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# **ENGLISH PREMIER** TRAITOR TO PARTY **AND** HIS COUNTRY

Poet Watson Declareshe Came to This Country For Purpose of Exposing Him

ASQUITH'S WIFE TOOK

Was so Powerful That he Was Socially Ostracised on Account of Slanders

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- The reason of the visit of William Watson, English poet, author of "The Woman with the Serpent's Tongue," was reealed last night by Mr. Watson when he said that he considered it one of his greatest missions in life to show to the whole world that the British premier, his wife and his daughter vere traitors not only to their friends and to the liberal party, from which Asquith has received so many honors, but to their country as well.

and Miss Asquith were referred to in namely-Dr. Cook has sent his his poem because he was unable to get the facts before the British public in any English publication. Incidentlibel laws.

"I am not worried," said he, "be cause of all this talk about 'violation or the laws of hospitality.' My object in causing all this discussion was to show the whole world that the Asquiths ought to be shorn of all their

Untrue to Party and Friends. Let me give you a short history of the case:

"Herbert Asquith has never been true to the liberal party. He has never been true to his friends either, if he could gain an end by treachery when that end would not be obtained he remained loyal. The same thing was true in his relation to his political associates and, worst of all. it was true in his relation to his coun-

When Chamberlain entered on hi imperialistic policy there were men of rominence, among them the princi-al literary men of England, who pal literary men knew that England was doing wrong and that British intereference South African affairs was simply the desire of Cecil Rhodes and solely for his aggrandizement. True lovers of old England knew this and did ent? not want to see the country enter or

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WESTERN UNION AND AN

and State of New York

will Look Into Merger.

CLOWRY HOLDS ON

as F. Clark, John B. Van Every, Wil-liam L. Bull and Alvin Keech.

of the American Telephone and Tele-graph company; Henry S. Howe, John

Waterbury, Robert Winsor, Henry P. Davidson, William H. Moore, Rob-

Union N. Bethull and Henry D. Pa-

dent and general manager who is ats-

company, the Bell interests, and Rob-ert C. Clowry, president of the West-

ern Union Telegraph company, have been subpoensed to appear before the

now going on in New York Mr. Vail
will testify tomorrow and Colone!

Clowry will be called later.

This will be the first investigation

into the recent billion dollar merger,

a member of the board.

purchase of Gould stock.

the Moore interests.

**GOULDS RETIRE FROM** 

### STRIP EVERY RAG OF VERACITY FROM DR. COOK'S STORY

Navigator Swears he Prepared Data For Explorer Showing Observations as They Should be at Pole. Lawyer Withdraws Services.

NEW YORK, Dec., 9,-Dr. Freder-1 ick A. Cook's personal lawyer Henry fused tonight to confirm or deny his self," withdrawal, but it can be affirmed on Wack wrote Dr. Cook so long ago as with a client who did not keep his to seek legal advice elsewhere. "I haven't the remotest idea" said Mr. Wack tonight, "where Dr. Cook is keeping himself or why he persists in acclusion when his presence is vital to his own interests and his friends. Personally, I incline to the bellef he

Prepared His Data. "One thing, however, is certain-

there is agreement tonight for the first time among those who have always believed that Dr. Cook discovered the North Pole, those who have never believed, and those who have him since Tuesday, November 23. waited to be informed on disinteresords to the University of Copenhagen for the inspection of a commission Two men, one a broker, who says he ally, he was afraid of the British acted as go-bet seen, and one a skilled navigator-have sworn that they supplied the doctor with a complete set of fabricated observations, covering his trip northward step by step to the pole, in agreement with his narrative as universally published. The sworn statements carried within themselves their own proof or disproof

Used Them for Check. "That is to gay, if the papers now n the hands of the University of Copenhagen contain any considerable portion of the boreal observations which Captain August Loose says he worked out by the reverse route. no farther north than the Gramatan Inn, in Bronxville, N. Y., the deduction is that Dr. Cook felt no confidence in the adaquacy of his own

"If, on the contrary, the Copenhagen records show that Dr. Cook made no evident use of the calculations Captain Loose says he supplied, it his own motives this afternoon. would be fair to assume that he accepted them only as checks on his own data. The inquiry will then revert to its first status. Are the origobservations of Dr. Cook suffici-

