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COOK REPLIES TO PEARY'S CHARGES

WILL ARRIVE AT NEW YORK TO-MORROW

Explorer Says International Bureau Has Accepted His Claims.

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Sept. 20.—According to wireless dispatches received from the steamer Oscar II, at sea to-day, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who is a passenger aboard the Norwegian liner, is anxious to set foot on American soil.

"My desire to reach the United States increases with every mile left behind by the steamer," he is quoted as saying. Discussing Commander Peary's interview, discrediting his claims to North Pole honors, Cook said: "Commander Peary's unfortunate accusations have disclosed another side of his character. The specific records of his journey are accessible to everyone who reads and all can decide for themselves when Peary publishes a similar report."

The Oscar II, should arrive at Sandy Hook to-morrow. In a further statement by Dr. Cook, published to-day, the explorer is quoted as saying: "Commander Peary has as yet given no proof of his own case. My claim has been fully recognized by Denmark and by the King of Sweden; the president of the United States has wired me his confidence; my claim has been accepted by the international bureau for polar research at Brussels; most of the geographical societies of Europe have sent me congratulations which mean faith and acceptance for the present, and almost every explorer of the north has come forward with warm and friendly approval."

A specified record of my journey is accessible to all, and every one who reads can decide for himself. When Peary publishes a similar report then our cases are parallel. Why should Peary be allowed to make himself a self-appointed dictator of my affairs? In justice to himself, in justice to the world and to guard the honor of national prestige he should be compelled to prove his own case; he should publish at once a preliminary narrative to be compared with mine, and let fair-minded people ponder over the matter while the final records by which my case may be eventually proved are being prepared.

"I know Peary's explorer. As such he is a hero in the Arctic annals and deserves the credit of a long and hard record. To Peary the explorer I am still willing to tip my hat, but Peary's unfounded accusations have disclosed another side to his character which never will be forgotten. "When Peary wired that he had nulled his stars and stripes to the pole I immediately sent congratulations. I then believed, as I do now, that his work over a new route far east of my line of travel was new conquest of great importance, and of course that his observations at the pole would supplement my work with valuable details. There is room enough and honor enough for two American flags at the pole."

Will Arrive To-Morrow. New York, Sept. 20.—Commander Andrews, of the Norwegian liner Oscar II, bearing Dr. Frederick A. Cook, today sent a wireless message that the vessel will arrive at quarantine at 8:30 o'clock.

The ship evidently is being held back, as under its schedule it could make port to-night. It is believed that members of the committee, which is to receive Dr. Cook has requested that the ship be held back in order to give them time to perfect plans for his reception.

EX-PREMIER BENT DEAD. Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 20.—Sir Thomas Bent, late premier of the province of Victoria, is dead.

RIOTING MARKS STRIKE AT OMAHA

Leader of Carmen Will Ask President Taft to Act as Arbitrator.

(Times Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., Sept. 20.—C. O. Pratt, leader of the street carmen on strike here, announced to-day that this afternoon he would ask President Taft to arbitrate the question at issue between the men and the company. He said: "President Taft finds a single contention of ours unfair we will return to work immediately. If he wishes to postpone his decision until a better time, or if the company agrees before the president to submit the contentions to an impartial board, we will return to work pending a decision."

A number of minor riots occurred yesterday, and a few persons were injured slightly. Few cars are running to-day. President Taft to-day wired to local street car companies requesting that no cars be moved from 4 o'clock this afternoon until after his departure. It is believed that the presidential party fears the president's visit might be marred by disorders, although the situation is peaceful and there appears little likelihood of trouble.

Will Visit City. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 20.—It was learned to-day that President Taft contemplated omitting Omaha from his itinerary after learning of the street car strike here. Secretary Carpenter and Mayor Dahlman, however, exchanged messages, and the mayor promised that no cars would be operated while the president is a guest of the city. He further assured the president that there was no danger of violence.

ITALIAN DAY AT A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION

Parades Through Streets and at Fair Grounds Features of Programme.

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—Six thousand Italians paraded the streets of Seattle to-day in honor of Italian day at the exposition. The pageant was elaborate and artistically beautiful. The day is also the anniversary of Italian independence and large delegations from Spokane, Tacoma and towns near Seattle joined with their countrymen in the line of march. Bands headed every division in the procession and floats upon which money has been lavished to make them beautiful, were seen. Another parade was held on the exposition grounds at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Afterward an elaborate programme was given in the auditorium, where the commemorative exercises will be held. A lyric song, composed especially for the occasion, was sung by Sig. Basilio Stratti. The festivities will end with a grand ball at Dreamland rink, where dancing will be the order until daybreak.

INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING.

Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 20.—The establishment of an annual rifle competition between teams representing the United States and Canada practically was assured at a conference between a committee appointed by the Association of American International Rifleman and the president of the Dominion Rifle Association of Canada. According to the plans outlined each team will consist of six principals and two alternates. The match is to be shot alternately at Sea Girt and Ottawa, between September 1st and November 1st. The ranges are 200, 600, 900 and 1,200 yards, with two "slighters" and 150 shots for record at each range. Gen. Bird W. Spencer of New Jersey, will donate the trophy.

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

MACHINE CAPSIZES AT SHARP CURVE

Five Other Occupants of Car Held Pending Action of Prosecutor.

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Sept. 20.—A "joy ride" resulted in the death of Mrs. Dolly De Martini and the wrecking of the borrowed automobile of Wm. Ladd yesterday. Five other occupants of the car, including John Robertson, a garage employee, who was driving, escaped practically unhurt. The quintet is under arrest.

The occupants of the car were the guests of Harry Holland, Mr. Ladd's chauffeur, and besides Mr. De Martini, Holland and Robertson, included three sisters, Anna, Eva and Rose Meyer. The party was returning from a road house a few miles east of this city, Robertson being at the wheel. He drove mainly from the start, regardless of repeated appeals to slow down. When the car reached the dangerous "S" turn on the Portland automobile club's race course, Robertson was unable to hold the machine, and the heavy car skidded and overturned, burying the four women beneath it. Robertson seemed to have entirely lost his head and was later found at the bottom of a nearby gravel pit, justly calling for help. Holland, with more presence of mind, secured a fence rail and pried the car up sufficiently to permit the three Meyer girls to crawl out. He then extracted Mrs. De Martini. The woman was terribly mangled and dying when taken from beneath the car. Sheriff Stevens and the coroner's office were notified and the sheriff went to the scene. When the details of the accident were ascertained, the sheriff took the party into custody, pending the action of the prosecuting attorney.

RENEW AGREEMENT WITH WILSON FUEL COMPANY

Vote Taken by Mine Workers at Nanaimo Almost Unanimous.

Nanaimo, Sept. 20.—A mass meeting of the underground employees of the Western Fuel Company was held in the Athletic Club arena Saturday night, and by a vote of 204 to 21 decided to renew the agreement which has been in force for the past two years. Negotiations between the men's committee and the officials of the company have been going on for the past month, a mass meeting held at that time electing a committee which was empowered to meet management of the company and discuss matters in connection with the new agreement. The final meeting between the two parties was held on Wednesday night when an offer from the company to renew the old agreement for two years was given to the committee. The committee reported Saturday night to the mass meeting, which by the practically unanimous vote stated above accepted the offer and empowered the committee to sign the agreement, which will be done on Monday night. The committee that acted on behalf of the employees was T. Booker (chairman), E. Francis (secretary), Geo. White, Geo. Meredith and James Little.

The result of Saturday night's meeting will doubtless be pleasing news to almost everyone in the city, workmen and business alike, for it means that for two years at least there will be peace and harmony in the running of the city's leading industry, and business men may look forward to two years of increased prosperity and revived business.



LORD NORTHCLEFFE AND HIS "CATCH." His Lordship Captured a Fine Cohoe at Tod Inlet on Saturday, and Took it Home With Him to Add to His Collection at His Kent House.

PEARY'S MEN MET COOK AT ETAH

BROOKLYN EXPLORER DID NOT TELL OF DISCOVERY

Statements by Boatswain and Cook of the Roosevelt.

