

Dr. Cook and His Trip to the Pole

How His New Theory For Penetrating Frozen North Won Him Immortal Fame — Millionaire Bradley His Backer.

Secrecy Surrounded Expedition So as to Thwart His Rival, Peary. He Has Been a Lifelong Adventurer.

By **FREDERICK R. TOOMBS.**
WHEN the thrilling news was flashed underneath the oceans and across the continents of the world that Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn had discovered the north pole it was notification of the greatest scientific achievement of modern times. For decade after decade daring explorers, self sacrificing scientists and steely nerved adventurers of a dozen nations have hurled themselves against the merciless ice barriers of the frozen north in attempts to discover the pole. Decade after decade the same result—failure—has been the only reward for the hardy voyagers who have made the exploits of the famed "hardy Norsemen" of old dwindle into insignificance. It is in words of death, of

purple tinged bergs was a stimulant to the nerve worn invaders of the grim silence. The dogs began to sicken. Those that dropped dead in the stiffened harness were eagerly devoured by their mates. Thus the team of huskies became self supporting. A temperature of more than 45 degrees below zero prevailed in spite of the rays of the midnight sun. The day came when but 100 miles of ice pack lay between Dr. Cook and the north pole—on, around, up, down, back and again on, circumventing the shifting barriers, outwitting the frozen seas. The ice hardened as he got to within fifty miles of the pole. The all prevailing silence and sameness were telling heavily on the tempers of the men. The Eskimos quarreled and threatened to knife one another. The trail of the hidden pole, jealous of the

across the ice fields does not meet our approval for various reasons. "The party will leave 79 north latitude in Smith's sound and from there will cross Ellesmere Land and try to reach the pole by the polar sea. This means a journey of over 600 miles, but for various reasons, which I do not care to speak about at present, I feel convinced Dr. Cook will land the pole successfully.

"Unlike the Peary expedition, Dr. Cook has taken only two sleds, each built with roofs, enabling the party to sleep in them while pushing forward. The sleds are equipped with lamp stoves and other contrivances. Two canvas boats also form a part of the outfit. These will be used in crossing leads, thereby saving valuable time and cutting short the journey. Dr. Cook once accompanied Peary on a pole hunting trip. He has spent considerable time in making preparations for the present expedition and goes with every known expedient of help."

The last word received from Dr. Cook after the yacht Bradley's departure was dated "Polar sea, March 17," and reached Annotok by special Eskimo messenger. The message sent to Rudolph Franke, one of the original party, who had returned to Annotok for supplies, was as follows:

"I'll Make Desperate Attempt."

To the present we have seen nothing of Crozier Land, and I am taking a straight course for the pole. The boys are doing well, and I have plenty of dogs. I hope to succeed. At any rate, I will make a desperate attempt.

While I expect to get back to you by the end of May, still I wish you to be ready to go to Apconie, the island off North Star, where the whalers' steamers come, by the 5th of June, and if I am not back go home with the whalers.

Gather all the blue fox skins you can. These must be our money on the return trip. If you can get a few bearskins, take them; also narwhal and walrus tusks, but do not give too much for them.

"This Awful Cold and Wind."

I have regretted many times that you are not with us, but at the moment it seemed best to send you back, and on the whole, you will be of more assistance to me at the house, to guard and care for our things, than here in the field in this awful cold and wind. I trust you are of the same opinion.

So goodbye, and now for the pole! Yours cordially, **FREDERICK A. COOK.**

Such were the last words to "the outside" of the stout hearted gambler with inexorable fate who was running 500 chances to 1 that he would lay his bones alongside those who had gone before in some darksome green led cavern 600 miles from rescue.

After nearly two years of silence, during which only one message from him was received, the relief ship Jeanie was started northward, and it was expected that the vessel would reach Etah early in this month. His plan as agreed on was to push on to the northern point of Grant Land and from there start his dash for the pole in the winter of 1908, timing himself so as to return to his headquarters at Annotok not later than September, 1909.

Dr. Cook's New Theory.

Dr. Cook intended to put a new theory into practice in the polar regions on this trip. He intended to time his advance in such a way that his trip across the ice would fall during the winter months. This seems a strange time in which to reach the pole; but, radical as laymen may consider it, pilots and explorers who have spent winters in the north believe that it might lead to success. Usually explorers have done their traveling during the summer and on the approach of winter have gone into winter quarters. This gave them a chance to recuperate during the cold weather for the hard work ahead when the moving ice had opened water to give them a chance to use boats. Dr. Cook entirely ignored the old customs. He started on a journey the exact antithesis of any heretofore undertaken.

