whisked away to the Waldorf in an automobile.

"In due time I shall reply to Mr. Peary," said Dr. Cook when the "gold brick" remark attributed to Mr. Peary was repeated to him. "I don't wish to say anything about Mr. Peary until he is here to defend himself. I shall only say that I cannot understand his attitude. I have never disputed his claim of being the second man to reach the north pole."

## MRS. HARRIMAN GETS ESTATE.

Will of Railway Wizard Leaves All To His Widow. Property of Dead Financier Various Estimated at From \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000. New York, Sept. 18.—Edward H.

Harriman's will leaves everything to his widow.

The document is one of the briefest on record for a large estate. Its text, taking into account all its legal verbiage is exactly ninety-nine words long.

All the property, real and personal, of every kind and nature, is given to "Mary W. Harriman to be hers absolutely and forever."

Mrs. Harriman is named as the sole executrix. The will was dated June 8, 1903.

None of Mr. Harriman's business associates would attempt an estimate of the value of the estate. Some of them said that they did not believe that Mr. Harriman himself had known.

Wall street variously estimates the Harriman estate at from \$50,000,000 to \$500,000,000. One of the bulletin services announces that it had the very highest authority for saying that Mr. Harriman's property was worth between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

## VETERAN RANCHER SPRY AT 97.

Former Ohioan Nears Century Mark Without Ever Having Tasted Medicine.

Spokane, Wa., Sept. 18.—Peter S. Morrison, a rancher in the Big Horn basin in Wyoming, who probably is the oldest horse raiser in the United States, has come to Spokane to pass a few weeks with relatives.

Though ninety-seven years of age, he does not appear to be more than fifty. He has never taken medicine. He has chewed tobacco eighty-three years and smoked sixty-three years, but says he quit smoking because it made him nervous. He has cut his allowance of chewing tobacco to 10 cents worth every six weeks.

Mr. Morrison does not wear glasses and is possessed of all his faculties.

He has raised a family of eight children, the oldest of whom is seventy-two years of age and the youngest thirty-four. His wife died twenty-eight years ago. He went to the Big Horn basin in Wyoming a year ago with two nephews, with whom he formed partnership in raising horses.

The only explanation of his longevity is that he takes exercise every morning and, when possible, takes a cold sponge bath every night.

We have been friends for years, and so I see no reason for criticism by either of us. I shall be ready to reply to Peary when I hear him make charges against me personally. I think these matters will turn out satisfactorily to all concerned.

**Has Notes and Data.**

"I have my notes and data with me," said Dr. Cook after the camera brigade had charged upon him for a few moments. "Also I want to say that Pritchard, the cabin boy on the Roosevelt, and Mr. Whitney are not the only persons who have proof of my journey to the pole. Other men on the Roosevelt have proof of my assertions, but they dare not talk until they've landed. They'll talk then."

This was the longest of Dr. Cook's oral statements.

It was thoroughly a neighborly welcome from the Bushwick section of the Borough of Brooklyn that greeted Dr. Frederick Cook, finder of the north pole, when he came into New York Harbor today. Although tickets to the number of more than 2,000 were on sale so that he or she who wished might steam down the bay to greet the returning explorer, few comparatively availed themselves of the opportunity.

Just 424 persons boarded the Grand Republic and sailed down to quarantine shortly before 8 o'clock this morning to greet Dr. Cook, and of this number most one-fourth were reporters and newspaper photographers. The rest of the passengers were with few exceptions, folks from the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, with a few Manhattanites in view.

The Bible chapters number 1,189, of which 929 are the Old Testament and 260 in the New.



THE LATE JOHN A. JOHNSON.

## JOHNSON WELCOMED TAFT.

Sick Governor Forgets pain to Wire President Greetings to Minnesota.

Last Saturday morning Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, though in a dying condition, sent the following message of welcome to President Taft:

"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 Gov. Johnson's telegram, the answer having been transmitted by telephone. President Taft's message said:

"My Dear Gov. 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 wonderful 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."

Governor Johnson was on his death bed, but his pride in the visit of the Nation's chief executive to his beloved state caused the dying Governor to forget his pain. How much better would the nation be if there were more men like the late Governor Johnson.

