

Herall Thursday morning publishes ture was promtly forgotten in the a signed statement from Dr. Fred- next day's efforts. erick A. Cook, which is dated "Hans "The night of April 7 was made Egede, Lerwick, Wednesday," on his notable by the swinging of the sun at experiences in the Arctic regions.

"After a prolonged fight with burns and frost bites were now refamine and frost," says Dr. Cook, corded on the same day, but the "we have at last succe ded in reach- double day's glitter infused quite an ing the North Pole. A new highway, incentive into one's life of shivers. with an interesting strip of animated nature, has been explored and big the camp in latitude 86.36, longtitude game haunts located, which will de- 94.2. In spite of what seemed long light sportsmen and extend the Eski- marches we advanced but little over mo horizon.

"Land has been discovered on which rests the earth's northernmost troublesome pressure lines and high rochs. A triangle of 30,000 square irregular fields. A very old ice drift, miles has been cut out of the ter- too, was driving eastward with suffirestial unknown. The expedition cient force to give some anxiety. was the outcome of a summer cruise "Although still equal to about fifty in the Arctic seas on the schooner miles daily, the extended marches Bradley, which arrived at the limits and the long hours for traveling with of navigation in Smith sound late in which fortune favored us earlier were August, 1907. Here conditions were no longer possible. We were now found to launch a venture to the pole. about 200 miles from the pole and J. R. Bradley liberally supplied from sledge loads were reduced. One dog his vessel suitable provisions for lo- after another went into the stomachs cal use. 'My own equipment for of the hungry survivors until the emergencies served well for every teams were considerably diminished purpose in the Arctic.

On Feb. 19, 1908, the main expedi- main a sufficient balance for man and dogs drawing eleven heavily laden selves,

sledges. The expedition left the Greenland shore and pushed west- degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds. The ward over the troubled ice of Smith pole was in sight. We covered the of some land contiguous to it. sound. The gloom of the long night remaining fourteen seconds and made was relieved only by a few hours of a few final observations. I told do not extend as far north as the daylight. The chill of the winter was Etukishook and Ahwelsh (the accom- pole, but there may be mainland, such felt at its worst. As we crossed the panying Eskimos) that we had reach- as Greenland, which is Danish proheights of Ellesmore sound to the ed the "great nail.' Everywhere we perty, near enough for it to belong Pacific slope the temperature sank to turned was south. With a single step to that country. minus 83 centigrade.

Several dogs were frozen and the earth to the other; from midday to must be land at or near the pele then suffered severely but we soon midnight. At last the flag floated to which is disconnected from and not found the game trails along which the breeze at the pole. It was April contiguous to territories belonging to the way was easy. We forced through 21, 1908. The temperature was minus other nations in order for the United Nansen sound to Lands End. In this 38 centigrade, barometer 29.83, lati- States to assert a valid claim to sovmarch we secured 101 musk oxen, tude 90; as for the longitude it was nothing, as it was but a word. seven bears and 335 hares.

"Although crazy with joy our "We pushed out into Polar sea from the southern point of Herbert spirits began to undergo a feeling of Island on March 18. Six Eskimos weariness. Next day after taking all returnde from here. With four men our observations, a sentiment of inand 46 dogs moving supplies for 80 tense solitude penetrated us while we days, the crossing of the circum- looked at the horizon. Was it pospolar pack was begun. Three days sible that this desolate region, withlater two other Eskimos, forming the out a patch of earth, had aroused the last supporting party, neturned and ambition of so many men for so many the trials had now been reduced by centuries? There was no ground, only an immensity of dazzling white the survival of the fittest. "There before us in an unknown snow, no living being, no point to

line of 460 miles lay our goal. The break the frightful monotony. first days provided long marches and "On April 23 we started on our rewe made encouraging progress. A turn."

