

COOK'S RECORDS ARE NO GOOD

Investigation by Danish Scientists Shows That his Data Does Not Prove his Assertion.

HE SAYS "I TOLD YOU SO"

Peary Says That he Told the People Three Months Ago That Cook Was Handling Gold Bricks.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The committee investigating the data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, today reported to Copenhagen University that the explorer's records and observations are wholly insufficient to warrant a verdict that he discovered the north pole. The committee consisted of Prof. Elis Stroeberg, president of the committee; Commander Gustave Holm, director of the hydrographic bureau; Commander Jensen, director of navigation; Astronomer Pheyle of the university; Captain Ryder, director of the meteorological institute, and Prof. Engstrom of Lund University, Sweden.

Each of these men is a world renowned scientist. The last hope of the friends of Dr. Cook for a favorable report by the committee, went glimmering today when the committee informed the University of Copenhagen that it was ready to submit its final report. The consistency went into session and a final decision was given within a short time.

The early termination of the committee's investigation was by Cook's friends, considered proof that the report was adverse to him. It is said the committee so thoroughly convinced of the utter insufficiency of the evidence submitted, that it cast aside much of it as unworthy of consideration and was able to make its report a week earlier than anticipated. It is said some of the members of the committee, favored a denunciation of Cook as an impostor, whose discovery claims are unworthy of scientific consideration.

"I Told You So."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commander Robert E. Peary, when shown the above dispatch from Copenhagen, made the following statement to the United Press:

"Three months ago, from the far Labrador country, I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete and accurate information in regard to the Cook claim. In doing so, I accepted the responsibility devolving upon me and fulfilled my duty to myself and to the world."

The warnings to which Peary refers was his cablegram from Battle Harbor which was as follows: "Cook has not been at the pole April 21, 1907, or any other date. He has simply handed the public a gold brick."

Committee Astonished.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—If the University by any possible means could have avoided a repudiation of the explorer, it would have done so. The public now feels that it has been grossly imposed upon and the most bitter exhortations of Cook are heard on every hand. A demand will be made that he surrender the honorary degree of doctor of science which the university conferred on him.

Despite statements by Dr. Cook's brother in America that he is now in Norway, all efforts to find him proved futile at Christiansand. The members of the investigating committee say they know where Cook is but will not tell. Walter Lansdale, Cook's private secretary, is greatly disappointed at the report and making an effort to have final judgment withheld until all of the doctor's data has been examined. He told the committee that the missing data, which is part of Cook's original data documents, sent from America by a different route, would arrive here in a few days. He says this data was sent by another route for prudential reasons. The committee will pay no attention to this latest appeal and its finding today is the final chapter as far as it is concerned.

One of the members of the investigation committee said: "It took the committee but a few minutes to see that Cook's observations and so called records were worthless. We could have made a report at once but our surprise was so great that it took us several days to recover. The so called note books submitted by the doctor, on which he relied for vindication, had only the account of the observations, rather than the observations themselves and were thrown aside without a moment's consideration."

NO LYNCHING AT BELLVILLE

Governor Deneen Took Prompt Action to Prevent a Second Disgrace to the State of Illinois.

CAR MEN ARE ANGRY

Employees of Line on Which Murdered Man Worked Started for the Jail on an Owl Car.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Dec. 21.—Employees of the East St. Louis and Suburban railway corporation, having failed to obtain a car to take them to Belleville this morning took charge of an owl car and started for the county jail at Belleville, and ran the car three miles when the power was shut off by General Manager Hewitt. The car is stranded. Less than a hundred men were in the public square at Belleville. A saloon in the square was closed by the police. While there was some talk of lynching Clark, the men were kept moving and not allowed to form in crowds.

Eight companies of militia were ready to start for Belleville, Ill., last night and Sheriff Cashel was waiting at the county jail there with a heavily armed force of deputies. Rumors that an attack would be made upon the building on account of the presence therein of Will Clark, the negro suspected of shooting two street car employees here Saturday night, caused emergency preparations.

The sheriff asked Governor Deneen to order troops in readiness when reports reached him that the friends of the two victims were planning to descend upon Belleville. The towns are only fifteen miles apart and connected by steam and trolley lines and the sheriff promptly began turning the jail into a fort. He swore in more than a score of deputies and armed them with riot guns and small arms. Ammunition was brought into the jail and arrangements were made for immediate notification in case any pronounced exodus developed from here. There is little here to indicate that warlike preparations are needed. Friends and fellow employees of Goudy, the dead motorman, and O'Brien, the wounded conductor, are outspoken in condemnation of the negro, especially after it was reported that Clark confessed. The denial of the latter rumor, however, served to dispel evidences of mob spirit.

