

COOK GENEROUS TOWARDS PEARY

"That is Good News. I Hope Peary Did Get to the Pole," Was His Comment.

WAS NOT AT ALL PUT OUT.

Have Always Been Friends Through Rivals in Discovery—Imperious With One Critic.

Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—Copenhagen was described tonight by the report of Commander Peary's announcement that he had reached the north pole. Dr. Cook was immensely interested and said:

"That is good news. I hope Peary did get to the pole. His observations and report on that region will confirm mine."

It is doubtful if history furnishes a more dramatic episode than the breaking of the news to Dr. Cook that Peary had reached the goal of his life's ambition and repeated struggles. Dr. Cook was seated at a dinner surrounded by explorers and correspondents in the gilded boudoir of the Tivoli Casino. Around his neck was a garland of pink roses according to the fashion of the day, and around his belt a sash which the explorer wore blushing and with visible embarrassment.

COOK UNMOVED.

Amid this scene it was whispered went round that Peary had planted the flag and stripes at the pole. Cook was perfectly cool and unmoved. He made a strong speech in which he paid high tribute to the work of Sverdrup, who set near to those discoveries he largely attributed his success; to John E. Bradley, who had financed the expedition; to the intelligence, endurance and faithfulness of the Eskimos who had assisted him in the preparations and to those who had accompanied him on the long journey of the exploration, he said, but not content and still not come out for some time nor will it come in installments, but only when it is completed.

On Cook did not permit the whispers of Peary's success to move him in the least, but when he had finished he was surrounded by correspondents, who looked for some sign of emotion, and the reporter with a gleam of victory of the expectation, he said, but not content and still not come out for some time nor will it come in installments, but only when it is completed.

Asked if there was any probability of Peary's having found the time containing his records, Dr. Cook replied:

"I hope so, but that is doubtful on account of the drift."

Commander Peary would have reached the pole this year. Probably while I was in the arctic region last year his route was several hundred miles east of mine. We had no rivals, of course, but the pole is good enough for two."

"That two men got to the pole alone

different parties should furnish large additions to scientific knowledge. Probably other parties will reach it in the next two years, since every explorer is helped by the experience of his predecessors, just as Sverdrup's indiscreet help may well have been nothing more than knowing further details, than I am sure it is."

While Dr. Cook was conversing amiably today with American friends, the possibility of the Peary announcement was laughingly suggested. Dr. Cook remained.

EXPLORERS ARE FRIENDS.

"It is quite possible that Peary will turn up now, but I don't care if he does, for he carries out his plans. We have always been friends. Of course, we are always in the attempt to find the pole, but we have been standing aside."

Those who have had the best opportunity to become acquainted with Dr. Cook here believe that he is not likely to enter into a controversy with Sverdrup.

Sverdrup, who is here to congratulate Dr. Cook, was most interested in the news that Peary had reached the pole.

"There is nothing I can say about this particularistic," he said. "Except that it is most important and wonderful. It seems to me that America is doing wonderful if two Americans are the first men to get to the pole after such long struggles of so many men of different nations."

HONORED BY DENMARK.

If any evidence is needed to establish Denmark's admiration of Dr. Cook, it can be found in the fact that he receives the highest tokens within the state. The king is to confer on him the gold medal of merit with the cross, which only three other governors—Nansen, Sven Hedin and Amundsen—are entitled to wear. The Geographical society will bestow upon him its gold medal, which has been given to four other travelers only: Nansen, Captain Sven Hedin and Sverdrup.

The Geographical society of Denmark numbers among its members 200 experts in arctic regions, more than any one number in the world. Its decision to extend the honor to Dr. Cook was not formed without deliberation. The rector of the University of Copenhagen, a man of profound learning, interviewed Dr. Cook for an hour. He questioned the explorer minutely and expressed his belief in the truth of Cook's statements.

The longer Dr. Cook remains in Copenhagen, the more completely his standing established. The correspondence of the Associated Press heard him raves—examined by competent questioners—about the drift. He retorted more or less quickly and detailed that if he is a romancer, he is one of the greatest in history. The only time the explorer seemed to display impatience was when speaking of one of his critics, he said:

"He is an old man; he apparently forgot my expedition began about where his ended."

WANT TO HEAR LECTURE.

The demand for admission to Dr. Cook's lecture before the Geographical society tomorrow and a banquet afterward has placed a high premium upon the seats. The fortunate ones who possess tickets for the munificent banquet Saturday just received for an additional \$100 each.

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The final details of the program for the encampment have been completed for its inauguration at 7 o'clock tonight. The opening session will consist mainly of the reception of the delegations.

Veterans will be the principal day. There will be a meeting of the credential committee in the morning followed by the opening session of the twenty-fourth national encampment. In the afternoon the officers and delegates will be received by the District officials and the chairman of the delegation.

Rev. H. C. Chamberlain, chaplain of the house of representatives and past champion-in-chief U. V. L., will pronounce the invocation. Resolutions will be made to the addresses of welcome by National Commander T. J. Shanahan, Past National Commander A. B. Hayes, Past National Commander James Turner. Singing and music will be distributed throughout the program of the day.

General Warner, commissioner of pensions, will deliver an address and Charles B. Harford, the actor, will deliver a recitation, "Star Spangled Banner."

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