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COOK LOSES.

COPENHAGEN FILES THE REPORT.

PEARY SAYS VERY LITTLE.

No Proof That He Reached the North Pole.

Commodore Gustav Holm Declares That Dr. Cook's Papers Convict Him of Being a Swindler and Professor Stromgren, President of the Committee, Characterizes His Treatment of the University as Shameless.

Copenhagen, By Cable.—The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole was submitted to the consistory of the university Tuesday morning, endorsed by that body, and given to the public.

The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the great American explorer's title to such a discovery, and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did brand as an impostor. Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored a delusion. Explorers and scientists almost unanimously have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, the explorer, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience.

The rector of the university, Dr. Salomonsen, when questioned as to the possibility of the university canceling the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, said that no decision had been reached, but he thought that the degree could be withdrawn in the same way as a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretense.

BRAND HIM SWINDLER.

Commander Gustav Holm, the Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said: "Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds near the Pole proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. Now his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first, and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. Loose's observations were not used in papers submitted to university."

Professor Oluensen, secretary of the Danish Geographical Society, said: "It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."

The committee appointed by the university to examine Cook's records recently presented its report to the consistory of the university, which reviewed the deductions of the experts with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and the consistory were disappointed, was soon known.

The consistory met Tuesday and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim that he had reached the North Pole. After obtaining all available information the committee finds as follows:

COMMITTEE'S FINDING.

First, the report of the expedition sent to the university by Dr. Cook is the same as that printed in The New York Herald and other papers during the month of September and October last.

Second, the copy of Cook's notebooks does not contain any original astronomical observations whatsoever but only results.

Third, the documents presented are inexcusably lacking in information which would prove that the astronomical observations therein referred to were really made; and also contain no details regarding the

practical work of the expedition and the sledge journey which would enable the committee to determine their reliability.

"The committee therefore is of the opinion that the material transmitted for examination contains no proof that Dr. Cook reached the Pole."

The report is signed by all the members of the committee, which was Elis Stromgren, director of the astronomical observatory; Dr. C. F. Pechule, astronomer, attached to the observatory; Gustav Holm, explorer; Prof. A. B. Yonson, president of the school of navigation; Dr. Reijder, director of the meteorological office, and Dr. F. E. Evgstrum, director of the Lund observatory.

The university council issued this statement:

"The documents handed the university for examination do not contain observations and information which can be regarded as proof that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole on his recent expedition."

EXPLAINS WHEREABOUTS.

New York, Special.—Thus ends one of the most fascinating chapters in all the romance of exploration. Honored by the King of Denmark, heralded by the University of Copenhagen, garlanded with wreaths of roses by young girls, accorded the freedom of the city of New York, and acclaimed by thousands for the length and breadth of the land as the bravest man who ever dared the silent terrors of the Arctic, Dr. Frederick A. Cook stands discredited in the house of his friends. His brother and Charles Wake, a close friend, say he is in Norway with his wife and that his children are in a school in this country.

HAS MADE A FORTUNE.

Henry Wellington Waack, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend, both asked how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his narrative to newspapers in this country and abroad, and from his lectures.

"More than \$80,000," said Mr. Waack. "More than \$100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that, should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in retirement he has thus far chosen, he need never want for comfort.

PEARY'S COMMENT.

Washington, D. C., Special.—"Three months ago I sounded an explicit and deliberate warning to the world, based upon complete and accurate information in regard to Cook's claims. 'I have known the outcome of this since weeks before I reached this country on my return from the Pole. It was not a matter of belief with me but of absolute knowledge. 'However, I shall not discuss this matter in detail for publication. It is not necessary.'"

Worth About \$220,000,000.

New York, Special.—Edward H. Harriman was really worth, at the time of his death, over \$200,000,000, although a recent appraisal of his estate placed its value at \$149,000,000. Since Mr. Harriman's death his estate has profited by a rise in market values and it is stated that the wealth of Mrs. Harriman may be conservatively estimated at \$220,000,000 which would make her probably the richest woman in the world.

Public Benefactions Large.

New York, Special.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the past 12 months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper. The amount this year was over twice as large as was given away last year, the panic of 1907.

The total benefactions in the United States reported in the public press in the last seventeen years add up to no less than \$1,000,150,000.

Crowned King of the Belgians.

Brussels, By Cable.—Prince Albert, son of the late Prince Philippe, Count of Flanders, has been crowned King of the Belgians, assuming the title of Albert I. With his Queen, Elizabeth, and their sons, Princes Leopold and Charles, the new King rode in state from Laeken to the Parliament, acclaimed by thousands along the grayly decorated streets. The oath of office was administered before a joint session of the House of Parliament, and the feeble attempt of Socialists to sound a discordant note was drowned by the cheering.

