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COOK INSANE IS EXCUSE FRIENDS GIVE

Mind Gave Way Undes Rigors of the Arctic Cold they Say.

MRS. COOK GONE

Today the Discredited Explorer is in Hiding and Offering No Defense—Is a Man Rejected of His Native Land and Deprived of His Friends Who Flocked to Him in the First Hours of His False Success—The "Most Monumental Fake of His History," His Achievement is Called—Mrs. Cook Disappears.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 22.—That Dr. Frederiek A. Cook, who today is a man without a country is mentally unbalanced, is the explanation some of his few remaining friends are making of the colossal hoax of which he made all civilization his victim. Seeking a charitable explanation for his perpetration of what is branded "the most monumental fake of his history," they declare that his mind must have given away under the rigors of the Arctic cold, and that the hardships of his years in the extreme north bred the hallucination that he had really accomplished the discovery of the pole, succeeding where 500 previous leaders had failed in centuries of effort. H. Wellington Waack, Dr. Cook's former attorney and one of his staunchest friends, said today, in discussing the verdict of the University of Copenhagen: "Would a sane man have had anything to do with Captain A. W. Loese and George H. Dunkle at a critical moment, when he was the target for attacks from all over the world?" Today the discredited explorer, in hiding and offering no defense, is not only a man rejected of his native land and the world, but a man deprived of the belief of the hosts of friends who flocked to him in the first hours of his false success. Of all the crowds that hailed him as a conqueror but a few months ago, only two today expressed any remnant of faith in him—his brother, William A. Cook, the Brooklyn milk dealer, whose partner the explorer was, and Captain B. S. Osborn. A new factor in the case today was the disappearance of Mrs. Cook and the explorer's children. They are said to be in a boarding school; Mrs. Cook's whereabouts were as much a mystery as her husband's. This development gave credence to the report that Dr. Cook had quit America forever, and that he would spend the rest of his days in hiding or seclusion, living on the proceeds of his lecture tour. He is said to have \$100,000 in a Brooklyn bank and more funds elsewhere, and it is said that one of his last known acts in New York was to withdraw \$4,000 in cash he had deposited with a local trust company. Tonight the explorers club of New York, of which Dr. Cook is a member, and which has been among the foremost of his supporters, elects a president. Cook, even up to the moment of the Copenhagen verdict, was looked upon as the only possible man to head the club. Today a dozen members declared that there was practically no possibility of his name being mentioned as a candidate. A move for his expulsion from the club was reported to be under way today. Not only is the alleged polar discoverer branded a fraud, but his past career, including the much contended claim to the ascent of Mount McKinley in Alaska, is to be closely investigated by the National Geographic Society, which announced at Washington that the findings would be given to the world. KILLED BY BOMB THROWER. Chief of Secret Police Blown to Bits. (By Cable to The Times) St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Chief Karpoff, of the secret police, was blown to bits shortly after midnight today in his apartment. The flat was wrecked and the official was literally cut into small pieces by the force of the explosion. A young man named Vosskressensky was arrested soon after the crime and wholesale arrests followed, but the affair was surrounded by mystery. The police say the assassination was the result of a far-reaching plot.

KING LEOPOLD BURIED WITH GREAT POMP

Tolling Bells and Firing Cannon Military Bands and Showy Uniforms Mark Funeral

SHOW OF MOURNING

City Mourned With All the Pomp That Marks the Last Rites of a King But Beneath the Show of Sorrow There Was Rejoicing—Many Dignitaries Present At Funeral and 200,000 Visitors in the City—Much Disorder Because of Unwillingness of Crowd—After Funeral Day Was Turned Into a Holiday.

