

COMMANDER PEARY'S CASE AGAINST COOK

Bases it Absolutely on the Testimony of the Two Eskimo Boys, I-Took-A-Shoo and Ah-Pe-Lah—Were Subjected To Cross Examination—Declares They Laughed at Doctor's Story—Peary Produces No Other Evidence—Statement Lengthy—Signed by Peary, Bartlett, McMillan, Borup and Henson.

New York, Oct. 12.—The following statement of Commander Robert E. Peary which he submitted together with the accompanying map to the Peary Arctic Club in support of his contention that Dr. Cook did not reach the north pole is now made public for the first time. The statement and map have been copyrighted by the Peary Arctic Club.

father of I-Took-A-Shoo, a very intelligent man who was in the party of Eskimos that came back with Dr. Cook from the northern end of Nansen Strait, who is familiar as a hunter with the Jones sound region, and who has been in Commander Peary's various expeditions for some 15 years, came in and indicated the same localities and details as the two boys.

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Hotbergland (Cape Northwest) and the channel between Amund Ringnes land and Ellet Ringnes land.

STOPPED BY PEARY. This criticism and correction were accepted by the first boy who started to change the map of the island, but was stopped as Commander Peary who had given instructions that no more changes or corrections were to be made.

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PROVING PEARY'S CASE. If it is suggested that perhaps Dr. Cook got turned around, that he reached the pole or thought he did before the time of leaving the northwest coast of Hebergland at Cape Northwest, and his arrival at Ringnes Land, who killed the deer, we must then add to the file of Dr. Cook's letter of March 17, at or near Cape Thomas Hubbard, the subsequent events.

OPEN WATER ENCOUNTERED. Here for the first time during the entire journey, except as already noted at Cape Thomas Hubbard, they encountered open water. On this point the boys were clear, emphatic and unshakable.

PEARY'S SIGNED STATEMENT. Herod statement of Peary, Bartlett, McMillan, Borup and Henson in regard to the testimony of Cook's two Eskimo boys.

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MAP OF THE ARCTIC REGION AND ANNOTATIONS THEREON SUBMITTED BY COMMANDER PEARY, CONCERNING DR. COOK'S ROUTE.

Entered according to the act of Congress, in the year 1909, by the Peary Arctic Club, in the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington, D. C.

INTRODUCTION BY PEARY. Some of my reasons for saying that Dr. Cook did not go to the north pole can be understood by those who read the following statements of the two Eskimo boys who went with him, and the letters and others of my party there he did go.

Several Eskimos who started with Dr. Cook from Anorotok in February, 1905, were at Etah when I arrived there in August, 1908.

They told me that Dr. Cook had with him after they left, two Eskimo boys named I-Took-A-Shoo and Ah-Pe-Lah. The boys were I-Took-A-Shoo and Ah-Pe-Lah. I had known them since their childhood.

On my return from Cape Sheridan and the very first settlement I touched was near Cape Chelson, in August, 1908, and the day before reaching Etah, the Eskimos told me in a general way where Dr. Cook had been.

It was in the winter in Jones sound and that he had been a long way from Etah that he had been a long way from Etah that he had been a long way from Etah.

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