His Career.

Dr. Cook was surgeon and ethnologist to the first Peary expedition in 1891 and 1892, commander of the expedition on the Zeta, a yacht, 1893; organizer and commander of the expedition on the Miranda, a steamship, in 1894; surgeon and anthropologist on the Belgian antarctic expedition of 1897-9 and surgeon to the Peary auxiliary expedition on the Erik, a steamship, 1901. He climbed Mount McKinley Sept. 16, 1906, after hair raising escapes from death and after severe exposure to the elements. Professor H. C. Parker of Columbia university, who was originally a member of the party, afterward disparaged Cook's feat and engaged in a bitter controversy with him, maintaining that Cook really reached the summit of the mountain in 1891.

On June 10, 1902, he married Miss Mary Fidel Hunt. He has been decorated with the Order of Leopold, Belgium; gold medal of Royal society, Belgium; silver medal, Royal George society, Belgium, and was a member of the American National and Philadelphia Geographical societies and the Kings County Medical society.

Dr. Cook is president of the Explorers' club of New York.

Stanton Races.

The Stanton race meeting is scheduled to begin Wednesday and, with fair weather, big crowds expect to attend from Norfolk and surrounding country. The race program is an unusual good one.

Pioneers of Antelope County.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 10.—Special to The News: The annual meeting and picnic of the pioneers of Antelope county was held yesterday afternoon at Riverside park. It is estimated that over 100 were in attendance, and those who had the pleasure of attending pronounce it one of the most successful meetings ever held by this

organization. The number would have been greatly increased but for the heavy rain on the evening previous and the early hours of yesterday morning.

The speaking started promptly on schedule time. Hon. A. J. Leach of Oakdale, county historian, was the first on the program and spoke at length of the early settlers, and the many hardships that were encountered in the early days of Antelope county. Mr. Leach was followed by A. A. Atkins, Allen Hopkins and Bert Curtis, who gave short talks that were of interest to those present. The principal speaker of the afternoon was C. S. Paine, secretary of the state historical society of Lincoln. His address was instructive as well as interesting, and kept the closest attention of his hearers. Upon the close of his talk the members extended him a unanimous vote of thanks for being able to be with them yesterday, and for the remarkable address he had given.

A meeting of the executive committee is called to meet at the office of William Campbell in this city on Saturday, September 18, to make arrangements for having the history of the county published.

The election of officers were as follows: President, M. A. DeCamp of Clearwater; vice presidents, Robert Marwood of Clearwater, N. Corby of Neligh, and John Malzacher of Oakdale. The office of secretary holds for three years, consequently Mr. Leach still retains the position. Treasurer, J. J. Melick, Neligh. The executive committee consists of John Hunt, Tilden; William Campbell, Neligh; Allen Hopkins, Neligh; George McGee, Clearwater, and Thomas Warner of Oakdale.

It was the sentiment of all the members present to hold the annual meeting again next year. The date and time for meeting will be decided later.

With Brilliant Support, the Star Fielder Put 'Em Over in Nifty Fashion and Cleaned Up Correctionville, 8 to 2.

Norfolk Standing.

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Norfolk won Monday afternoon's game from Correctionville, making it three straight which they took away from the Iowa team. Score, 8 to 2.

Johnston for Correctionville tied the score in the seventh inning making it 2 to 2, but in the last of the eighth Norfolk made six runs on brilliant bunting.

Buckmaster who pitched the first inning retired with a sore arm and Haak, Norfolk's star right fielder, made a hit as a ball twirler. He only allowed the visitors five short hits. Haak pitched a good game and surprised the fans with his fine whip.

The feature of the game was the bunting of Norfolk.

Norfolk goes to Stanton to play Wednesday and at Albion Thursday and Friday.

Score by innings— R. H. E. Correctionville 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—2 5 0 Norfolk..... 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 6 x—8 10 2

Batteries: Buckmaster, Haak and Spellman; Corcoran and Rice. Santos Dumont Breaks Speed Record to Win Bet of \$200.