Asked flatly if he had or had not withdrawn from Dr. Cook's affairs, Mr. Wack said:

"This is not the time for an an- SPENT THOUSANDS IN nouncement. It might be thought I had deserted Dr. Cook in his need UP ARMS AGAINST HIM Wellington Wack, has severed rela- He may be delirious in a sanitarium tions with his client. Mr. Wack re- or on the ocean unable to defend him-

> A close friend of Mr. Wack reiter- Plaintiff Relates Long List of ompetent authority, that after a ated however that Mr. Wack had onsultation with his partners, Mr. long ago decided to close dealings November 30 that he must beg him counsel informed of his intentions or movements.

> > To this phase of the situation, My, Wack made this contribution;

"Dr. Cook." he said. "has disappeared of his own volition and not Tuesday, November 23, I had seen him personally two days before. Last Cook's friend, now is and that he hadn't heard from

"My urgent lettes to the doctor It was necessary for Mr. Watson, allike now concede certain cardinal they demanded a reply from any man allike now concede certain cardinal they demanded a reply from any man facts which admit of no argument, solicitous for his own affairs."

Heard From Mrs. Cook.

Mr. Wack, however, did receive letter from Mrs. Cook on December 6, dated December 4 and posted December 5 in Brooklyn, asking him to discontinue all expenses on the doctor's account and to forward certain papers which Mr. Wack understood to affidavits bearing on the doctor's disputed ascent of Mount McKinley. inally intended to take with him to Europe, where they could be available for the University of Copenhagen, if desired

rooms adjoining his at the Gramatan Inn. Whether this prompt inquiry ation merely or for collusion is a becoming language. Loose cared to pronounce positively. The captain however, went freely into

said "I went to Dr. Cook" he thinking I could help him. A short talk convinced me he was ignorant of some of the essentials of navigation. My task enlarged, but that was no question for me to debute so long as I was paid. Now that the pay-

### (Continued on page four.) DISASTROUS FIRE

Bell Interests Take Control Senator Burton Reminds Delegates of Hundred Millions Already Spent

EXCHANGE VIEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- A large part of the Gould interests in the Western perionce meeting in which more than Union Telegraph company retired at a dozen delegates to the convention a meeting of the board of directors of the National Rivers and Harbors and was succeded by men represent- congress told what they thought ing the American Telephone and Tel- about the policy of improving the egraph company, the Harriman and waterways of the United States and the methods that should be pursued The dividend of three per cent per in bringing about the end desired by annum was not changed, a quarterly them all, characterized the meeting dividend of 3-4 of 1 per cent being of that organization today.

One of the strongest pleas for na-tional improvement of the flowing The following directors offered their resignations and they were achighways of the nation was made by Secretary Nagel of the department of Frank J. Gould, Howard Gould Kingdon Gould, John T. Terry, C Sidney Shepard, G. W. Atkins, Thomommerce and labor, who declared that the very nature of interstate navigation made the national govern-ment responsible for providing suita-These men were succeeded on the board by Theodore N. Vail, president

Representative J. Hampton Moore president of the Atlantic Deeper Wa terways convention, stirred up an un usual degree of enthusiasin. ert S. Lovett, representing the Har-riman interests; Edward J. H.di. stripped by the middle and far west in transportation facilities which dur ing the car shortage of 1906 and

avoiding taking issue with those who advocated a bond issue, reminded Theodore N. Vall. president of the American Telephone and Telegraph for them to remember. He admonished them not to allow any sectionalism to enter to their efforts for water way improvement. He defended con legislative inquiry into the telegraph and telephone system of this state. ment, saying that in fourteen years, eleven of which he was chairman of the rivers and harbors committee of the house, congress had appropriated \$30,000,000 for that purpose, which whereby the Bell interests obtained was more than had ever been decontrol of the Western Union by the voted to a similar purpose in an equal amount of time by any nation.

