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## COOK IS DISCREDITED BY ESKIMO GUIDES

ESKIMOS SAY DOCTOR COOK DID NOT REACH NORTH POLE.

## STORY OF HIS COMPANIONS

Story of Trip in Arctic Regions Told to Missionaries by Eskimo Guides.

Chicago.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook was further discredited in a special dispatch to the Chicago Daily News, from its correspondent in Copenhagen, Denmark. The story was the first publication of the report of Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, as sent by him to his wife in Copenhagen and now given out by her. This is the story of the Eskimos as given in the dispatch:

"We traveled from Annatook with eight sledges in company with Doctor Cook, at the first sunshine, (February). From there to Ellesmere we slept only once on the ice. It took four days to cross the Ellesmere land. Eighteen days out our companions left us. We had gone only about twelve English miles from land.

"The ice was fine, and there was no reason to stop, for any one who wanted to go on could do so. The 19th day Doctor Cook took observations with an instrument he held in his hand, and we then changed our course westward.

"We left here a lot of food for men and dogs and one of us (Iukusuk) went ahead to examine the ice. He reported it in good shape, which it was, but Doctor Cook looked at it and said it was bad.

"On the way back we stopped at open water the land. We stopped one day and went over to Ringmas Island, but the snow had melted (April). We had not had the least fog on the ice. At this time the sun was just below the horizon at night.

"It was the month when it does not melt (March). Later, when near Helbert Land, we passed two islands (April) came upon Doctor Cook's map, drawing a map of the coast.

"I told Doctor Cook that I had been a long way out at sea, and we never had been.

"We continued to shoot bears on the ice till we had enough for the dogs. We do not know how many nights we slept on this part of the journey. The small rivers had only begun to break when we reached Heligate.

"Here, as Doctor Cook directed us, we left our dogs behind us, although they were far from the meat of bears. We crossed the great sound and had to push our boat along the ice. Doctor Cook said:

"We will reach human beings (Baffins Land) within two days.

"We had slept twice when he looked ahead and said that he saw a tent, but it was only a stone. We kept hunting for human beings a long time. Then we came to an island on which elder birds were nesting. We followed the land past Cape Sparbo, and when our provisions were nearly gone we returned toward Cape Seddon, at which place we arranged for wintering.

"It was yet twilight the whole night, and we built a house of peat and stone, just as we do at home. We caught walrus, musk ox and bear for the winter. With the bow we killed only two bears. We had a gun to kill musk ox and bear with. To kill a musk ox with a bow is impossible. It was a fine autumn and we had good provisions for the winter.

"During the dark time we were inside most of the time making clothes. Doctor Cook made clothes and wrote all the time. At first sight of the sun we started home.

"Doctor Cook, during the journey, promised us a good reward, but he proved himself a liar and swindled us out of payment. We did not get the guns he promised us. Those he sold for fur skin. He gave us only a knife and some matches and a useless boat.

"This is all we, Iukusuk and Aplaak, have to tell of our journey with the great Doctor Cook."

Prepar Berckmans Deand, Augusta, Ga.—P. J. A. Berckmans, a noted horticulturist, entomologist and pomologist, died here in his 81st year.

He was president of the National Pomological society, vice president of the International Pomological society with headquarters in Paris; president of the Georgia Horticultural society, and the Georgia Entomological society, and a member or officer in every similar society of note in this country and some abroad. He was a native of Belgium.

51 Killed in Mine Horror. Delagua, Col.—Through two openings scarcely 200 yards apart the dead and living were taken from the Delagua mine of the Victor-American Fuel company at the same time, but the dead had outlasted the living. Fifty-one are known to be dead as the result of the explosion, while eighteen escaped alive. Both living and dead were found in one place. Twenty-nine Mexicans were found in one place and seven of the department heads of the mine are buried in a cave in the mine.

## DICKINSON IS PLEASED.

Secretary of War Busy Preparing Report on Trip Around the World.

Washington.—Secretary Dickinson was at his desk in the War department busily engaged in the preparation of a report upon his trip around the world, with special reference to conditions in the Philippines. This he expects to have ready for submission to the President upon the return of the latter from the Isthmus.

The secretary was well pleased with the situation he found in the Philippines. The people, he said, were generally satisfied and prospering. An attempt was made to elicit his views upon the subject of independence for the archipelago, but he made it clear that the matter was one beyond his authority to discuss.



JACOB M. DICKINSON Secretary of War.

The secretary was particularly well pleased with the development of the judiciary, and he spoke in terms of high praise of the prisons, which, he said, were worthy of imitation by some of the most advanced countries.