(Times Leased Wire.) Sydney, C. B., Sept. 20.—That Dr. Frederick A. Cook met members of Commander Peary's North Pole expedition at Etah but said nothing about discovering the pole, is the statement of two of Peary's men, according to newspaper correspondents who have just arrived from Battle Harbor. When Harry Whitney, George Norton and Larned went to Etah on the Erik to bring provisions for Commander Peary, both Norton and Larned turned back and Whitney obtained permission from Commander Peary to remain at the Etah station. Commander Peary stationed John Murphy, boatswain of the Roosevelt, and Wm. Pritchard, assistant cook of the Roosevelt, at Etah to guard the stores. Murphy, telling of his experience at Etah, said: "Commander Peary told me to go ashore at Etah and guard the stores which I saw taken from the Roosevelt and the Erik. Pritchard was with me. Some time last spring a white man came into camp and Mr. Whitney told me it was Dr. Cook. He did not stay long. Cook looked tired and worn out and said he was hungry. I had an argument with him, as he claimed that some of the stores were guarding 'belonged to him. He only had two Eskimos with him and as all his dogs were dead the doctor had to pull his own sledges."

TAFT WELCOMES JAPAN'S TRADE ENVOYS

President Assures Commissioner of Lasting Friendship of United States.

(Times Leased Wire.) Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 20.—Bidding them a hearty welcome to the United States and assuring them of the lasting friendship of the American people, President Taft yesterday met the fifty members of the Japanese commercial mission now touring this country. At the conclusion of his remarks, the president drank a toast to the Emperor of Japan, as "the warm and sincere friend of America." President Taft's speech, which was delivered at a luncheon tendered by the commercial club of Minneapolis at the Lafayette club at Lake Minnetonka, was followed by a speech by Baron Shibusawa, a prominent banker of Tokio and chairman of the visiting commission. President Taft paid a tribute to the military valor of Japan, when the country was "fighting in defence of her rights and the maintenance of her military prestige," and added: "Japan to-day is fighting for victories of peace, and we all hope she will succeed." The president scouted the idea that there had ever been the slightest danger of war between Japan and America. Preceding the luncheon, the president was introduced to each member of the commission.

EXPLOSION ON LAUNCH

Mount Clemens, Mich., Sept. 20.—Theodore Engleber, Jr., 18 years old, was drowned. Roy De Kay and Ray Groesbeck were badly burned and 22 seniors of the Mount Clemens High school, many of them girls, had a narrow escape from death when a gasoline launch burned to the water's edge at the mouth of the Clinton river. An explosion of gasoline caused the fire and a panic ensued. Dr. Kay and Groesbeck managed to keep the launch afloat until the blazing craft drifted onto a bar in four feet of water.

OPENING DAY AT VICTORIA'S FALL FAIR

Everything Promises Huge Success For Forty-ninth Annual Show Under Auspices of the Agricultural Association.

(From Monday's Daily.) The forty-ninth annual exhibition under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Society of Victoria is now in full swing at the picturesque grounds at the Willows, and despite somewhat unfavorable weather conditions the attendance at the opening day bids fair to come up to expectations. A delay in commencing the work of judging live stock was encountered owing to the non-arrival of the steamer City of Nanaimo on time. The Nanaimo, from Mainland ports, with big shipments of horses and cattle and other exhibits was to have arrived on Sunday evening, but was compelled, owing to the prevalence of a gale in the straits, to lie all night under the shelter of James Island. She arrived early this morning, however, and the judging of the live stock is in progress this afternoon.

An inspection of the various buildings this morning before all the exhibits had been placed, led to the conviction that all promises that have been made by Secretary Smart that this year's show surpasses in almost every feature those of previous years are likely to be proved correct. The exhibits in all departments are very complete and attractive. In the main building, the leading manufacturing houses and business concerns of the city have unusually attractive displays—a feature this year being the costly schemes of adornment used in the decorations of the booths. When viewed this morning gangs of men were busily engaged in putting on the finishing touches so as to be ready for the formal opening at 2 p.m. In the machinery hall and the poultry building the space accommodation has been taxed to its utmost, and it is predicted that the exhibits in these departments will prove among the most interesting features of the fair. In the machinery building is being shown a large quantity of machinery in actual operation. The display of agricultural implements and vehicles is unusually large this year.

What promises, however, to prove the centre of attraction at the great fair is the Woman's Building and the interesting displays housed therein. The ladies of Victoria have rallied to the task of making this feature a conspicuous success, and there seems every likelihood that they will do so. The rain of yesterday prevented J. Stroebel from getting his airship in shape for a flight this afternoon, as advertised, but it will be ready to-morrow without fail. No one regrets more the rain of yesterday than Stroebel, who has been compelled to disappoint the crowds this afternoon, but he promises, as a quid pro quo, to make several additional flights outside of the contract with the management before the week closes.