## CURED DISEASE BY WIRELESS.

Surgeon on Shore Prescribed for Sick Man on Ship.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—To be cured by wireless is the latest drama of real life written in the Navy Department records by the Marine Hospital Service. Captain Dean, of the lightship off Nantucket shoals, is the hero of the drama, and he owes his life to surgeons at Newport.

Captain Dean became ill a couple of weeks ago and the wireless operator sent a message to a surgeon at the naval hospital describing the case fully and transmitting the state of the sick man's pulse. The doctor prescribed by wireless and kept on the case daily until he received a message from Captain Dean saying he was well again.

Three prominent Republicans of New Haven, Conn., have declined to run for Mayor, giving as a reason that their wives are unwilling for them to enter the race. The party leaders are now looking for a bachelor to head the ticket.

## DEATH OF REV. W. S. RONE.

Was Presiding Elder of Warrenton District—Died at Richmond.

Littleton, Sept. 20.—Rev. W. S. Rone, presiding elder of this, the Warrenton district, aged about 63 years, died at Willis and Johnson's Sanitarium, Richmond, yesterday afternoon, following an operation from which he had been in a precarious condition for more than a week. His death will shock his many friends who were unaware of his being sick.

He is the last of his family and is only survived by two of his graduating class, Drs. J. T. Gibbs and L. L. Nash, of Wofford College, whence he graduated nearly forty years ago. For thirty-five years he has been preaching and in that time has filled a number of prominent appointments within the gift of the church, both in station and district work. This is the third member of the family to die within the past year—one daughter dying in Texas of tuberculosis and another in Greensboro, N. C., following an operation for appendicitis.

## BISHOP SETH WARD DEAD.

Distinguished Methodist Minister Died in Far Away Tokio.

Tokio, July 20.—Bishop Seth Ward of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died this afternoon. The bishop arrived in Kobe last month on his regular tour of inspection of the Methodist missions of Japan and he was taken ill shortly after his arrival. Last week he was reported as gradually sinking and the fatal termination of his illness was not unexpected.

The bishop was 51 years old. He served as assistant missionary secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from 1902 until 1906 and was elected bishop in the latter year.

## VERY REMARKABLE RECORD.

Chicago and Northwestern Carries 27,000,000 Passenger Without Killing One.

Chicago, Sept. 20.—The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad carried 27,000,000 passengers during the year ending June 30, 1909, without a single life being lost, according to a report issued by the road today. The other roads which have thus far announced a clear record of this kind for a year include the Pennsylvania, Burlington and Santa Fe.

A loaf of bread will keep much longer if placed in a covered stone crock than in a tin box.

## SEVERE STORM IN JACKSON. PELLAGRA CLAIMS TWO MORE.

East Dome of Mississippi's New Capitol Building Crushed in and a number of Upper Rooms Flooded—Two Persons Killed by Falling Walls and Hundreds of Buildings Unroofed.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 21.—Two persons were killed here last night as a result of the storm which swept portions of Mississippi yesterday. Their death was caused by falling walls. Hundreds of buildings were unroofed in the city, fences carried away and trees uprooted. The east dome of the new Capitol building was crushed in and a number of upper rooms flooded.

The equinoctial hurricane swept upward from the Mississippi coast last night, carrying death and destruction in its wake. It is believed that other lives have been lost and property damaged to the extent of several million dollars. Wires are down in all directions, and Jackson has been almost entirely cut off from the outside world since midnight. Train service is crippled, and no passenger trains have reached this city over the Illinois Central from the South since Monday afternoon.

## A. G. THORNTON DEAD.

Man Who Married Negro Woman in This State by Military Authority.

Fayetteville, N. C., Sept. 17.—A. G. Thornton a prominent and wealthy Republican politician in Reconstruction days, and who, by military authority, married Elsie Hargrove, a colored woman, in 1866, and has since lived as a member of that race, died at his home here today. Thornton's marriage is the only known one between the races in North Carolina which after being allowed by military authorities of this district was legalized by the constitutional convention of 1868.

Thornton was 85 years old and is survived by his widow and five children. He will be buried from the leading negro church here.—News & Observer.

(Mr. A. G. Thornton was born and raised near Bentonsville and was for several years a merchant of Smithfield. His stock was general merchandise but he sold mostly groceries and liquors. We have been told that the negro woman he married kept house for him while he lived here but they were not married until after he moved from here to Fayetteville.—Ed. Herald.)