# BROKAW WIRED HIS WIFE NOT TO KISS DOCTOR ANY MORE

Hearing of Divorce Suit Brings Out Ridiculous Tragedy of Honeymoon

SENDING MESSAGES

Grievances And insult Suffered by Her

NEW YORK, Dec. 9 .- W. Gould Brokaw's telegraphic admonishment | • + by the suasion of his friends. I last to his wife to be careful whom she heard from him by telephone on kissed, crimsoned her cheeks and brought tears to her eyes today as it was read in the Supreme court at Mi-Wake, confessed to me that he hadn't neola, L. I. Yet the telegram introduc-the faintest idea where the sloctor ed by her counsel with others in an attempt to show that the young millionaire is insanely jealous and unreasonable, as justifying the separa-tion for which Mrs. Brokaw is suing.

with \$60,000 a year allmony.

The telegram was from Brokaw at High Point, N. C. to his wife at their place at Great Nock L. I., and read as follows

"Yu know what I told you about kissing the doctor. When he attempts o kiss you again, tell him what you have promised your husband. You know if he kisses you I should not want to kiss you again."

Doctor's Name Not Read.

Mrs. Brokaw hung her head as the ssage was read, and blushed furiously By agreement the name of the doctor was not read in court.

Mrs. Brokaw had previously told of buncheon at the Hotel St. Regis, at Others of Dr. Cook's friends grant- which a Dr. Chapman was a guest tonight that Captain Loose con- and which her husband, she testified, sulted freely with him and occupied had interrupted and made a scene accusing her of wanting to elope with with the doctor. The doctor on that occasion, she mid had threatened to served as an opportunity for co-oper- have Brokaw arrested for using un-

point on which not even Captain Incidents of through France, as related by the plaintiff, otherwise enlivened today's proceedings. Smashing doors to get in her room, excessive drinking and a cheerful invitation of his to "come and look at a new gun and some eartridges I have for you" were only few of the alleged occurrences she stified that made her life miserable Used Wire Freely.

Telegrams and letters between hus band and wife, as introduced by Mrs Brokaw's counsel, occupied a prominent part of today's session. The entire bundle as exhibited represented about \$10,000 in telegraph tolls, it was estimated The defendant's lawver volunteers the explanation that night destroyed the Garmor Hunt to thirty messages a day, and that



WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Forecast: North Carolina Fair continued colder Friday; Saturds, fair, not so cold in was completely destroyed and several west portion, built to moderate north pasenger coaches which were there to northeast words. for repairs shared its fate.

### 'SHOOTAMERICANS' IS ZELAYA'S ORDER TO HIS GENERALS

Would Give no Quarter to Hated Gringoes Serving With Rebel Army. Decisive Battle at Rama is Imminent.

LONDON, Dec. 9 - The United States government has demanded formally the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua received here today. sage adds that this information was communicated Zelaya himself, who said that his resignation from the presidency would take effect likely

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9 .- A despatch from Panama to The Picayune

at the end of December.

"Death to Americans," is the orde ssued to the Nicaraguan government's rmy by President Zelaya. Positive inhat more than a month ago Zelaya saued instructions to his military ommanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of the revolutionists. Some of Zelaya's miliary officers protested against this order and warned him that trouble ith the United States would result. "To hell with the gringoes," Zelaya

eplied. "Shoot every one you can The bunboat Vicksburg, which has een stationed at Corinto ever since

the Nicaraguan trouble assumed an acute stage has been reinforced and there are now four American warships in the Corinto harbor. The Vicksburg needs coal and now that reinforcements have reached Corinto she probably will come to Panama to replenish her fuel supplies.

BATTLE IMMINENT.

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, via New Orleans, Dec. 9 .- With the expected battle at Rama between the forces of General Estrada and of President Zelays under command of General Oseja, imminent, Estrada's position at Rama is now considered impresmable. Meanwhile he has sent detachments into the mountains west of Rama which have repeatedly met the govrnment troops in small skirmishes. Always the provisionals retreated toward Rams, laying waste the country as they retired and leaving Oseja nothing with which to feed his men. It was not Estrada'e policy to contest the roads to Rama, but to bring on a general engagement at that point. With Managua 150 miles away and the country between a

aged thirteen, a new recruit to their

BIG FIRE AT COLUMBIA.

sult of Buice's injuries.