Saint Cyr, France, Sept. 18.—Santos Dumont broke the aeroplane speed record to win a wager of \$200. With the aeroplane Demoiselle he made a flight across the country to Buc, a distance of between 8 and 9 kilometers, in 5 minutes at a speed of about 90 kilometers (55.8 miles) an hour.

Coroner's Jury in Burlington Wreck, Fixes Responsibility.

Lincoln, Sept. 14.—A coroner's jury was held over the remains of William L. Rohrer and William Griffin, the two men killed Sunday in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy wreck. The verdict rendered was that the fatalities were due to negligence on the part of the engineer and firemen of the passenger train in not following orders given to take a siding at the station at Burnham. The verdict does not distinguish between the engineer and fireman in placing the responsibility, but, according to Superintendent Bignell, Engineer Gillespie admits the blame rests entirely with himself. No arrests have been made.

West Point News.

West Point, Neb., Sept. 15.—Special to The News: Mrs. M. Gisin, aged 80, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Caroline Kioke, at West Point. The deceased was the mother of Edward Gisin, a member of the Peters Trust Co. of Omaha and of three married daughters. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the German Lutheran church, of which the deceased was a lifelong communicant.

The West Point school board has decided to enforce the compulsory attendance law at once.

The regular triennial state council for Nebraska of the Catholic Knights of America has been called to meet at Hartington on October 19. The history of the order in the state during the past three years has been marked by great activity and an increase in membership of over thirty per cent. Fourteen flourishing branches of this order now exist in Nebraska. The present officers of the council are: President, Very Rev. Joseph Ruessing, West Point; secretary, Charles Weiss, Hartington; treasurer, John H. Lindale, West Point.

Miss Elizabeth Long has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of South Omaha.

CIRCUS DAY IN NORFOLK.

Yankee Robinson Shows Was Feature of the Afternoon.

It was circus day in Norfolk. The Yankee Robinson show, carrying more monkeys than any other show, came to town for two performances. Tom Tom, the big elephant which killed his keeper at Des Moines, is a feature. He has been shot in

both eyes and is now totally blind. Charles Bartello was the man who beat the beast, with 7-foot tusks, ground to death. One elephant, "Queen," is 114 years old. There are seventeen monkeys.

The animals look clean, sleek and well kept. A Nebraska boy, H. L. Kelley of cooking, sells concert tickets and is Pierce, is a leading worker in every department of the circus. He is commissary, superintendent of all the men who played the callopie in the parade.

The Loretto twin sisters, who are but 15 years old, amused the crowd with their feats on the tripe bars, turning head over heels and ending up with double somersaults. Fred Lucere, the aerial contortionist on the Roman rings, is a feature among the acrobats. In turning on the rings he completely dislocates his shoulders and ankles.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

C. S. Hayes went to Meadow Grove. Miss Florence O'Connor went to Randolph.

Miss Anna Boehnke has returned from Lincoln.

J. C. Chamberlain went to Battle Creek today.

H. S. Thorpe went to South Dakota on business.

Carl Wilde has returned from his week's vacation.

W. P. Logan is spending a week's vacation at Wynott.

William Hahn, of Grand Island, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Peterson of Winslow is visiting friends here yesterday.

Senator F. J. Hale of Atkinson is transacting business here.

C. E. Burnham went to Chicago to attend the convention of the American Bankers association.

Miss Martha Pilger of Stanton is visiting with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. B. Roberts of Buffalo, N. Y., have located here.

John Klug returned from Ewing yesterday. He reports the crops near Ewing in excellent condition.

Harold S. Gow, of the First National bank of Gregory, is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gow.

Miss Anna Hoffman of Plainview was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Estabrook Monday night.

Mrs. Jos. Plant, Mrs. W. A. Kingsley and Mrs. V. Mitchell went to Sioux City to visit with friends and attend the fair.

Mrs. A. L. Tucker, jr., of Carroll and Mrs. H. A. Twichell of Red Oak, Ia., are guests of their sister, Mrs. N. A. Huse.

Mrs. W. H. Blakeman and son Clare returned last night from a visit in Lincoln, Alvo and Elmwood. They also attended the state fair.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Verges, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Becker, at Hadar, a son.

A new felt roof is being put on the roof of the A. Buchholz store.

J. G. M. Peyton, who has been ill at the J. C. Chamberlain home, is reported much better today.

Word has been received from the Methodist Episcopal hospital at Omaha saying the health of M. M. Gregorian is improving.