Candidates For McLaurin's Place.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—Formal announcements were made last Saturday that C. H. Alexander, former Governor J. K. Vardaman and Congressman F. S. Candler, Jr., will be candidates for the unexpired term of the late United States Senator A. J. McLaurin.

Plan Canal Exposition.

New Orleans, Special.—An exposition will be held in New Orleans to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal.

London eats 130,000 tons of fish each year.

NEWS BREVITIES

Condensed from Wide Fields, Domestic and Foreign.

AS THEY ARE HAPPENING DAILY

Suited to the Wants of Busy Readers Seeking a Knowledge of What is Going on.

Suddenly becoming violently insane G. C. Chevront, a rancher killed his wife and one child, wounded three other children and ended his life under the wheels of a railroad train at Fresno, Cal.

A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, Ky., a mining village when William Murray, a miner, shot and killed his wife and her mother and Elbert Cole and himself.

Samuel Hogan is dead and a negro is in a serious condition at Starke, Fla., from drinking whiskey that is alleged to have been poisoned. The whiskey was sent to John Bennett, a well-known resident, and in the package was the following note: "From a friend wishing a happy Christmas."

At Albany, Ga., H. D. Manning, a clerk in the Albany postoffice, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Wilson of Atlanta, charged with embezzlement of money order funds and with destroying first class mail. Judge Benjamin S. Liddon of Mariana, Fla., former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, died at New Orleans. Judge Liddon was 55 years old and one of the best-known jurists in the South.

Twenty lives are said to have been lost and thirty injured are in the hospital as the result of a fire which gutted the department stores of Ardoig & Hobbs at Clapham Junction in London. Seven hundred persons were in the store making Christmas purchases when the fire broke out.

A monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers will be erected at Lonoke, Ark., next spring by the T. C. Hindman chapter U. D. C.

At Paris an enormous crowd from all classes of society besieged the Steinhilf house, where an auction of household effects was held. Priced brought were very low, the murdered artist's painting bringing from \$4 to \$40.

Edhem Pasha, commander of the Turkish forces in the Graeco-Turkish war in 1897 is dead at Cairo, Egypt.

Clarence W. Marks, a well-known business man and horseman, died on an elevated train at Chicago. Mr. Marks once owned Joe Patcham, the famous pacer.

William J. Bryan last week visited the site of the camp of his Nebraska regiment during the Spanish-American war at Savannah, Ga. He recalled, too, that it was here he first gave utterance to his views on the Philippines. He visited the cotton exchange, where he made a short address, visited the city hall and made an address at the Guards hall. He was accompanied by Frederick Townsend Martin. From Savannah he went to Jacksonville, thence to Cuba.

In a five handed duel on a crowded street at Meigs, Ga., between Ben Lewis, Sr., and Ben Lewis, Jr., on one side, and Charlie Lewis and H. S. Dennard on the other, Charlie and Lewis Dennard were wounded, the latter probably seriously. The difficulty was the result of an old grudge between the Lewis and Dennard families.

E. A. Moore serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for murder at Atlanta, Ga., was pardoned by Governor Brown. Moore was sentenced in Savannah, Ga., in 1905, where he, while conductor on a street car, became involved in a difficulty and fired at a passenger. The bullet went wild and killed a woman across the street.

A Bear stopped a jail delivery in Texas.

Richmond's long delayed water settlement system is pronounced complete at last, and water from the basins has been turned into the city reservoirs through a new flume just constructed.

At Rosebud, Texas, Coke Mills, a negro, who shot and fatally wounded Marshall Williams was taken from jail by a mob and lynched. Williams was shot while attempting to take the negro into custody on a minor charge.

William Alexander Harris, United States senator from Kansas from 1897 to 1903, died suddenly of heart disease at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lydia M. Mackey, Chicago.

Fire completely destroyed a business block at Dardanelle, Ark., with a total loss of \$85,000. The fire is the second of the kind here in the past two weeks. It is believed to have been caused by a defective fuse in the telephone office.

The manager of a theatrical company was killed and three women and two men of the troupe were wounded in a free fight at Memphis.

Trade of the year finds trading exchanges very good.

MANY STARVING

"Bread Instead of Bullets" is the Watchword.

RED SOCIETY TO LEND AID.

Prospects of Food and Medical Attention Will Win More Than Any Other Plan.

