

**COOK'S SPECIFIC RECORDS ARE OPEN**

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To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

HAS GIVEN NO PROOFS AS YET

Peary's Unfounded Accusations Have Revealed a Side of His Character That Never Will be Forgotten.

He heard this Oscar II, off Nantucket, July 15, 1908, by United wireless and Marconi wireless telegraphs. Dr. Frederick A. Cook today made the following statement to the Associated Press:

"My desire to get on American soil increases with every mile left behind by the Ocean II. The vessel is doing her best record, although delayed occasionally, making 800 miles in the last

Commander Peary's unfortunate accusations have disclosed another side of his character. The specific records of my journey are accessible to every one who reads and all can decide for themselves what Peary's statements are.

FREDERICK A. COOK."

According to the captain's observations at 800 miles from the pole it will arrive at San Juan about noon tomorrow, avoiding unforeseen areas, so Cook appears to exercise great discretion but can hardly repress a natural inclination at impeachment of his veracity without proofs. He requested the Associated Press to make public the following:

"The world has as yet given to the world no proofs of his own case, by which he has been fairly recognized by himself and by the king of Sweden, the president of the United States has given me his confidence and my claim has been accepted by the International Bureau for polar research at Brussels, most of the geographical societies of Europe have sent contributions, which speak well of him and acceptance for my part and almost every explorer of note has come forward with warm and friendly appraisal.

A specific record of my journey is accessible to all and every one who can decide for himself. When my case is published in a similar report, our case will be clear. We should be allowed to make himself a self-appointed dictator of my affairs? To him to himself, in justice to the world and to guard the honor of national prestige, he should be compelled to give his own case."

(Signed) "COMMANDER PEARY."

Commander Peary's adherents assert that the words "northern trip entirely satisfactory" indicate clearly that the expedition had accomplished its purpose.

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Commander Peary prefaced the "inquisition" as he called it, with the statement that he had made his position in reference to the Cook controversy, in early dispatches which had been sent by wireless to the Associated Press.

"I shall pay no attention to the fake stories of any side issues," said Commander Peary, "that are put out to distract from the main question, 'Has Cook been at the pole?'"

"Do you think it possible for any man to take observations to prove that he was at the pole?" he was asked.

In the opinion of Admiral Medeville, U. S. A. Adams, Sir George Nares, R. N., and myself, we did not go to the pole, but we were able to make observations at the time we were working on my work with enough data. There is room enough and honor enough for two Americans to be at the pole."

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