R. E. Thiem is having his meat market repainted and all the woodwork varnished. The ceiling, which is about completed, is decorated in oil fresco finish.

Irene Osbier, with Henry B. Harris' production of "The Third Degree," is a cook of rare attainments. She has recipes for some of the daintiest dishes ever served.

Fernanda Eliscu, appearing in Charles Klein's latest play, "The Third Degree," playing Annie Jeffries, is a great book faddist. She has a splendid library in her beautiful New York home.

H. A. Haley's store is being moved back from Norfolk avenue and will be turned around to face Third street. The excavation for the reconstruction of Beeler brothers' store will commence immediately.

The Tea and Talk for the benefit of the Second Congregational church, will be at the home of Mrs. Merriam Thursday afternoon, 719 South Third street. She will be assisted by Mrs. Nix. Everyone invited.

Boyd County Register: The two games of ball scheduled for the fair between Norfolk and Gregory are causing many people to make arrangements to come. They will undoubtedly be the best games seen here in a good many years.

Eugene A. Eberle, who impersonates Dr. Bernstein in Charles Klein's latest play, "The Third Degree," is a great student of psychology. Mr. Eberle has been on the stage seventy years and in that time has stored up knowledge that comes only with great experience.

C. P. Parish is having his store remodeled, and when finished will be one of the best store rooms in the city. The two partitions in the rear have been taken down, adding much more room to the place, and the stairway has also been changed, giving a new appearance to the store.



The Baking Powder Story in a nut-shell.

Adulteration
Impurity
Unhealthfulness

Cheap
Baking
Powder

High Price
Indifferent Leavening
Residue of Rochelle Salts

Trust
Baking
Powder

Most Leavening Power
Purest Ingredients
Moderate Price

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

Received Highest Award
World's Pure Food Exposition
Chicago, 1907.

make up a strong team this season.

Paul Everton, playing in "The Third Degree," Charles Klein's latest play that ran for over seven months at the Hudson theater, New York, visits every court-room he can while enroute throughout the country. He claims that it sharpens his wit and gives him a clearer insight into human emotions. Therefore, he really sympathizes with the young girl in the play who pleads with him as the celebrated lawyer, to save her husband. He thoroughly enjoys testimony in court.

Miss Fernanda Eliscu, appearing as Annie Jeffries in Henry B. Harris' production of Charles Klein's drama "The Third Degree," is a lover of the simple home life. Near New York she owns a beautiful home with all modern conveniences and improvements; has her garden, her pony and phaeton and a lot of chickens. All of which she can thank herself for. Every cent of money represented in her home was made by Miss Eliscu. She is thrifty and as a business woman is decidedly shrewd. True, occasionally she dabbles in stocks and bonds, but it must be said to her credit that she usually buys and sells with keen discretion. She never "has a try" at a new Wall street stock. The standard stocks are good enough for her. At one selling last year she made a profit of over \$19,000. However, it is not often that she makes more than a few hundred dollars on a deal.

Among the day's out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. William J. Barker, Rosebud; F. J. Hale, Atkinson, R. E. Grunstrom, Creighton; Adah Lonneker, Madison; Martin Johnson, Monowi; E. L. Wilson and wife, Naper; John Honey, Carroll; P. Mossman, Carroll; Miss S. F. Mossman, Carroll; L. Mossman, Carroll; Miss A. J. Howell, Carroll; O. Douglass, Carroll; Florence Breese, Gordon; Eva Ross, Gordon; F. J. Pratt.

One Cent Damage in Libel Suit.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 15.—Special to The News: The celebrated Williams-Scofield case was before the court all of yesterday and a jury. After the latter had been out about two hours they returned a verdict of "one cent" damage.

The court instructed the jury that there was no proof of the truth of the charges made, that the plaintiff's reputation in default of any evidence attacking it is presumed to be good, that the plaintiff was entitled to recover compensatory damages without the proof of any particular item or of any particular facts, and that in the case, the verdict must be for the plaintiff, the jury to fix the amount. The court allowed the jury to take into account in estimating the damages the fact that the charges were made during the heat of a political campaign.

The Bertrams in Court.