The army, as a whole, was found to be enjoying good health.

Work on the fortifications of Manila harbor is progressing rapidly. The principal point of defense is Corregidor island at the entrance.

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT TAFT.

Washington.—The vigorous growth and progress of the country is reflected by the records of population and the general condition of the people, which are giving us especially this year 1910, according to the annual Thanksgiving day proclamation issued by President Taft.

"This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests which are the index of progress show vigorous national growth, and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land, and in our possessions beyond the sea. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and the bounty of God.

"We continue to be at peace with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other people are harmonious, with an ever-growing reality of friendliness and depth of recognition of mutual dependence. It is especially to be noted that during the past year great progress has been achieved in the cause of arbitration and peaceful settlement of international disputes.

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlement in this land, and with rule established from the foundation of this government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God, and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.  
"ALVEY A. ADEE,  
"Acting Secretary of State."

## FOUR WOMEN LEGISLATORS. NO MORE CENSUS RECOUNTS

Four Women Were Elected to the Colorado Assembly.

Denver, Col.—Four women will sit in the eighteenth general assembly of Colorado as a result of the recent elections. They are Alma Lafferty, Louise U. Jones and Louise M. Kerwin, all elected representatives from Denver districts on the Democratic ticket, and Agnes Riddle, Republican, representing Adams, Arapahoe and Esbert counties.

In the last general assembly Mrs. Lafferty, who was re-elected, was the only woman representative. There are no women senators.

Rome, Ga. Joins in Express Fight. Rome, Ga.—Disappointed with the rates, service and policy of the Southern Express company, the Manufacturers and Merchants' association of Floyd county has joined with organizations over the country in a petition for investigation by the interstate commerce commission of the rates and practices of the express companies of the United States. The petition is headed by the commercial organizations of New York and Boston, and is joined by those of every large city in the United States.

Wealthy Woman in Prison. Wheeling, W. Va.—In a room in the tower of the county jail, fitted up with a rocking chair and quilts from her sickbed home, Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk was detained without privilege of bail. Swearing developments in the illness of her husband, John O. Schenk, a millionaire pork packer. Arrangement of Mrs. Schenk on the charge that she attempted to poison her husband by putting arsenic in his food and drinking water, will be delayed pending the outcome of his trial.

Count Tolstol Disappears. St. Petersburg, Russia.—The Novo Vremya has received the following telegram from Tula, signed by Prince Dmitry Obolonski: "Count Leo Tolstol left Yasnyaya Poliana on the morning of October 10, accompanied by a physician, and neither has been heard from since. The countess is in despair. In a letter to his wife Tolstol says he has decided to spend his remaining days in solitary retirement."

Tolstol is in very bad health and fears are felt for his safety.

## PRESIDENT TAFT IS VISITING CANAL ZONE

PRESIDENT GOES TO ISTHMUS TO STUDY PROBLEMS OF CANAL.

## PURELY A BUSINESS TRIP

On Board the Armored Cruiser Tennessee the President Sailed From Charleston, South Carolina.

Charleston, S. C.—President Taft sailed for the Isthmus of Panama to get in personal touch with conditions along the big canal. Mr. Taft visited the Isthmus just before his inauguration in 1909, but since then various extensive and engineering problems have arisen, and congress soon must frame legislation as to rates of toll, form of government, the regulation of the sale of coal, the disposition of the Panama railroad and many other things. The President expects to make various recommendations regarding the canal at the coming short session of congress.

Mr. Taft sailed on the armored cruiser Tennessee, with the cruiser Montana as convoy. While officially rated as cruisers, these vessels have the general proportions of the battleships of a few years ago, although they could not stand up very long against the modern dreadnaughts. Both cruisers have a speed of 22 knots and will make the trip to Colon in four days. Mr. Taft expects to be on the Isthmus four days, and is due back in Charleston November 22. He will stop over a few hours in Richmond on the 23rd, and be back in Washington that afternoon.

The President is making a purely business trip to Panama, and accompanied only by his brother, Charles P. Taft, his secretary, Charles Norton, two aides, a physician and stenographer.

## SOLID SOUTH UNSHAKEN.

Election Results Are Studied by President Taft and His Cabinet.

Washington.—The election and its lessons and the pressing forward of the administration's legislative program, so as to get it out of the way before the accession of Democratic control in congress next year, were among the subjects discussed at a cabinet meeting.