+ + + + • waste, he calculated that Oseja would PRESIDENT DOWD be compelled to risk an attack or to

His plans seem to have worked well beja's forces, half starved, footsore and sick from the terrible tramp over the mountains, are converging in front of Rama. Estrada, confident, ssured, awaits the attack behind his fortifications. At Bluefields, 1,000 reinforcements await his call, the trip by the Rama river requiring but seven hours

Whether Omeia has been strength ened by men from Managua is not known definitely. Spies have brought word to the opposing army that Zelays is afraid to risk more men, fearing that they will desert to Estrada has soldiers and equipment abundance at Managua, but it is said that he does not trust his generals. Oseia, it is said, is an exception. His men, as a reward of victory, have been promised all the loot that they can collect in two days at Rama.

DENOUNCE UNITED STATES.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9 .- Fifty members of the various colonies of the Central American republic here met tonight at a private residence, and at a late hour adopted resolutions denouncing President Taft, Sec-United States towards Nicaragua.

Before adjourning a regular organiantion was formed with the following officers: Samuel Valenzuela, president; Col. Francisco Orba, Quatemalan minister to Mexico, vice president; Francisco H. Valle, secre-

The resolutions stated that "in effect Secretary Knox violated the first principle of international rights in his note to Charge Rodriguez" and that "later Mr. Taft, in his message to congress, did the same."

The resolutions declare further that the government of the United States, taking as a pretext the shooting of two Americans, has menaced Nicaragua by sending troops to that coun-

try, and adds:
"The intervention of the United States of America in Mearagua for the above cause, attacked not only the country against which they were pro ceeding, but menaced the whole of America, since, by this means, a precedent was being established whereby no country on this continent would have the right to punish any North American criminal unless it was prepared to have the United States deal summarily with it on the ground that American interests had

## MASS MEETING IN THE INTEREST OF HOME MISSIONS

Third Day of Baptist State Convention Marked by Great Enthusiasm

NAMES COMMITTEES

Mr. J.H. Tucker Told of Possibilities of Laymens' Movement

WADESBORO, N. C., Dec. 9 .- The third day's session of the Baptist state convention reached high water mark tonight with a great mass meeting in the interest of home missions Rev. W. N. Johnson of Wake Porest read the report and opened the dis-cussion. He was followed by Rev. Dr. V. I. Masters of Atlanta. Rev. Dr. B. D. Gray of Atlanta, corresponding secretary of the home board followed Dr. Masters. It was a great speech. The great audience was electrified as the speaker, eloquent, witry, happy, lead from serious contemplasion field to joyous laughter provoked by the rich humor of illustration aptly chosen. It was a fitting climate

of a great day.
The entire morning was given to the consideration of state missions and Rev. C. L. Greaves and Jecretary L. Johnson delivered magnificent addresses. In the afternoon the Thomasville orphanage was brought to the attention of the convention. Rev. Ja W. Lynch delivered the address. Ful-lowing Dr. Lynch the laymen's move-ment was discussed and J. H. Tucker of Asheville captured the convention, as he told of the possibilities of the movement.

Committees Appointed.

President Dowd appointed the following committees:

To nominate board of missions and
Sunday schools: Braxion Craig, J. W.

Bailey, L. W. Thomas, J. W. Suttle, J. C. Watkins, W. H. Reddish, J. Q.

Adams.

Pluce and preachurs for next session: H. C. Dockery, J. H. Tucker, F. B. Hobgood, J. M. Stoner, J. R. Ray, L. R. Pruett, J. C. Scarborough, R. G. Kendrick, J. G. Benfield,

Obituaries: W. B. Morton, W. C. Perral, C. T. Tew, Henry Sheets, J. F. Womble, S. F. Conrad, T. C. Honey-

utt, R. D. Carroll. Orphanage: J. W. Lynch, E. A. Covington, J. R. Sams, A. C. Irvin, O.