FARMER MISSING FROM HIS HOME

Had Received a Number of Threatening Letters and Had Hired Detectives.

WATERLOO, Ill., Dec. 21.—Jacob Young, an aged farmer, who lives near East Carondelet, and who has recently received several letters containing demands for money and threats, has mysteriously disappeared. The last threatening letter was received a few days ago, and bore a St. Louis postmark. Young had hired detectives to trace the writer of the letters, and the postal authorities are conducting an investigation.

Mrs. Young, who has been ill, is reported to be in a serious condition as a result of her husband's disappearance. Friends and the authorities are conducting an extensive search for the missing farmer.

Willard Has Accepted.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Daniel Willard, second vice-president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, has conditionally accepted the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to succeed Oscar G. Murray. It is further understood that President Murray has placed his resignation in the hands of the board of directors. It is likely that the change in the head of the system will be made about Jan. 1, and that it will be followed by other important changes.

Car Load of Insane.

DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—One hundred insane patients who have been sent to the hospital at Clarinda will be transported from that institution to the Polk county farm some time next week. The Polk county supervisors have leased a special car for this purpose. They will accompany the car to the hospital on Tuesday morning and return with the patients. The county maintains two large insane wards at the county farm, so that it is much cheaper to have the patients kept there than at the state hospital.

MADRIZ ELECTED; MORE TROUBLE

Selection of New Ruler for Nicaragua Does Not Settle the War, But Starts it Up All Afresh.

BIG BATTLE FOR TODAY

Estrada With His Full Force is Marching Toward Rama and Will Wipe Out His Enemy.

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Dr. Jose Madriz, formally assumed the presidency of Nicaragua today, following his election by congress yesterday.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 21.—Reports received here today from Rama say Estrada's army is advancing toward General Vasquez, just outside of Rama. A battle is expected to begin at once. This is the first decisive move against Madriz's election.

Reports from Rama say that a general engagement will start before noon. The whole army of Estrada at Rama is said to be engaged in an advance. It is well equipped and has the advantage in numbers over Vasquez. Estrada is being assisted by Generals Diaz Matud, Pacheco and Chamorro. The little gun boat Blanca equipped with a Hotchkiss and several other rapid fire guns has sailed up the Mico river. Dispatches received here quote Estrada as saying the present engagement can have but one outcome—the complete overthrow of the enemy.

Before the movement a proclamation was issued by Estrada, declaring the election of Madriz as illegal and that the war would be pushed to "victory or annihilation."

People at Bluefields are greatly excited over the movement. It is believed here that a decided victory today will do much toward winning over friends to the Estrada cause and will be the critical point in the overthrow of Madriz which is confidentially expected here.

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—Madriz was unanimously elected president of Nicaragua by congress.

The session was exciting, but there seemed a perfect unanimity on the election of Madriz. The announcement of the result brought vociferous cheering and cries of "Viva Madriz!" "Down with monopolies!" "Down with tyranny!" "Long live the constitution!"

Dr. Madriz will assume the presidency today. He was escorted to the balcony of his hotel, where he briefly addressed a great crowd, urging harmony and co-operation. He pledged that he would uphold the rights of citizens and establish a policy of equal opportunities for all.

Congress first accepted Madriz's resignation as judge of the Central American court. The committee that considered Zelaya's resignation recommended the acceptance and formulation of an address of thanks for Zelaya's services to Nicaragua. Following the adoption of this report, the nomination of Madriz was made with the greatest enthusiasm. On a call for a standing vote every man rose. Influential delegates had been pouring in from Leon, the liberal's stronghold, Chinandega and Granada, with the avowed purpose of winning Madriz's candidacy.

While Zelaya has known that Madriz is not favored by the United States, he still urged Madriz as his successor.

Zelaya and Madriz know that Estrada, leader of the revolutionists, who are ready to fight the government forces at Rama, strongly opposes the new president and is ambitious himself to be president. Hope is cherished, however, that Madriz will bring about such an amicable condition among the people that he will be continued in office.

Zelaya Still Active.

BLUEFIELDS, Dec. 21.—If Estrada's forces are victors at Rama today they will be brought with all possible haste to Bluefields and then sent to San Juan Del Norte, Greytown, where they will engage the forces now holding that city. The force there is small and it is believed it will be easy for the Estrada army to capture the city. From Greytown by river and lake, the army will set out for Managua, where it is believed the most desperate battle of the revolution will follow. Zelaya, resigned president, is not out of the game. He sent a telegram to his minister at San Jose, Costa Rica declaring he would head the army if Madriz is not accepted by the country and endeavor personally to crush the Estrada movement. Zelaya is reported to have surrounded

Sold by Sealed Bids.