Featuring the administrative measures will be the plan for meeting second class mail abuses by requiring magazines—not newspapers—to pay increased postage on their advertising pages sufficient to eliminate postal deficits and warrant establishment of 1-cent postage on first class mail in the near future. This is Postmaster General Hitchcock's project.

President Taft realizes the necessity for getting through all needed administration legislation in the next months' session beginning next month. He called on members of the cabinet for a statement of their position in their respective departments, and the matter will be taken up in detail on the President's return from Panama.

Much of the proposed legislation which will be urged upon congress in the President's forthcoming message will be of a progressive character, and it is said here that the prospects are excellent for harmony in the Republican ranks.

The important question that is being asked here, at the seat of the general government, therefore, is, What will be done about the tariff when the hybrid congress convenes, and it becomes necessary to reconcile differences between chambers of opposite political faiths.

It is not believed here that the Democrats will care to undertake to force tariff revision under a Republican president.

The tariff is one of the questions on which the Democrats are most badly divided as were the Republicans. No inroads upon Democratic control of the "Solid South" were made by the Republicans. The appeals of the President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt in this respect were in vain, and the returns show losses to Republicans in the limited number which they had from the Southern States.

## CONFEDERATE MONUMENT UNVEILED AT HENDERSON—SPEECH MAKING.

The Confederate monument has been unveiled at Henderson. A large procession led by 150 veterans of the war gathered at the site.

## ANOTHER SPEAKER'S FIGHT.

Hot Fight is Expected When Congress Meets.

Washington.—Another contest over the question of taking from the speaker the power to name standing committees is expected to develop soon after the house of representatives assembles next month. The time is not unlikely that the movement will receive the support of speaker Cannon and his allies, inasmuch as the next assignments will be made by the Democrats.

Interviews with Representatives Murdock of Kansas and Norris of Nebraska indicate that they intend to keep no time in repeating the fight waged by insurgent Republicans last session, which reformed the rates and deposed Speaker Cannon from membership on the rules committee.

## SOUTHERN STATES' CENSUS.

Population of Alabama is 2,128,993, of Florida 751,137.

Washington.—The population of the state of Alabama is 2,128,993, as enumerated in the thirteenth census. This is an increase of 303,396, or 14.9 per cent, over 1,825,597, in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 35,580, or 2.0 per cent.

The population of the state of Florida is 751,137, a decrease of 122,597, or 14.1 per cent, over 873,734, in 1900. The increase from 1890 to 1900 was 137,130, or 35 per cent.

The population of the counties of Alabama and Florida containing the principal cities is:

County	1910	1900
Jefferson, Ala.	226,476	140,420
Mobile, Ala.	90,454	62,740
Montgomery, Ala.	83,173	72,041
Daval, Fla.	76,163	39,723
Hillsboro, Fla.	74,874	34,012

Germany recognizes Portugal. Lisbon, Portugal.—Germany follows the example of Great Britain, Italy, France and Spain, and resumes negotiations with the Portuguese in regard to the action of those governments is regarded as a virtual recognition of the republic of Portugal.

Twenty-One Fishermen Drowned. Balone, France.—Twenty-one persons were drowned in the wreck of two fishing vessels during a severe storm in the English channel. One of the craft collided with a steamer.

Record Green Crop. Worcester, Mass.—Poley G. Davis of Oranby was given the distinction by the New England Corn exposition judges here of establishing a new record for corn production. Mr. Davis was awarded the prize of \$500. The new record was made on the acre of land from which Mr. Davis harvested 105 1/4 bushels of crib dry, yellow dent corn. His yield at harvest time was 137 bushels of shelled corn, which was reduced to an equal of 105 1/4 bushels on scientific basis.

## OUR FLAG INSULTED

MEXICANS MOB AMERICANS AND SHOUT "DEATH TO THE GRINGOS."

## ARE JEALOUS OF AMERICANS

In Course of an Anti-American Demonstration at Guadajara American Flag Was Burned.

Mexico City, Mexico.—According to private telegrams received, the American consulate at Ciudad Porfiria Diaz, state of Coahuila, and just across the border from Eagle Pass, was wrecked by a mob of Mexicans. The messages stated that no one was injured.

Guadajara, Mexico.—In the course of the anti-American demonstration in this city an American flag was burned amid cries of "death to the Gringos."

Conservative estimates placed the damage to property of Americans at from \$5,000 to \$10,000. In spite of the efforts which were being made by the government authorities to preserve order and which prevented further rioting, a spirit of unrest prevailed, and renewed violence was feared.

Manuel Cuesta Gallardo, candidate for governor, is doing everything possible in conjunction with the commander of the Federal troops to maintain the peace. American Consul Magill has been assured by the authorities that there will be no further trouble.

