

FAVOR PEARY'S PROOF AGAINST DR. COOK

**Peary Arctic Club Officials In-
dorse Commander's Statement
Here in Gen. Hubbard's Care.**

READY FOR PUBLIC SOON

**Regard It as Absolutely Convincing—
Revolt of the Roosevelt's Crew De-
nied—Relics Taken to Museum.**

Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, President of the Peary Arctic Club, returned yesterday from his visit with Commander Robert E. Peary at Eagle Island, and went into conference at his office, 60 Wall Street, with officers of the club. The statement which Commander Peary prepared last week regarding the assertion of Dr. Frederick A. Cook that he discovered the north pole was read to the club officers by Gen. Hubbard and was approved by unanimous vote.

The club voted to have the statement sent out to the newspapers, to be released for publication early next week. It is understood that the arraignment of Dr. Cook is particularly strong, and that it convinced those of the club who heard it as finally disposing of Dr. Cook's assertion that he reached the boreal centre. In the statement Commander Peary, it is said, has embraced the positive assertions made to him by the two Eskimos who went with Dr. Cook to the effect that Cook declared to them that he proposed announcing that he had discovered the pole while he had not been far beyond land.

Asked as to the contents of Mr. Peary's statement, Gen. Hubbard said that no inkling of it would be revealed until the entire matter had been issued for publication.

"The statement will probably reach the newspapers the latter end of this week," said Gen. Hubbard, "but there will be a stipulation that no word of it may be printed until it is released, which will probably be on Monday or Tuesday of next week."

"Do you regard Commander Peary's summing up as absolutely convincing?" was asked.

"That is for the public to say," replied Gen. Hubbard with a smile.

"Will it be Commander Peary's final word on the controversy?"

Peary Sure of His Ground.

"It may not be the final word," replied Gen. Hubbard, "but it will be a rather positive word, I think."

Gen. Hubbard brought to the Peary Arctic Club its official information that Commander Peary had reached the north pole. This resolution was passed expressing thanks to the explorer and the members of his party:

Resolved, 1. That the Peary Arctic Club cordially welcomes home Commander Robert E. Peary, C. E., U. S. N., and congratulates him upon the attainment, April 6, 1909, of the north pole, crowning years of arduous arctic work, of devotion to ideals and of loyalty to country, and invites him to honor it with his company at dinner at a date convenient to him.

2. That the club tenders to the officers, scientific staff, and men of the expedition its thanks and appreciation for zealous performance of duty, which with superior discipline and excellent "team work" resulted in complete success.

The dinner to be given to Commander Peary will not be held until the controversy over the discovery of the pole has been adjusted.

Gen. Hubbard was averse to discussing Dr. Cook's claim to the polar discovery.

"It is not my place to take a part in the controversy other than I have brought back the statement of Commander Peary," he said. "I am not concerned in anything that Dr. Cook claims, and will not express any opinion. When Commander Peary's statement is issued the people will be able to decide. I do not feel called upon to try to influence public opinion in any way. I think Commander Peary's statement will stand for itself."

Gen. Hubbard consulted Herbert L. Bridgman, Secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, concerning a report printed in morning newspapers to the effect that some of the Roosevelt's crew were on the point of revolt because their wages for the last three months had not been paid.

"The fact is," said Gen. Hubbard, "that pay day had come while the crew was preparing to enter the Hudson-Fulton parade, and that the pay envelopes did not reach them on the 1st of the month. It was entirely an oversight, and has been attended to. The crew was paid off today. There was no revolt—there was no occasion for any. The crew perfectly well knew the reason for the delay. After today the crew will be free to go where it pleases. Most of the men will go to Newfoundland, where they live, and transportation has been provided them."

Doubts \$1,000 Offer to the Crew.

"It has been stated that Commander Peary offered the crew \$1,000 each if the pole was reached, and that this money has not been advanced," said a reporter.

"I know nothing of any such promise on the part of Commander Peary," replied Gen. Hubbard, "but if he did make it the money will be paid. I feel pretty sure, though, that Commander Peary did not offer any such incentive to the crew. It does not sound reasonable, for the crew had nothing to do but wait on the Roosevelt at Cape Sheridan while Mr. Peary and those of his various parties went out on their march further north."

When Gen. Hubbard was asked if he had read Dr. Cook's statement, made in Washington, on Sunday night, that he was willing to have the data bearing on his proofs to the reported discovery of the pole reviewed by American scientists simultaneously with those of the University of Denmark, he replied:

"I haven't anything to say about Dr. Cook and his proofs."

The relics of the arctic hunt by the members of the Peary party were removed yesterday from the Roosevelt and taken to the American Museum of Natural History. A wagon was used to transport the trophies, and two trips had to be made. In the collection are three sets of antlers, half a dozen skins of walrus, narwhal, and seal, one of the sledges that went to the pole, two pairs of snowshoes, a complete suit of outer garments worn by one of three Eskimos on the dash to the pole, and many small relics, such as ivory carvings made by the Eskimos. In addition to this, Commander Peary, it is expected, will later on send to the Museum a map outlining the course he took to the pole.