BASCO, Ill., Dec. 21.—The I. O. O. F. building at this place is to be sold by sealed bids. The bids are to be in by today. This is a nice two-story brick building, with basement, and some one will certainly get a good bargain.

CONGRESS WILL INVESTIGATE

Ballinger—Pinchot Squabble to be Given a Thorough Probe by a Special Committee of Legislators.

BALLINGER WANTS IT

Resolution Adopted Today Calling for Such an Action in an Effort to Finally Settle It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The senate in executive session today confirmed the nomination of Robert Bacon as ambassador to France and twenty-six other diplomatic nominations sent to the senate yesterday by the President.

There will be a congressional investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. On the floor today, Senator Flint of California offered a resolution which was adopted, calling upon the President for all reports and statements pertaining to the charges against Ballinger by Glavis. Immediately thereafter, Senator Jones of Washington read to the senate a letter from Secretary Ballinger, addressed to him, demanding in the strongest terms, a thorough investigation, not only of his department but of the forest service and against certain officers of which he lays the blame for many of the charges against him. Jones declared that unless some senator took action, he would after the holidays, offer a resolution calling for such an investigation by a joint committee of the senate and house.

Congress adjourned this afternoon until Tuesday, January 4.

HOW PRISONERS WERE TORTURED

Zelaya Charged With Injecting Salt Water and Chile Sauce Into the Blood of His Victims.

THEN THEY CONFESSED

American Engineer Tells How the Tyrant of Nicaragua Wrung Obedience Out of His Victims.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Injections of salt water and chile sauce is the form of torture attributed to Zelaya by Marshall O'Neill, civil engineer, now here. O'Neill went to Nicaragua to superintend a railroad. With other Americans he plotted the invasion of Nicaragua from Honduras. The conspirators were arrested and sentenced to be shot, but were saved by activity of the British consul. Eighteen men and women were arrested later in connection with a new conspiracy. When they refused to confess, hypodermic injections of salt water, then chile sauce, were administered, according to O'Neill.

They were obturate, but under Zelaya's personal direction, O'Neill charges, mixtures of salt water and chile sauce were administered until the eighteen admitted guilt. They were then killed.

O'Neill says the Nicaraguans estimate Zelaya's fortune at from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000. He describes Estrada as a man of progressive ideas.

Boy Kept Silent.

DAVENPORT, Dec. 21.—Fearing to tell his parents of an accident sustained while coasting Saturday, Arnold Sindt, aged 10 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sindt, went back to school and suffered four hours with a broken arm. The teacher saw he was suffering, made the examination and sent him to a doctor. The doctor says he may lose his arm.

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MARK TWAIN IS ABOUT ALL IN

Admits That He is Almost Through With This World and This Life, His Work Being Near an End.

CHEEKS ARE HOLLOW

Returned From a Trip to Bermuda in Search of Health and Returns Home in Depressed Mood.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"Yes, boys, I'm about all in. My life's work is near an end. I'm about through with this world and this life."

Pale and haggard and very feeble, Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) made his statement to newspaper men following his arrival on the steamship Bermudian, from Bermuda, where he had spent the last eight weeks in an attempt to regain his lost strength.

The humorist, when first seen by the newspaper men on board the steamship, was leaning heavily on the ship's rail. It was immediately observed that there was a marked change in his appearance. His cheeks were hollow, his eyes appeared dim and his breath was short and heavy. He stopped several times during his conversation to get breath.

Those who saw the humorist were unanimous in declaring that his present condition was due in a great measure to the death of his lifelong companion, H. H. Rogers, the former Standard Oil magnate, who died last summer. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Clemens were boon companions and spent many hours together. Mr. Rogers often advised the humorist in investing his money, and as a result he made good investments.

Soon after the death of Mr. Rogers the humorist began to decline. It was in an attempt to regain his lost strength and vitality that he took the trip to Bermuda. His appearance today showed that he had not been greatly benefited.

He was asked concerning his new book and replied:

"I have five or six books under way besides my autobiography. I have already written 100,000 words of it, but I sometimes feel that I shall never finish it."

Speaking of the fight being made by the women for equal rights the humorist said he was hardly in favor of it.

"I have advocated it for many years," he said, as the daughter Jean, who met him, led her father down the gangplank. "No one can expect to gain freedom without fighting for it. Woman must fight the same as man. That is the only way she can secure her rights."

BRADLEY LOOSES FAITH IN COOK

Backer of North Pole Man Admits That It Looks Bad For the Doctor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"It looks bad for Cook," said John R. Bradley, the Brooklyn explorer's backer here. Friends of Peary say this is a tacit admission that Bradley, who has the reputation of being "on the square," has deserted Cook.