A high fence surrounding the Methodist missionary institute was torn down by the mob, and the windows of the building were smashed. Glass doors and windows in the homes of C. N. Stroz, W. L. Kline, Rev. R. C. Elliott, C. E. Courthers and Dr. W. S. Swayzee, in the American colony residence section, were demolished. Plate glass fronts in the American Banking company, German dry store, Commercial Banking company, National Candy company, West End retail company, the hardware store of Carlos Hering and the American drug store were broken. Windows were demolished in the Cosmopolitan American restaurant.

At Joplin, Mo., and in other places, a railroad station were not seriously damaged.

## JEALOUSY OF AMERICANS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT AGITATION IN MEXICO AGAINST THIS COUNTRY.

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## COSTLY FIRE AT MONROE.

At Monroe fire destroyed property valued at \$75,000. Between 800 and 900 bales of cotton on the platform and weigher's stand, and four straight freight cars were entirely destroyed. The largest losers were Crow Bros., who are said to have lost about \$15,000, partly insured.

## FIRE DESTROYED SEVEN DWELING HOUSES IN GOLDSBORO.

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The large barn and its contents was destroyed on the farm of the late A. C. Boggs, once representative from Catawba. A corn shredder was at work and a spark from the engine started a blaze that swept with almost lightning-like rapidity over and through the structure.

The Rhedivial Tobacco Company's factory, an independent institution running in Durham, suffered a disastrous fire. The interior being burned out and machinery destroyed.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST DEAD.

Wealthy Wilmington Woman Would Have No Physician.

Miss Mary Bridgers, aged about 38 years, leader of the Christian Science sect, one of Wilmington's wealthy and prominent women socially, died after a comparatively short illness from typhoid fever.

Miss Bridgers was a devout Christian Scientist and during her illness was not attended by a regular physician, although a trained nurse was called during the last two or three days. She was the leader of her church there and it was largely through her work that the Christian Science church in Wilmington has become perhaps the strongest in the State. A few years ago Miss Bridgers purchased a tract of land on the edge of town and developed what is known as Carolina Heights, where are now a number of Wilmington's most handsome homes. She built a Christian Science church in the suburbs.

It was a right strange coincidence that the day before her death, formal announcement was made through the local press that the first church of Christian Scientists in that city had been closed in obedience to orders from the Christian Science board of directors. This action was taken on account of the members of the local churches holding the views that Mrs. Augusta Stetson had been unjustly treated by the Mother Church and that she was unjustly expelled.

The Christian Science church has been an institution there for about eight years.

Miss Bridgers was a daughter of the late Robert B. Bridgers, for many years president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, from whom she derived a large fortune.

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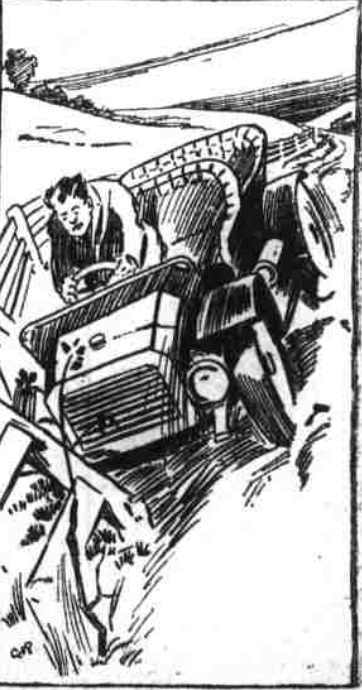
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## MINNESOTA FARMER SEEMS PURSUED BY A HOODOO

AUTOMOBILE WRECKED, TOES MASHED BY MILK CAN AND DWELLING BURNED.

Winona, Minn.—James W. Hardwick, Winona county dairyman, has reason to believe, if ever a man did, that the fates have conspired against him. His troubles have come thick and fast during the past several months and culminated last night in the total destruction of his magnificent farm home by fire.

Early in the summer Mr. Hardwick purchased a fine new automobile. He had had it out a few days when his son took a party of friends for a drive in the country. The boy was bitten by a dog when he got out to get a drink of water and in his haste to reach this city for medical treatment



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### KILLS DEER WITH AN ARROW.

Providence, R. I.—Fred B. Pillsbury has returned home after shooting a bull by shooting a deer with a bow and arrow in the Maine woods. Pillsbury made a wager with a fellow club member that he could kill a deer with an arrow at 10 yards. The arrow struck the deer in the back of the neck and he fell.

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