The bombardment of Alexandria by the British Fleet, the great pyrotechnical display under the supervision of Messrs. Hitt Bros., will, however, be brought off on schedule time this evening, and Mr. G. Hitt, who is in personal charge of the same, promises to treat to a fireworks display. To the Times this morning Mr. Hitt said that the exhibit which he would give this evening would be one of the most pretentious efforts of the kind ever shown in Victoria, and far superior to anything which Victorians had ever seen in their home town. As Mr. Hitt for the past ten years had been in charge of every fair, he is known to be a reliable man, his statement in this connection will be readily accepted. The pyrotechnical display to be given this evening is thus described by Mr. Hitt: 1. An electric flash stream, 300 feet in length and 50 feet high. 2. Illuminations covering 20,000 square feet of space, in changing fire. 3. Venetian fire, from four tiers of fountains. 4. Mechanical piece—William Tell shooting an apple off his son's head. (A genuine British Columbia apple will be used.) 5. Planetary wheel, being a representation of the solar system, 300 feet in length. 6. Moving elephants. In this display the figure of a large elephant is made to move directly across the course in front of the grandstand, moving his head the while. 7. Electric curtain, being a representation of Niagara Falls. In this light is so brilliant that it is possible to take photographs by it. 8. Bombardment of Alexandria—Six battleships will be shown firing on the forts. In this genuine lyditte will be used. The display is the same given with such great success at the A.-Y.-P. exposition.

The City band will discourse a fine programme of music during the display. The horse show will open on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Secretary Smart desires it stated that for this event there will be plenty of light this year.

The B. C. Electric Railway & Light Company is giving an admirable service to the grounds. The cars are being operated on a ten-minute schedule, and as every available car has been pressed into service, it is believed that no trouble will be experienced in handling the crowds.

That the horse races are expected to prove one of the prime attractions was evident from the activity of the horse men and their assistants this morning. The heavy rain of Sunday had made the track somewhat heavy, and every effort is being made to get it in good shape for the six day meet. The betting booths are still in position and some speculation is being indulged in as to whether they will be occupied by the "bookies" or whether the latter will adopt the perambulating method in transacting their business. There is great activity in this section of the fair grounds, and the management of the meet evidently expects big business during the week.

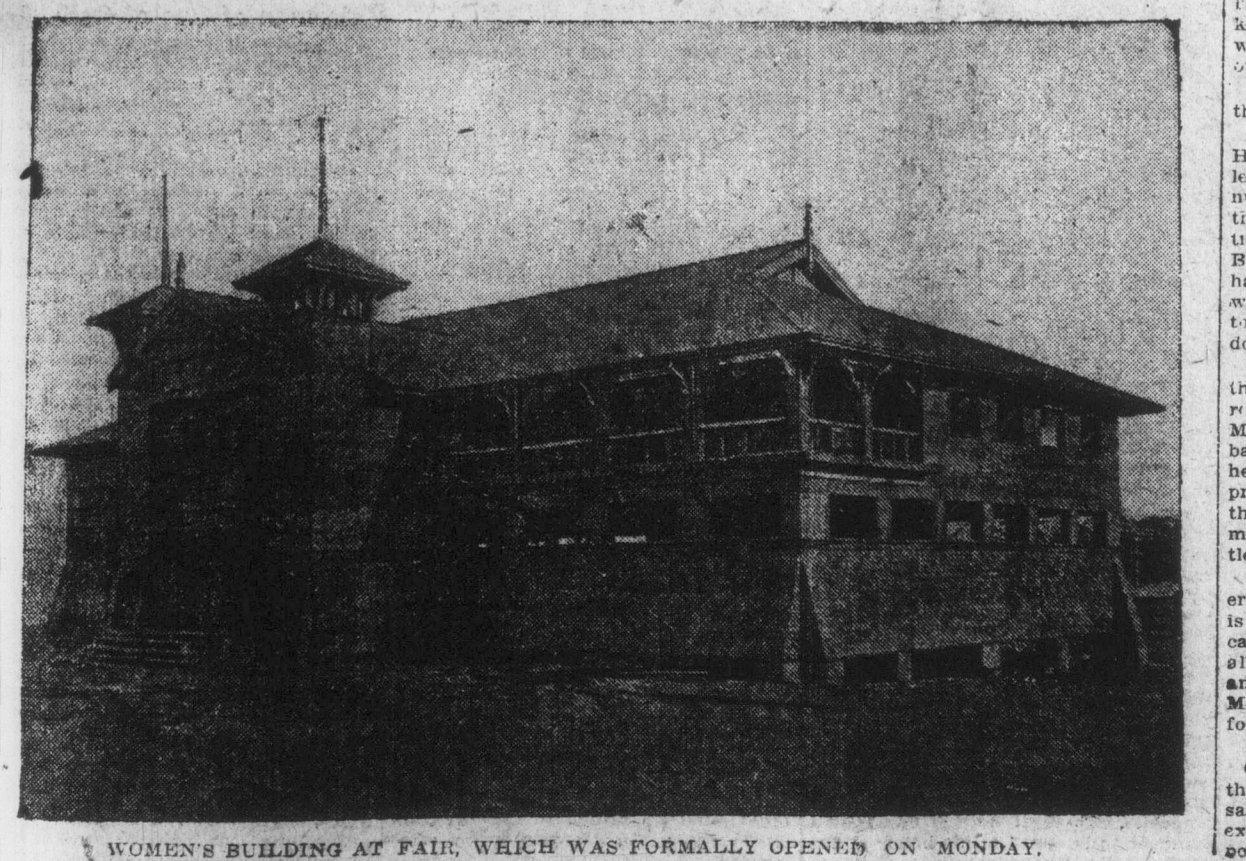
The side show man is in evidence; also the merry-go-round man, but this morning the carts for these "attractions" had not all been placed in position. Secretary Smart hopes there will be a large turnout of Victorians for this evening. He promises all who go a splendid evening's entertainment. The fireworks display will alone prove worth the price of admission, and the general programme of entertainment for the evening will prove a most attractive one. The grounds will be brilliantly illuminated, hundreds of more lights having been placed in position this year than ever before.

PHOTOGRAPHERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Northwest Association Will Meet at Vancouver Next Year. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 17.—After a four days' session the Northwest Association of Photographers will adjourn this afternoon to meet next year in Vancouver, B. C. Election of officers resulted as follows: Frank A. Bell, of Tacoma, president; George A. Waddis, of Vancouver, B. C., vice-president; A. J. T. Ritter, vice-president for Oregon; V. H. Surrey, for Washington; F. M. Ingalls, for Montana, and V. V. Vinson, for British Columbia. The matter of legislation to protect the public from inferior photography was the principal subject at this morning's session in the Good Roads building.

ODD FELLOWS ARE IN SESSION AT SEATTLE

Opening of Sovereign Grand Lodge—Welcome to Representatives. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows opened its first session in the Moore theatre to-day, the time being devoted mainly to welcoming addresses and the uniting and programming of the week's work by committees. Judge George E. Morris, of the state Supreme Court, delivered an address of welcome in behalf of the state. Mayor Miller welcomed the visitors for the city, and Grand Master J. M. Ralston, of Port Townsend, made the response for the jurisdiction of Washington, and Hon. W. L. Kendall, acting grand sire, responded for the Sovereign Grand Lodge. On the stage were seated the officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Washington and their wives, officers of the Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly, the commander of the Patriarchs Militant and staff of all the department commanders. The military council of the Patriarchs Militant was held at Odd Fellows' temple at 9 o'clock this morning. Its membership consisted of department commanders with General M. A. Rainey presiding. The Rebekahs will be the entertainment committee for General Rainey and officers and the Chevaliers at a formal reception at Odd Fellows' temple to-night. It will be a dress affair with all officers and the Patriarchs Militant in full military dress. Large delegations of Odd Fellows arrived yesterday and last night, including the Tennessee grand representatives and Walla Walla, Pataluma and Sacramento cantons. Others are expected to arrive to-day. Of the 25,000 men in the Patriarchs Militant from 1,500 to 2,000 are expected to reach the city in time for the parade Wednesday. It is said that the discussion to ask for legislation from the Sovereign Grand Lodge, authorizing the asking of recognition as a reserve to the national guard, will be brought up for action during the present encampment.



WOMEN'S BUILDING AT FAIR, WHICH WAS FORMALLY OPENED ON MONDAY.

Advertisement for King of Powder, featuring a logo with a crown and the text 'KING OF POWDER', 'SCIENCE', and 'E.E. POWDER'. Below the logo is a small illustration of a person in a top hat and a speech bubble that says 'Ah! you restless live him a Stead and he will soon'.