(By Cable to The Times) Brussels, Dec. 22.—Leopold II, king of the Belgians, was buried today. The city mourned with all the pomp that marks the last rites of a king, and yet, beneath the show of sorrow there was rejoicing; beneath the funeral draperies was the brilliant array of color that will be bared tomorrow at the investiture of King Albert I. From dawn the sounds of mourning were continued without let up—the tolling of bells in every church spire in Brussels and the firing of salute after salute, till the cannonading merged into one continuous sound. It was at the historical cathedral of St. Gudules, which dates to the 15th century, that the last words over the most detested monarch of all Europe were said. In the cathedral were all the dignitaries of the nation, the representatives of foreign rulers and the prelates of the church. There were present the cardinals of Belgium, the papal nuncio, and a score of princesses, including the Duke of Aosta, for King Victor Emmanuel; Prince Henry of Prussia; Prince Arthur of Connaught; Prince Ferdinand of Roumania; the Archduke Francis Joseph, and Prince Charles of Bourbon, for King Alfonso. The United States was represented by Henry Lane Wilson, minister to Belgium, and U. Grant Smith, the new secretary. The funeral procession was one of the most magnificent spectacles ever seen in the ancient capital. Mile after mile it crept through the close packed streets, while vast crowds, drawn from all Europe, peered down from every window, every roof, and every cranny to which a man could hold. The procession was headed by military bands. As the sombre music heralded the approach of the funeral car, not a head in the vast throngs remained covered. Then came detachments from every regiment of the Belgian army, followed by the ministry, the members of both houses of parliament and the clergy. The hearse itself was surrounded by a guard. After it came the royal family, Prince Albert and Princess Elizabeth and Princess Louise and Princess Clementine riding in a state coach. Behind them were the foreign royalties. In spite of the express wishes of the late king there was no note of simplicity about the ceremonies. He has desired a quiet funeral with no present but the members of his family. This wish was inspired by (Continued on Page Two.) THE WEATHER. Forecast till 8 p. m. Thursday. For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, continued cold tonight and Thursday. For North Carolina: Generally fair, continued cold tonight and Thursday; light to moderate west winds. WEATHER CONDITIONS. The northern disturbance is moving slowly off the coast, and pressure continues high westward to the Rocky Mountains, attended by zero temperatures in Montana, Wyoming, western Nebraska, and northern Colorado. The temperature has risen a few degrees over the central districts—but it is still below normal in the country. Light snow is falling over the region extending from western Pennsylvania to the lower Missouri Valley, also in Nevada and Utah; elsewhere the weather will continue fair in this vicinity until Friday with very little change in temperature. L. A. DENSON, Section Director.

ESTRADA IS MARCHING ON THE CAPITAL

Fate of the New President of the Country Hangs In the Balance

VICTORY AT RAMA

With a Strengthened Rebel Army Estrada is Marching on Managua—To the Victor Today Will Come Complete Success—Dissatisfaction in Managua is Rife and Estrada Will be Welcomed by a Large Part of the People—Victory at Rama Attributed to the Skill of American Sharpshooters.

(By Cable to The Times) Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 22.—The Zelayan army has surrendered, General Gonzales giving his sword to Estrada, commander near Rama after a steady pursuit. The rebel lost 150 killed and wounded, the Zelayans 450. Ralph Lees, an American, was killed. Whole Army Surrenders. (By Cable to The Times) Colon, Dec. 22.—The entire Zelayan army, thoroughly defeated, in the battle of Rama, surrendered today, according to dispatches received here. More than 600 were killed or wounded in the conflict on both sides, the loss of the government troops being about twice as heavy as those of General Estrada's army. Estrada now has a clear path for his attack on Managua, and is reported to be hurrying preparations for the expedition which has for its purpose the overthrow of the new president, Jose Madriz, and the final elimination of Zelaya. The surrender of the defeated forces of the government came when General Gonzales, driven back into the hills and woods, sent an envoy to Estrada under the white flag. The negotiations were quickly made. Then Gonzales and his vanquisher met and the former turned over his sword. It is reported that Estrada magnanimously allowed him to retain the weapon. In the battle of Rama and the skirmishing between the rear guard of the government forces and the foremost of the rebel regiments, more than 600 men fell. Many of the conquered Zelayans are declared to have already joined the ranks of their late enemy, and are ready to take part in the attack on the capital. It is believed that this surrender is the decisive blow and that Zelaya's career is ended. Nothing remains but the final chapter. American Sharpshooters. New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—General Estrada attributes his victory at Rama over the Zelayan army to the skill of American sharpshooters, according to dispatches received here today. The Americans created a panic among the government troops and their officers by picking the latter off. The officers uniforms and epaulettes made them conspicuous and the Estradans fought as did the troops in South Africa. General Estrada sent this telegram to Consul General Ausman: "Our armies at Rama have won a complete triumph. The enemy was scattered and his losses heavy. American sharpshooters under Colonel Conrad caused havoc among the officers and deaths were many. We are now going on the Managua, where our success is sure." Colonel Conrad left New Iberia, La, his home, five weeks ago on the steamer Imperato, after having superintended the loading of the steamship Ustein for Port Barrios and Bluefields. Bluefields Dec. 22.—General Estrada, at the head of a strengthened army, is marching on Managua, and the fate of the new president, Dr. Jose Madriz, hangs in the balance today. To the victor will come complete success, for the United States is known to stand ready to acknowledge the administration that represents the nation. Dissatisfaction is rife in Managua, according to advices received here and Estrada will be welcomed by a large proportion of the people. Further fighting between the rear guard of the government army decisively beaten at Rama yesterday and the onrushing insurgents was reported today and it was declared by the provisional government officials (Continued on Page Two.)