Washington, Special.—Following a peremptory warning to President Madrid that the United States will hold him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the State Department has extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds are to be expended in caring for the sick and wounded troops of both the Estrada and Zelaya armies, more than 2,000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This move on the part of United States is expected to be more efficacious than the dispatch of a strong force. "Bread, instead of bullets," is the watchword of the State Department and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

According to the latest reports, the medical corps of the various war vessels now at Bluefields has installed hospital ashore where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and although Estrada is doing everything in his power to relieve the suffering, his resources are meager.

Captain Fowler Leading Insurgent Forces.

Anstine, Tex., Special.—Associated Press dispatches announcing that Captain Godfrey Fowler is leading the insurgent forces in Nicaragua caused great surprise in the adjutant general's department here, as Captain Fowler is not only a member of the Texas national guard, but a member of the Governor's staff and under the law all such officers have to obtain permission to leave this country to join any kind of revolutionary movement in another country. This permission has not been secured and the department has started an investigation. It is thought possible that complications may arise and an effort will be made to recall Fowler.

Fowler is a grandson of the late Judge John H. Reagan, who was Postmaster General in the Jefferson Davis Cabinet during the civil war.

CALHOUN STATUE RECEIVED.

Will Be Formally Presented to United States Jan. 19th.

Washington, Special.—The statue of John C. Calhoun by F. W. Ruckstuhl, in the national "Hall of Fame," stands approved and will be formally presented to the United States by South Carolina at noon on January 19, the commission consisting of Governor Ansel, W. L. Mauldin and J. A. Banks, Mrs. R. Moultrie Bratton and Miss Margaret Gist, met in Statuary Hall Thursday afternoon, viewed the statue and unanimously pronounced it most excellent. They formally accepted it on the part of South Carolina and paid over to Mr. Ruckstuhl, the sculptor, the \$9,000 agreed upon. This left \$1,000 for the expenses of the commission, which will have used something like two-thirds of it, turning the other back over to the State.

Drys Carry Virginia Town.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—In a local option election at Buena Vista, Va., the drys won by a majority of 71. The total vote cast was 258. At the last local option election in April, 1907, the town went dry by a majority of 45.

Pay \$75,000 Dividends.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The Observer says approximately \$75,000 will be distributed among the stockholders of Charlotte's banking institutions, all the banks declaring their regular semi-annual dividends ranging from 3 to 5 per cent.—The total capital stock of the banks of Charlotte amounts to \$1,700,000.

Indicted For Peonage.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—It develops that seven men were indicted by the recent Federal court grand jury as a result of charges that Wash Gardner, a negro, of Butler county, was held in peonage. Butler, Andrew and Sam Searey, Henry Shanks and Lloyd Killough are indicted for alleged enslavement of the negro and John Searey and Dr. K. W. Harrison, for alleged suppression of testimony. Dr. Harrison refused to testify to the grand jury. All the parties who are from Greenshaw and Butler counties, made bonds in the sum of \$2,000 for trial January 24.

MOB HANGS WHITE MAN

Mob in Virginia Strings up Murderer to Steam Pipe of Saw Mill.

Hurley, Va., Special.—Following the killing here on Christmas Eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens took Pennington from an improvised jail, where he had been incarcerated under heavy guard, and hanged him to a steam pipe.

Pennington, who had been drinking, picked a quarrel with Baker and shot him while the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas tree with his wife, two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

The ruse worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the dead, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's pistol from his pocket and shot twice at him. Her aim was bad but she succeeded in wounding him in the hand and thigh. Pennington recovered possession of the pistol and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows, who was running away, it is alleged, and the two children.

M'LAURIN'S SUCCESSOR NAMED

Governor Noel Appoints Col. James Gordon—Only Temporary.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—The appointment of Col. James Gordon of Okolona as United States Senator from Mississippi, to succeed the late Senator A. J. McLaurin, was announced by Governor Noel Monday. The appointment is only until the Legislature can elect a Senator for the unexpired term and is made with the understanding that Senator Gordon will not be a candidate for this term.

He is 76 years old, a native of Mississippi, and served with distinction in the Confederate army. He has not been prominent in public life during the past twenty years.

Governor Noel announced that one of his principal motives in appointing Colonel Gordon was as a compliment to the voters of the Confederacy.

OVER 500 KILLED.

Freezing Weather Adds to Distress—Portugal Suffers.

Madrid, By Cable.—Returns from the flood-swept Spanish provinces indicate that over 500 were killed. The freezing weather after the flood had added greatly to the distress. The government is trying to relieve the suffering. The destruction of many miles of railroads makes this difficult, and it may be days before some provinces are reached. The Guadalquivir rivers are strewn with bodies of the wreckage. Many farmers lost their entire herds of sheep and cattle. Portugal is almost as bad.