Neligh, Neb., Sept. 15.—Special to The News: Complaint was filed by E. G. Henry of Neligh Saturday afternoon against Henry Bertram and wife, charging assault with intent to do great bodily harm. The warrant was served by Sheriff Miller and the preliminary hearing was before Justice of the Peace John M. McAllister the same evening. The defendants were found guilty as charged, but appealed the case, which will be called Thursday. They were let out on bail by furnishing bond in the sum of \$400.

It was brought out in evidence that when Henry was getting the best of Bertram in a fistie encounter, the latter's wife secured a 2x6 and broke it over the former's head, cutting a deep gash.

Madison Planning Fair.

Madison, Neb., Sept. 15.—Special to The News: The Madison County Agricultural society's twenty-eighth annual fair and the annual north Nebraska short ship race circuit will occur at Madison September 21 to 24 inclusive. No pains and expense have been spared to make the fair and the race meet a rousing success. Unquestionably there will be the finest agricultural and fruit exhibit ever hung up at any county fair, for Madison county has the products this fall, and arrangements have been made to have them brought to the fair. Displays in all other departments have likewise been arranged on the same elaborate scale. Forty pens for hogs have already been spoken for and there will be exhibits of fine horses, cattle, hogs and poultry not excelled by any county fair in the state.

Six harness races and one running race, with \$300 purses—as much money and as large purses as ever hung up by any similar race meet or county fair—ought to insure an interesting race program. Moreover those in charge of the races mean to insist

on a full measure of speed and barn-made races will not be tolerated.

There will be baseball every day between the fastest teams in this portion of the state, and the fans will not be disappointed when these games are pulled off. The line up is as follows: Wednesday, September 22, Stanton vs. Pilger; Thursday, September 23, Norfolk vs. Newman Grove; Friday, September 24, the winners of the two preceding days. These games will be called promptly at 1:30 p. m. each day.

The grand stock parade will take place Thursday in front of the grand stand at 1:30 p. m.

In addition to the annual baby show which promises to be a star attraction for the mothers and the special corn contest, the management has engaged the Nichols and Wallace carnival companies. These attractions will consist of the high dive, high aerial work, high wire walking, revolving ladders, hand balancing, Roman rings, contortionists, hippodrome and chariot races, and an exhibition race by the guileless wonder, Tom, who was a star attraction at the state fair two years ago. These attractions are all absolutely free and will take place every afternoon on the fair grounds.

All entries must be made on or before 6 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, September 21, as the entry books will be closed at that time. Awarding of the premiums will begin at 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, September 22.

Thursday, September 23 will be Norfolk day and Newman Grove day. An excursion train will run from Columbus to Madison leaving Columbus at 8:30 in the morning, and leaving Madison in the evening at 9 p. m. This train will connect with the Northwestern train going east in the morning and the west bound train in the evening, so that all attending the fair from Lindsay, Newman Grove and west can return the same day.

The Battle Creek, Nichols, and Madison bands will furnish plenty of music to enliven the occasion from early morning until late at night.

On Thursday all school children in the county under 15 years of age will be admitted free, also the teachers having charge of these schools.

There will be plenty amusement suitable for both old and young and there will be something doing all the time.

The Union Pacific auditor has been here the last few days checking up the books of Agent Juneman preparatory to his permanent leave of absence after forty-four years of faithful service. His successor, Agent Blackman, is on the ground and will soon be fully installed.

H. O. Hoesch of Leigh has opened up a garage on Pearl street.

J. B. Donovan, game warden, returned from Silver Creek last evening where there is evidence of something doing along his line, and hurried on to Tekamah having been summoned to that quarter by persons interested in the enforcement of the game laws.

Otto Wolfe and wife returned Friday evening from a two weeks' wedding trip to Omaha, Lincoln and Murdock. They will be at home hereafter to their many friends at Mr. Wolf's residence on Madison street.

Junction News.

Mrs. Tribsees and daughter, Anna, arrived home from Omaha last evening, where they had been visiting.

Miss Tessie Long of Inman returned home last evening, after a visit at the Junction with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wood arrived home from Fremont Sunday noon.

Ray Hyde, who attends school in Lincoln, spent Sunday with his parents.

R. S. Metsker left for Casper last evening, where he has accepted the position as foreman of the round-house.

Mr. Hurd has moved his family back to Norfolk, having lived at Staples, Minn., for the last few years.