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#### been attacked." USES HIS KNIFE ON INITIATORS. LAKE FREIGHTER WITH

#### 5 OF HER CREW GOES TO several telegraph messenger boys gathered around Ralph Henderson

BOTTOM IN WINTRY GALE ranks, in front of the Atlanta Terminal station late today, preparatory to "initiating" him, he turned on them with an open knife. Ralph Bulce, aged fifteen, was stabbed by Fourteen of Crew Rescued Charged with Malicious Asyoung Henderson through the left by Steamer Which is also lung, probably fatally. Henderson is held in the city jail pending the rein Danger

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 9.—Fire in the car shops of the Southern rail-road here today caused damage amounting to \$25,000. The building HER CARGO SHIFTED

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9 .- In the wintry gale that has swept Lake Erie for twenty-four hours, the big freighter. W. C. Richardson of Cleveland, bound from Duluth to Buffalo, with a cargo of flux seed, foundered early on a charge of malicious assault.

Judge Williams was indicted some today when she was within half a mile of the harbor entrance. Tive of the crew perished. The remainder, numbering fourteen, were rescued by the erew of the propellor William A. Paine, which had anchored on the Waverly shouls. Tonight the Paine is still riding at anchor in the heavy

The only communication established with the Paine today was by Cap tidn Ferrell on the tug Mason. Cirthat chief engineer S. E. Mayberry, second mate E. J. Clary and three deck hands or firemen had lost their

The cause of the wreck can only be surmised, but it is believed that while Captain Burke was trying to swing his boat around at anchor to ride out the storm, the cargo shifted, causing the steamer to list so badly that she was swamped. Her prow and one funnel show above water. The insurance on the Richardson, amounting to \$250,000 expired at noon to morrow. The cargo, valued at \$400,000 was fully insured.

SHOOTING IN DANVILLE

DANVILLE, Va., Dec., 9.-Law rence Clark, aged about sixty years, a farmer and contractor of this coun-

# GENERAL IS WANTED IN W.VA. ON INDIGTMENT

sault on Account Occurence in Court Room

REQUISITION OUT

CHARLESTON, W. V., Dec. 9 .-Governor Glassock today issued a requisition on the governor of Virginia for the return to Welch, W. Va., of Samuel Williams, attorney generalelect of Virginia, for trial at Weich

weeks ago by the grand jury of Mc-Dowell county as a result of a personal difficulty in a court room in which Judge Joseph M. Sanders, former justice of the state Supreme court was Judge Williams in resentment of a reseas and the rescued men are all on board. She will be unable to enter the harbor until the storm abates.

mark made by Judge Sanders. Williams at the time the indictment was the democratic nominee the harbor until the storm abates. for attorney general of Virginia and was elected to that office on Novem-

ber 2. It was stated about that time that he would appear for trial at Welch, but since then it has been said he would not voluntarily return there in as much as he objected to the fact that negroes had on some occasions been allowed to serve on juries in Mc-Dowell county.

Governor Glasscock has had the application for the requisition under consideration for several days.

#### WILL NOT ABANDON SOUTHERN YARDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Secretary of the Navy Meyer is not in favor of abandoning any of the Southern navy yards at least until after the completion of the Panama canal.

The secretary's views on this sub-

ject were made known today to a ty, was shot and probably fatally delegation of prominent business men wounded this afternoon by Joseph T. of New Orleans who called upon him Caldwell, a merchant. The shooting and protested against the abolishment collowed a difficulty at the store of of the navy yard there. When urged Caldwell, about eight miles from here to give New Orienns is greater share. Bad blood has been existing between the men for some time. Clark was brought to the hospital here to-

### PROPOSED BOND ISSUE FOR WATERWAYS STIRS UP LITTLE ENTHUSIASM INVESTIGATION BEGINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 -An ex-

ble water courses for carrying on

George J. Gould, chairman of the board and until recently one of the largest stockohlders, did not retire Neither did Robert C. Clowry, presiawaken to the need of the inland

### IN PULASKI, VA. ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 9.-Fire to

building at Pulaski, Va. The lower floors of the building were occupied by stores while the opera house and a number of offices were on the second floor. The loss is \$50,000 with insuance less than half that amount. Roanoke was called on for aid and sent a special train with fire fighting apparatus but the fire was under control before the train arrived.

BLACKBURN RESIGNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The resignation of former Senator J. C. S. Blackburn of Kentucky as a member of the isthmian canal commission has been accepted by President Talt, effective December 4. This announcement was made at the war department to-

Hold Cartoon To Light.



A Message For The Entire Family.