that many prisoners had been taken. The flight of the Zelaya troops is a rout and the disgusted soldiers are fleeing to the wild interior, each man for himself. Additional troops were rushed to the rebels today, the guards on the bluffs about Bluefields being withdrawn and replaced by citizens volunteers. Besides this move, many citizens have enlisted in the ranks of the main army. Today the work of preparing for the final advance on the capital is being rushed. The plans arranged call for the Estrada forces to make the trip to Graytown by boat down the coast, and from there to proceed up the San Juan river to Managua Lake and on to the capital. The pursuit of the broken and panic-stricken government troops carried a large rebel force far into the interior, and it was said today that a big detachment had been ordered to proceed on the capital by land.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw, central figure in the divorce suit in New York high life, at rifle practice on the grounds at High Point, the Brokaw home in North Carolina. On her right is Mr. Brokaw watching her shoot.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gould Brokaw



PREMIER YI VICTIM OF AN ASSASSIN

Head of the Korean Cabinet Was Stabbed Early today by a Korean

ASSASSIN A YOUTH

Yi Was Anti-Japanese in Sentiment But Was Continued in Office Because of His Honesty and Efforts to do His Duty—His Efforts to Carry Out the Policy of the New Administration Met With Continual and Determined Opposition From His Adversaries—His Jinriksha Man Also Killed

(By Cable to The Times) Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded today by a Korean, Yie Chamm Yung. Premier Yi was formerly minister of education in the Korean cabinet. He became prime minister in May, 1907, when a reconstruction of the cabinet followed a five hour audience which Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident, had with the emperor. Yi was regarded as a firm and competent officer, but his efforts to carry out the policy of the new administration met with Marquis Ito, the Japanese resident from his political adversaries. It was generally believed here today that the attempt on the life of the premier was an outgrowth of the recent plot which culminated in the assassination of Prince Ito, the Japanese statesman and resident-general of Korea. He was shot and killed at the railway station at Harbin. Premier Yi was hated by the anti-Japanese party among the Koreans. The attack occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning. The assailant was a young Christian who was for many years a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in his jinriksha when the assassin came up with a long kitchen knife in his hand. He drove this twice into the abdomen of the premier and once into the latter's lung. The assassin then turned on the premier's jinriksha man, whom he stabbed and instantly killed. The assassin was immediately arrested. He is a youth of about twenty years and is believed to be a member of a political secret society. The premier was removed to the hospital. Yi was always credited with fostering anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea. He bitterly opposed the faction among the Koreans which favored annexation to Japan and refused to present a petition for annexation to the Korean emperor. Notwithstanding Yi's known sentiments in regard to the relations between Japan and Korea Marquis Ito regarded Yi as an honest and conscientious patriot and refused to listen to the premier's repeated requests that he be allowed to resign his office. It is believed that the assassination is the result of political intrigue. WILL STAND BY UMPIRES. Thomas J. Lynch, the President of the National Base Ball League. (By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas J. Lynch, the new president of the National Base Ball League, is determined to stand by his umpires. He knows their troubles from the inside by reason of his long experience. It was announced today that he has been preparing a statement on the umpire situation that will cheer the hearts of the "men behind." Another turn in the baseball situation came up today when F. A. Wore appeared with a new style patented bat, which he hopes will be adopted. If it is a revolution will be worked. The bat is not round, but has flat surfaces, which the designer says will increase the hitting averages and add generally to the interest of the game. More Red Cross Stamps. (Special to The Times) Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—Ringer, who is pushing the Christmas stamp sale in this city. Dr. Julian at Thomasville for dental stamps. Arrangements made with the National Red Cross to ship 20,000 additional stamps to Mr. Ringer, so that Asheville will not need to go without a holiday messenger.

THE IRISH LEADER RETURNS TO ENGLAND

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 22.—T. P. O'Connor, the famous Irish leader in the house of commons, returned to England on the Mauretania today. Mr. O'Connor spent a number of weeks in this country raising funds to aid the liberal party in the coming election. "I have sent more than \$40,000 back to Ireland myself from this country," said Mr. O'Connor, "and I have assisted in the organization of a powerful committee which will keep up the good work. Although I knew of the sympathy for Ireland in this county, even I was astonished at the readiness with which funds were raised. Such towns as Grand Rapids gave as much as \$3,000. Ten thousand dollars were raised in a few days in Philadelphia." Mr. O'Connor said that he was firmly convinced that the hopes of Ireland lay in the liberal party and that it would be re-elected by even a larger majority than before. "I have all the confidence in the world in Mr. Asquith," he said. Mrs. Philip Snowden, one of the leaders of the English suffragettes, was also a passenger on the Mauretania. She says she is going back to work for the election of liberals.