## NO SMOKING FOR 22 YEARS.

If Boy Consumes Cigarette, He Loses Bequest of \$25,000.

New York, Sept. 16.—If Grevel Wilfred Edward Acker, of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., smokes a cigarette within the next twenty-two years he forfeits his rights as residuary legatee to an estate now valued at \$25,000, and left to him by his grandfather, Wilhelm Henry Maximilian Grevel, Counsel for the executors filed the will for probate, and the grandson, who is now three years old will receive only \$250 if he violates its terms, which apply to him before he is twenty-five years old.

## The Pole an Issue.

Brownsville, Ky., Sept. 18.—So intense has become the feeling in Edmonson county over the question of whether Cook or Peary is entitled to the credit for the north pole discovery, that every candidate for the county election is being asked by voters whom he favors, and the question promises to settle to a large extent the success of the candidates. So far it is believed the Cook adherents are in the lead.

## Still in Good Health at 106.

Winchester, Va., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kearns, one of the oldest women in West Virginia, today celebrated her one hundred and sixth birthday, surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at her home at Capon Bridge, Hampshire county. She was born in that county.

Despite her age she is active mentally and physically and in good health.

Allegheny County Man Dies in Greensboro Hospital and Forsyth Negro Woman Has Critical Case of the Dread Disease.

Greensboro, Sept. 21.—A. G. Carrico, of Allegheny county, died in this city today of pellagra. Mr. Carrico was 56 years old. He came here a week ago for treatment when it was discovered that he had pellagra. This is the fourth death at this place from the disease.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 21.—The first genuine case of pellagra that has appeared in Forsyth county was discovered here today. The victim is a negro woman and is an inmate of the county home. She has been examined by several physicians and her condition has been pronounced very critical and all agree in the diagnosis of pellagra.

## WRIGHT UP IN BERLIN FLIGHT.

Empress Sees American Go Up 765 Feet in His Aeroplane.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Orville Wright, flying in his aeroplane here today in the presence of the Empress, Princess Louise, Prince Adelbert, and Prince August and a large party from the Court, broke the record for high flight. He attained a height of 233 meters, (765 feet.) The best previous record for height, 155 meters (512 feet), was made by Hubert Latham.

Mr. Wright was in the air for fifty-three minutes, and one of those who looked on was his sister, Miss Katherine Wright. A strong wind blowing part of the time made it necessary for the aviator to execute the most intricate manoeuvres so far witnessed here. Mr. Wright made another flight of forty-seven minutes and five seconds, with a passenger, Capt. Englehardt.

## Real Farming Results.

The progress in agriculture that the people of North Carolina have made in the last few years is a fit subject for pride as well as rejoicing with every Tar Heel. The increase in the total of agricultural products is by no means the chief progress that has been made, but it is the manner in which it has been brought about—not in the cultivation of more acres, but in the improvement of the land and in other judicious and intelligent manner of farming, the kind which makes two acres of corn grow to the stalk where before there was only one; where each cotton stalk produces many more boll than was done before; where a few well-kept milch cows supply home and the market with more and better milk and butter than formerly did a herd of scrubs; where cotton or tobacco is not the only crop, but many kinds of food products are produced. This is the new style of farming which is becoming the order of the day in this State, and it is rapidly increasing the prosperity of the farmers and thereby adding wealth to the Commonwealth. Never again will intelligent farmers in this State be content with a third or a half bale of cotton or ten bushels of corn to the acre. Already North Carolina produces more cotton to the acre than any other State except Missouri, and with the advance being made in intensive farming it will soon be at the top of the list. What is still better than the increased yield per acre is that while this is being done the land is steadily enhancing in value. These are the true conditions in this State and they point to still greater prosperity among the people.—Charlotte Observer.

## Dr. Zollicoffer at Clayton.

Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Weldon, who is giving all his time to the work of the Laymen's Movement of the Methodist church, was in Raleigh yesterday. He was in Clayton Sunday. "They are a splendid and a generous people," said Dr. Zollicoffer, "and are alive and progressive in church work. On Sunday the Methodist church promised to add to their regular contribution for missions one dollar for every member of the church."—News and Observer.

Despite the advance of steam there still are nearly 68,000 sailing vessels in use in the world.