Ed Hyde dropped in unexpectedly from Dunsmore, Calif., Monday noon and surprised his parents. Mr. Hyde will remain here for at least a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Harry Foote and sister, Miss Margaret Marty, arrived home from Lincoln where they had been visiting.

Miss Margaret Potras returned to her school near Foster Sunday noon having spent Saturday at home.

Try a News want ad.

Not Improbable.

"I don't know how true it is," said the Irishman, "but they tell me that the dime museum bearded lady just died and left a wife and four children."



DR. FREDERICK ALBERT COOK OF BROOKLYN, WHO DISCOVERED NORTH POLE.

starvation, of freezing torture and blighted hopes that the story of the search for the pole has been written. And it remained for Dr. Cook in the year 1908 to achieve what had become to be considered the impossible, to accomplish what so many dauntless men had attempted, to win immortal fame by actually penetrating to the north pole.

And also he played a sensational part in a battle of giants in as pretty a story of intense rivalry between strong men as has ever been imagined by the most romantic fictionists. In short, Dr. Cook fulfilled the dearest wish of his financial backer, John R. Bradley, a wealthy New Yorker, who had registered a grim determination that Commander Robert E. Peary should not be the first man to reach the pole. Bradley, a millionaire who has hunted and climbed mountain peaks with Dr. Cook, was confident that Peary could be beaten to the pole. Who was the man to do it? That was the question. Cook? The very man, thought Bradley—the very man to back with a million dollars in cash for such a venture.

And Cook made good.

An Account of the Trip.

During the early part of Dr. Cook's trip into the unknown, where the one certainty was the shadow of death's grim specter, he met with immense herds of big game—musk oxen, bears, etc. His eleven Eskimos and 103 dogs were in prime condition as in February, 1908, from Heiberg island they began a tortuous trek over the mysterious polar sea.

Averaging from ten to fifteen miles a day of progress, week after week passed. Strictest economy in the use of provisions was practiced, of course. He discovered a large area of hitherto unknown land, seemingly many thousands of square miles in area, and reached the northernmost limit of rocky formation. From that point they stretched before him the gray expanse of the northern polar ocean, dulling to the eye, stupendous to the imagination, but treacherous as the quivering quicksands that softly and surely smother and kill.

Overpowering winds often drove the venturers into caverns or temporary ice huts. The cold was the coldest ever experienced by a white man who afterward lived. In April Dr. Cook was in latitude 85 degrees 31 minutes, longitude 86 degrees 21 minutes. No more land was to be seen. The ice pack was moving with the currents and threatened to sweep him far to the eastward. Change of direction, therefore, was frequently necessary.

On, on, on into the ghastly north plodded man and beast. No more seals nor bears nor even the minute creatures of the sea were seen. Even they had succumbed to the strangling grip of the abysmal horrors of the region.

And it was in April that the orbit of the midnight sun carried its brilliant occupant over the horizon. The glitter on the green-white pack ice and the

discovery of its long retreat, was working on the brains of its pursuers.

At this time but two Eskimos accompanied him.

On April 21 observations showed Dr. Cook that he was within a few hundred feet of the pole. A few seconds more and he stood upon it, the goal of scores of the world's bravest men, and, planting the American flag, he claimed for the United States over 30,000 square miles of territory—a 30,000 mile section of nature's scrap heap.

News Came From Copenhagen.

The first news of Dr. Cook's discovery to reach America came from the colonial office at Copenhagen, stating that with a few Eskimos, a sledging party, Dr. Cook reached the pole on April 21, 1908.

The Copenhagen authorities had obtained their information in a dispatch from Lerwick, Scotland, which also related that Dr. Cook was returning from the polar seas on the steamship Hans Egzede bound for Denmark.

Dr. Cook, who was surgeon of the first Peary arctic expedition and who is a mountain climber of wide experience, disembarked from the auxiliary schooner yacht John R. Bradley on Aug. 27 with his supplies at Etah, on Smith's sound, latitude 70 degrees north and about 750 miles from the pole. Smith's sound is at the northern extremity of Baffin bay. His idea was to winter somewhere in this general section and early in the spring cross Ellesmere Land and push onward and northward to the pole across the desolate polar sea, whence few men ever returned to tell the tale.

Provisions, clothing and ammunition sufficient for two years were taken ashore from the Bradley. The adventurer's party consisted of one other white man and about a dozen Eskimos. Mrs. Cook, the explorer's wife, accompanied him as far as Etah.