BIG SHIPBUILDING YARDS BURNED

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 22.—In spite of fire fighting reinforcements from half a dozen towns, the big shipbuilding yards of the Thomas S. Marvel Company were half destroyed early today. The loss was estimated at \$100,000 or more. Two large ferry boats were saved with difficulty and a Citizen Line vessel in dry dock was badly damaged. The blaze started in the engine room. It spread rapidly and the Newburg fire department sent calls for aid to Walden, Matteawan and Cornwall. Aid was rushed from these places, but the shipyard was almost entirely destroyed before additional apparatus arrived. One of the ferry boats was ordered by the New York Central for use at New York and was almost finished. The other boat was the largest the company had ever built, and was for the Newburg & Fallkill ferry. Thomas S. Marvel is president of the company, and ex-Governor E. B. Odell, vice president and treasurer.

THE BROKAW CASE COOK DENOUNCED BY PROF. STROMGREN

Father-in-law Threatened to Kill Son-in-law (By Cable to The Times) Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—The final blow to Dr. Frederiek A. Cook, the American explorer whose claim to have discovered the North Pole was practically repudiated by the University of Copenhagen yesterday, wiping away the last chance of a possible mistake, was struck today, when Prof. Elis Stromgren, head of the university commission, declared Cook to be nothing more than a bungling cheat. Prof. Stromgren from the first was among the most ardent supporters of Cook, and it was he who insisted that the university inquiry be carried to the end, when other members of the commission desired to drop the whole affair in disgust. "We have been hoaxed in the most shameful manner," said Prof. Stromgren today. "And the man who hoaxed us was one through whom we thought to honor a great nation." Dr. Cook was supported by Mr. Egan, the American minister, and moreover, he received the congratulations of President Taft. Dr. Cook's conduct is disgraceful." The support Minister Egan gave Cook has aroused general indignation. Things Did Not Go in the Brokaw Household as Blair Wished and He Threatened to Blow Brokaw's Head Off Unless There Was a Change in the Way Things Were Going. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 22.—James A. Blair threatened to kill his son-in-law, W. Gould Brokaw, according to a statement made by John F. McIntyre, attorney for Brokaw, in his wife's separation suit today. McIntyre declared that Blair took such an interest in his daughter's marital affairs that at Atlantic City he threatened "to blow Brokaw's head off if things would not go as he wished them." Brokaw, when the court of Justice Putnam opened at Mineola, L. I., today, was ready to take the stand for himself. "The Brokaws had retired to their room at an Atlantic City hotel," said McIntyre, "when, at 8 a. m., Mr. Blair demanded that they rise. Mr. Brokaw declined to accede. Later in the day, after remonstrating with Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Blair made the threat." Mr. Brokaw corroborated his attorney. "I offered to give Mr. Blair an opportunity to make good, if he would let me arm myself," said the defendant. Blair was angered, he said, because he fancied Brokaw was paying too much attention to Mrs. Brokaw. JUMPS THROUGH WINDOW. Runaway Horse Sees Window Display and Heads That Way. (Special to The Times) Tarboro, Dec. 22.—Yesterday morning a runaway horse ran through the magnificent display window of Carlisle Bros. The horse evidently could not resist the decorations and plunged through a plate glass window. The animal was severely cut and the window display was demolished. Boy Accidentally Shot. Hickory, Dec. 22.—Frank Fry, the 15-year-old son of Mr. Govan Fry, of Hickory, accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon while hunting, and died instantly. The boy was crossing a fence and in some manner the gun was discharged, the load taking effect in the throat. The gun was a single-barreled, 12-gauge shotgun. It is said that the boy always carried his gun cocked.

FELL IN FIRE PLACE BURNED TO DEATH

Washington, N. C., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Phillips, wife of Mr. Geo. A. Phillips, one of Washington's most prominent citizens, was burned to death last night by falling in the fire place. The surprise is that she attempted to replenish the fire and in doing so was attacked by vertigo. Her husband had only been absent from the room a few minutes. Calling a neighbor to his phone when he returned he found his wife lying in the fire dead. The entire community is grieved. She was burned beyond recognition and it was the most terrible accident in the history of the city. The funeral took place this afternoon. Mr. O'Berry Better. Goldsboro, Dec. 22.—A telegram received yesterday at 1:00 o'clock from Mr. N. O'Berry in Philadelphia reports that the attending physicians say that the condition of his son, Mr. Tom O'Berry, is entirely satisfactory, and that he has safely rounded the danger line and will now recover speedily.