Marion, Special.-Deputy Sheriff the construction train would be Washington, Special. - Scientists Toronto, Special .- Fanned by where the dispensaries were voted Otis Powers, of Hendersonville, has wrecked when a long rail became crick A. Cook's credit stands so says that he reached the North Pole scon will have placed at their dishigh wind, fire Wednesday afternoon out they will remain open till the pewedged between two cars. Rome Wilhigh with Danish polar experts that there can be no doubt about it. His left Marion with Lewis Hyder, faposal for use the highest meteoroloriod allowed for closing out the swept the west wing of the parliason, foreman of construction work on the first message announcing his suc- scientific discoveries will prove that." gical and astronomical observatory on mous jail-breaker, for Raleigh, where the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio ment buildings in Queens Park, tostock. the American continent. It is situcess in reaching the North Pole, A committee under the presidency The international cap of aviation. Hyder will be confined in the departtally destroying the library with its Railroad, and Joe Henderson, a neated on the top of Mount Whitney, known also as the Gordon Bennet ment for the dangerous insane. Hymeagre as it was, was accepted as of the minister of commerce has collection of 100,000 books and dogro laborer, jumped as the train was California, 14,000 feet above the sea trophy, was won Saturday at Reims. been formed to arrange a fitting renearing Pacolet river Wednesday afing damage which is conservatively der was captured here by Deputy level. Realizing the value for effecconclusive. Commodore Hovgard said France by Glenn H. Curtiss, the ternoon and were ground to pieces ception to the intropid explorer on his estimated at \$200,000. American aviator, in the fastest Sheriff Harris, near North Cove, and tive and progressive astronomical Thursday: "I believe the message is arrival at Copenhagen. Dr. Maurice beneath the heavily loaded cars. Their The blaze started on the first floor aerial journey of 20 kilometres brought to Marion and landed in jail. and meteorclogical work of an obserbodies were mutilated beyond recogtrue because Dr. Cock is most trust- F. Egan, the American minister, was of the west wing and made its way vatory far above the clouds and free (12.42 miles) ever accomplished by worth, and opposed to all exaggera- aboard a special steamer that was Sheriff Washburn "immediately comnition. The accident occurred on the rapidly to the roof, where the flames man. His time, 15 minutes 50 3from the dust and smoke near great sent out by the Royal Georgraphical extension of the work, which is being "mushroomed" and threatened for municated with the Henderson countions." cities, the Smithonian Institute deseconds was only 53-5 seconds faster C. A. Danichon, an official of the Society Friday to meet Dr. Cook, who a time to destroy the housekceper's pushed through to Spartanburg, S. ty authorities and they sent an ofcided to build a suitable laboratory Greenland administration depart-incut, who is well acquainted with him Hans Egede. than that made by Eleriot over the quarters in the northwestern corner C., and is the first fatal mishap the on Mount Whitney. ficer here for the man. new railroad has had. same course. and the executive chamber. The cave-in of an old mine did THREE DEAD AS RESULT OF AUTO CLASH WITH TRAIN Law No Respecter of Persons. great damage to two blocks of the Genuine Case of Pellagra at Gastonia. Trying to Catch the Villains. Work on a New Railroad. Reading, Pa., Special.—An automo-bile in which were riding William L. and Mrs. Schlegel were dead when firmuland bile in which were riding William L. city of Scranton, Pa., last Sunday. Newcastle, Pa., Special.-Over Gastonia, Special .-- A genuine case Asheville, Special .- Shanties have The surface sank from 2 to 8 feet. of pellagra was discovered in Gashundred men, all members of State, Graul and wife, of Temple, Pa., and able to move, both legs having been ier of the Citizens' Bank, of McRae, Many houses were injured and a few been built along the route, and before Dr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Schlegel, of this city, was struck by a Pennsyl-vania Railroad train at Douglasville near here Wednesday afternoon and all bat Dr. Schlegel, of the collision of the automobile, the wreckage took fire. The clothing of the ment of more than \$15,000 of the wreckage took fire. The clothing of the ment of more than \$15,000 of the bank's funds, Gov. Joe Brown overtonia Tuesday, the victim being Mrs. railway or private criminal-catching ruined. The loss is set at \$300,000 the end of the week work will begin organizations are here trying to dis-Thomas Smith, who lives at the Lo-The Spaniards last week set land cover the person or persons who early on the Smoky Mountain Railroad, ray Mills. She has been ill about mines for the Moores and blew up three weeks. Her condition is serious Saturday pulled spikes from a sixty-100 While engineers were placing which will extend fourteen miles up foot rail on the Baltimore & Ohio more mines in the night the Moores but not critical. Dr. H. M. Eddle-Hazel Creek through one of the finest all but Dr. Schlegel were killed. The the victims was ignited and had the man, the physician in attendance, has railroad, ditching the Royal Blue flyer train was running at high speed when bodies not been removed promptly State prison commission and made it attacked and killed 50 engineers. timber tracts in this region. The one other case in the county under plain that family prominence and inen route from New York to Chicago, The Mahdist rebels in Arabia blew the collision occurred and the ma- they would have been burned. Dr. killing two persons and injuring road is being built by the Ritter Lumtreatment, this one being at Mountain chine was thrown some distance down Schlegel was conscious and gave the fluential friends will avail naught in up the Turkish barracks and wound-Island. This is Gastonia's first case. seventeen others. ed 240 men. seeking pardons of him. ber Company. an embankment. Mr. and Mrs. Graul names of his companions.

over big distances. Incidents and who was sent as a special representa-The Paris edition of The New York positions were recorded, but adventive of the Danish government to welcome Dr. Cook. As the vessels ap-

proached each other, Captain Amdrup led the cheers for the American explorer. midnight over the northern ice. Sun-