GRIER ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

Former Cashier of Southern Pines Bank Faces Charge of Embezzling Country Club's Funds.

New York, Special.—Russell B. Grier was arrested here and held for the authorities of Moore county, North Carolina, charged with embezzlement of \$688 from the Southern Pines Country Club, near Raleigh. Grier was treasurer of the club and the alleged offense was committed more than a year ago.

To Test Tennessee Laws.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—With the approach of the new year, interest has been renewed in the action of distillers and brewers when the manufacturers' law, passed by the last legislature, becomes effective. It is stated that some of the manufacturers proposed making a test case of the law at an early date, but the manner of procedure could not be learned.

Russia Gathering Troops.

Vancouver, B. C., By Cable.—Russia is gathering troops in Siberia, according to statements of travelers from north Manchuria and Siberia, published in Shanghai newspapers, received by the Blue Funnel lines Ning Chow, which arrived from Liverpool and the Orient. Half a million troops are said to be encamped near Lake Balkal.

Biggest Ship Launched.

Philadelphia, Special.—Declared to have no equal afloat as a first-class fighting machine, the battleship Utah, the greatest war ship ever built in the United States, was launched from the yard of the New York Shipbuilding company at Camden, N. J., last week.

Dr. Cook Expelled.

New York, Special.—The board of governors of the Explorers' club last week met in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on its members and on the public.

DEFICIT IS GROWING

Loss on Second-Class Mail and Rural Service.

HITCHCOCK MAKES HIS REPORT.

Sets Forth in Detail Problems That Have Confronted His Administration.

Washington, Special.—Confronted with a deficit of \$17,479,770, the present administration of the Postoffice Department began its operations. This was the largest deficit in the history of the postal service. So long as the deficit in the department aggregated only a few millions of dollars annually, little attention was paid to it; but when, in the last few years it leaped to upward of \$10,000,000 and finally, in 1909, exceeded \$17,000,000, "ordinary business prudence suggested that the causes be definitely located.

These are statements in the annual report of Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, recently made public. The Postmaster-General said in part: "Recent investigations have shown that the two great sources of loss to the postal revenues are second-class mail matter and rural delivery.

"The loss on second-class mail matter has been increasing for many years, until it now amounts to \$64,000,000.

"The loss from rural delivery, a service begun hardly a dozen years ago and of unprecedented growth, reaches as high as \$28,000,000.

"Simultaneously with the growing deficit in the postal service, the nation's income suffered last year a serious depletion incident to the financial depression. Thus it happened that the department's drafts on the Treasury were heaviest at a time when the public funds were lowest. This has accentuated the importance of the postal deficit, making it conspicuous among the losses to be met by the President's plan of reducing expenditures in all executive departments.

"Since the opening of the administration the Postmaster-General and his assistants have adopted measures in conformity with the President's policy of retrenchment, and these measures are being put into effect."

WINTER GRIPS NEW ENGLAND.

Bitter Weather Ushered in With a Storm of Terrible Force.

New York, Special.—Tragedy and humor came on the wings of the heavy snow which covered New England, most of the middle Atlantic States and a fringe of the middle West and South, Sunday morning paper at at twilight, morning milk at supper time, night spent in street cars, in trains or stations contributed picturesque and amusing scenes to soften the general tone of such deaths as occurred.

Two peculiar tidal waves added bizarre features. At Boston water crept into the houses, left a man and wife and child dead in bed, then crept away. Cellars were flooded in New York by a wave of less gigantic proportions.

At Philadelphia snow fell 16 inches here, which completely tied up steam and trolley traffic for hours.

Meets Sudden Death While at Bath.

Redding, Conn., Special.—Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically while at bath. She was his youngest daughter, endeared to him not only by long companionship but by her frail health caused by recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Dr. Clemens without kin in this country to share his sorrow. Jean Clemens died probably of strangulation due to an attack of epilepsy, due to and attack of epilepsy, or from heart failure. The body was found in the bath tub with the head partly submerged.

Death Saves Sheldon.

Greenwich, Conn., Special.—George Preston Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phenix (Fire) Insurance Company of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the State Insurance Department of New York, died at his home here.

Zelaya Flees to Corinto.

Corinto, Nicaragua, By Cable.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who relinquished the presidency of Nicaragua to Dr. Jose Madriz—the same day his army met defeat by the revolutionists at Rama—has fled the capital and is said to be in Corinto, surrounded by his body guard and a few faithful friends. Zelaya departed from Managua under cover of darkness escorted by fifty of his guard of honor, and a squad of artillerymen with a maxim gun. A later report says he is bound for Belgium; his wife's native land.