Will America Claim the Pole. Washington, Special .- The question on many tongues in Washington since the announcement of the dis-"Our observation April 6 placed covery of the north pole, by Dr. Cook, an American, has been "Will the United States claim the north pole by right of discovery." a hundred miles. Much of our work

was lost in circuitous twists, around

ever state that when Dr. Cook returns to this country and establishes the fact that he has discovered the pole, and describes the nature of the place, the United States will undoubtedly claim the pole as a possession. termined before this can be done, for it must be established that there is land at the pole separate and disin number, but there seemed to re-

tinct from other land contiguous to it. If it is proven that the pole is tion embarked on its voyage to the brute to push along into the heart of pole. It consisted of 11 men and 103 the fnystery to which we had set our- on a continent or island, the United

States can, by right of discovery, claim possession. But it may turn "On April 21 we had reached 89 out to be but a part of Greenland or The boundaries of British America

we could pass from one side of the It is understood here that there ereignity.

A vast ice field may create a doubt as to the existence of such land, and if this ice field overlies a part of the Artic Ocean, the region would doubtless be classed with the high seas and thus be international rather than national property.

The State Department refuses to

answer the question, claiming that it

has no official report of the discovery

and therefore cannot discuss the sub-

ject. Those who are informed, how-

There is much, however, to be de-

So many unknown quantities enter into the case that the question of sovereignty cannot be settled unless Dr. Cook, when he returns, can give definite and detailed information concerning the region. Inasmuch as the frozen area is apparently of no value commercially, it is not considered likely that serious international complications will arise.

Library Burns.

pleteness of the record the scientific world."

The entire population of the city seemed to be at the pier with thousands who journeyed from all over Europe. For 15 minutes the crowd cheered wildly.

Dr. Cook was overcome "by emotions; tears welled in his eyes. "I never expected such a demonstration," he said. "It seems too much for what I have done."

King Frederick asked for a call from him. To the reply that he had no clothing suitable for the Kings presence the King asked him to call in his hunting garb which he did. The banquet Saturday evening was held in the magnificent municipal building. Four hundred persons, many of them ladies, attended.

President Taft congratulated Dr. Cook most fittingly in a cablegram. A Copenhagan dispatch of Sunday says Dr. Frederick A. Cook dined Saturday evening with King Frederick at the summer palace a few miles outside of Copenhagen.

The King invited him to meet him only after having the government make the closest possible investigation into the merits of his story. All the Danish explorers were asked to give their opinions of Dr. Cook's claims before the audience was granted and their verdict was unanimously in his favor.

The dinner was entirely the result of the King's personal opinion regarding the explorer, who had the seat on the King's right, an honor which Darrs cannot remember having been accorded another private person. In answering the many questions

put to him he said: "You ask my impression on reach-

ing the Pole. Let me confess I was disappointed. Man is a child dreaming of prodigies. I had reached the Pole and now at a moment when I should have been thrilled with pride and joy I was invaded with a sudden fear of the dangers and sufferings of the return.

On approaching the Pole he said the icy plain took on animated motion as if rotating on an invisible pivot.

"A great fissure then opened up behind," he added, "and it seemed as if we were isolated from the world. My two Eskimos threw themselves at my feet and bursting into tears, refused to continue either one way or another, so paralyzed were they with fear. Nevertheless I calmed them and we resured our journey.

## Lofty Observatory on Mount Whitney

ties in dispute. In the counties Copenhagen, By Calle .- Dr. Fred- | in Greenland, said: "When Dr. Cook

will satisfy | New Orleans the last day of August, lacking only a few months of 100 of the Children's Home, of the Westyears old.

The President of France and Mme. Fallieres entertained Mrs. Roosevelt and daughter Miss Ethel, last Tuesday.

A Reading, Pa., dispatch says the present drought is the worst for 50 vears. St: Michael's Home for Children

in New York, was partially destroyed by fire Tuesday and seven children under five years old perished in the flames. Disciples of the "Unknown Ton-

gue" are disappointed at the existence of Tampa, Florida, which according to their prophet, was to have been wiped off the face of the earth on September 1st.

William Mitchell, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Thomasville, Ga., committed the great criminal folly of assault on a pure woman. He did not succeed and his punishment was fixed at one year's service on the chain gang. All efforts for commutation of sentence to service on peni-Gov. Brown. He must undergo the penalty.

The Nashville, Tenn., police are worried over many cases of "drunk" from which there is no odor. They can't find out "Howcome you so." Ten deaths from cholera have occurred recently in Rotterdam. There are 17 cases and 74 suspects. Two masked men robbed the Mills County German Bank of \$1,500 at Mineola, Iowa, Wednesday in open

day. The steamer Lucania of the Cunard line, which was burned and sunk near Liverpool last week, will probably not be repaired at all.

Mrs. Sutton has obtained permission to have the remains of her son Lieut. James Sutton, exhumed but she abhors the presence of the officers that she thinks are responsible for her sons death.

Seven deaths from cholera are renew cases within 24 hours.

Count Zeppelin made a successful sail in his airship Sunday from Frederichshafen to Berlin. He was enthusiastically applauded.

The total number of victims of the explosion at Boca Chica, near Key West, Fla., was 20, 10 dead and 10 injured. All the injured are in a fair way to recovery except James Gallegher, whose condition is serious. His back is broken and his ribs and chest terribly crushed.

Dispensaries are again open in

Winston-Salem, Special.-Directors ern North Carolina Conference Methodist Episcopal church, after an executive session here Wednesday at which all members save two were present, visited the temporary home

of the new orphanage, just west of the city, and after an inspection had lunch there served by the Methodist ladies of this city. The directors are highly pleased with the progress of the work, the old Davis School site

having been beautified remarkably, and sufficient buildings for seventyfive children to be cared for having already been provided.

Bullfrog Makes Meal of Chicken. Winston-Salem, Special.-A large

bullfrog, a chicken destroyer, was caught in the act of swallowing a 'biddy," one of a brood belonging to Mr. E. L. Weir, a farmer living near this city. This may shed some light on mysterious disappearances of young chickens which poultry raisers suffer from. Mr. Weir had set traps in vain for the destroyer, not dreamtentiary farm have been rejected by ing of a frog being the guilty one, but Monday he caught his frogship swallowing a young fowl alive. Mr.

Weir enjoyed the fat hind lags of the frog for breakfast.

## Southern Railway Shops on 9-Hour Basis.

Spencer, Special .- Effective at once the employes of the Southern Railway shops at Spencer have been placed on nine-hour working basis instead of eight hours per day. The increase affects all departments and it is understood applies to all shops on the Southern Railway system, affecting about eight thousand men.

Work Begins on the Southbound at Wadesboro.

Wadesboro, Special .- Work commenced on the building of the Winston-Salem Southbound here Thursday. Contractor J. J. Bennett with his force started at the point where ported from St. Petersburg and 33; the new line joins the Atlantic Coast Line.

## Killed by a Falling Pole.

· Greenville, S. C., Special.-Luther Fisher a wokman in the employ of the Southern Power Company, was struck by a falling pole and instantly killed Saturday afternoon in an accident. which occurred about 2 miles from Greer. R. S. Higgins, a fellow workman, had his collar bone broken in the same accident. Fisher is from Sanford, N. C.

Hyder Back to Prison.

New Interurban Railway Stirs Weaverville People to Greater Endeavor.

Asheville, Special.-The completion of the new interurban railway from Asheville to Weaverville and the bright prospects for pushing the road on through north Buncombe, portions of Madison and Yancey counties and into Tennessee for a connection with the C., C. & O., has greatly aroused the people of the Weaverville section and north Buncombe and sharp developments are planned and already in progress. It was stated by a gentleman well-informed that plans have been adopted for a new inn at Weaverville to cost \$15,000; an inn to be patterend somewhat after the Manor here. It is understood that Weaverville citizens are interested to the extent of \$4,-000, and that Mr. Coburn, of Bryson City, and others are also interested. It is expected that work will commence on the structure shortly.

Ex-Gov. Glenn Home For Few Days.

Winston-Salem, Special .- Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, after an extended lecture trip through the West, going as far as Chicago, is at home again, but only for a few days. The ex-Governor is looking well and says he feels the same way about it. While away on this trip he delivered 53 lectures and addresses, and at every appointment he was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. "I visited many magnificent sections of the country and the crops out West are the largest and most promising I have ever seen," said the ex-Governor, who added, that generous hospitality greeted him everywhere he went. In all of his speeches he took oceasion to tell the people about the grand old North State, her growth and prosperity and always extended an invitation for his hearers to come down this way and see for themselves. "While the West is a splendid section and her people are mighty good folks, I have yet to find the equal of the old North State and her Tar Heels," continued the ex-Governor,

Farmer Killed by Lightning. Blacksburg, Special .- On Sunday afternoon one George Royston was killed by lightning while sitting under the shade of a walnut tree in the yard talking to his brother-in-law, The accident occurred near Grover, Mr. Royston was about forty years old and leaves a wife and a large family. He lives near Shelby, N. C. and was a very much respected farmer.

Two Ground Under Cars.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION IS PLANNED FOR DR. COOK South Carolina except several coun-Charlotte, Special .- Fearing that Nearly Ready For Use.