"I believe that my brother, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, is on his way to Copenhagen," said William L. Cook, Brooklyn milk dealer, today. "I have not heard from him in a week and the last message I had said that he was in New York, although not in a sanitarium, and he was preparing to go to Copenhagen in time to hear the report of the University Commission."

PREDICTED DEATH DURING THE YEAR

Quincy Man Said That He Would Not Live to See the New Year In.

QUINCY, Dec. 21.—W. H. Morz, a resident of 1227 South Eighth street, and one of the best known residents of the city, who several months ago predicted that he would not live to see the dawn of the new year, died last night at 9:12 o'clock, the attending physician attributing the cause to complication of diseases. He had been ailing for over a year, having been stricken down with the grip. He was up Monday morning in the usual manner, but even then the old gentleman referred to the evident premonition he had and the idea that he would never see the year 1910 did not desert him for a moment. At the time of his death he had been bedfast only a single day.

RACE WAR WAS ALMOST STARTED

Negroes and Whites Come Together Resulting in Four White Men Shot and One Negro Killed.

BURNED IN HIS CABIN

Negro Who was Charged With Murder Was Cremated by Posses When he Barricaded Himself.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 21.—With four white men shot, one negro burned to death in a cabin where he took refuge from arrest, and two others being rushed across country to jail by sheriff, the neighborhood of Magnolia, Wilcox county, was practically sleeping on arms last night. A race war was imminent for a time.

Gov. Comer ordered fifty soldiers to Magnolia by special train from Selma, but, on being assured that things were quieting down, he recalled the men. But they are ready to move if necessary.

The dead negro is Clint Montgomery who had taken part, it is charged, with his father and brother in the murder Saturday of Algernon Lewis, a young white farmer.

The three negroes took refuge in the house of a negro and opened fire on the pursuing party. Ernest Slade was perhaps fatally shot, and M. E. Carlton, Tom Shields and a man named Lindsey were seriously wounded.

When it was seen that the negroes could not be dislodged the house was fired. Clint Montgomery was cremated and the other two captured when they attempted to escape. Reports indicate that the negroes are armed and ugly, but no more trouble is expected.

Lewis was waylaid by the Montgomery brothers, it is charged, late Saturday night, while he was on his way to his home. His body, riddled with bullets, was left in the public road. A short time thereafter the murder was discovered and a posse was soon in pursuit of the negroes.

Notwithstanding the biting cold, sleet and rain, the search for the murderers continued all day Sunday and Monday. Magnolia is not on a railroad and has no telegraph office.

WHY WOMEN ARE SHOP LIFTERS

Christmas Shopping Weakens Their So-Called Imitative Impulses Says Boston Professor.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Prof. Hugo Munsterberg of Harvard has, from a psychological viewpoint, decided the much mooted question as to why so many members of the fair sex fall from grace during the Christmas season by becoming, in the vernacular of the courts, "shoplifters."

The noted investigator, summing up the question briefly, states that the reason why women pilfer pretty articles in the stores is because women have a duller moral perception than men, and in consequence are less likely to restrain the so-called "imitative impulse."

It would seem from a further study, according to the professor, that the "imitative impulse" so weakens the moral responsibility that the women fall to resist the temptation of stealing pretty articles when they see other women purchasing.

DR. HENRY SHONTS WILL LIKELY DIE

Is the Father of Theodore P. Shonts Who Has Been Called to His Bedside.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 21.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough-Metropolitan Street Railway company of New York, arrived here to reach the bedside of his dying father, Dr. Henry Daniel Shonts. Dr. Shonts is 87 years old, and soon after his son arrived physicians administered oxygen to prolong his life. His death is expected momentarily.

Died in Street Car.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 21.—Edwin E. Keith, manager of the Sanet-Cedar company, living at 1800 Knoxville avenue, while in the act of laughing at a joke a friend was telling him on a south-bound Adams street car gave a gasp and fell back dead in his seat. Deceased was 55 years old and leaves a wife, Mrs. Anna Keith; one son, Dayton Keith, and a daughter, Nina Keith.

THE REST CURE FOR BUSINESS

James J. Hill Suggests This Remedy as the Best Thing Just at Present for Our Country.

THE CAPITAL IS NOT ALL

More Foodstuffs Needed—When Workers Curtail Profits of Capital, Country Will Face Crisis.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—"What the United States needs most of all just now is to give business a 'rest cure.' Let up on this agitation, and do more work and less talking in trying to solve the great economic questions. The 'rest cure' is the thing."

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway company, who is in the northwest with Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company, and Darius Miller, first vice president of the Burlington system, suggested the foregoing remedy after diagnosing the country's ailments. Mr. Hill came to Spokane for a conference with Jay P. Graves, president of the Spokane & Inland Empire Electric Railway system, in which he recently acquired a controlling interest. He added:

"The people, not capital, make the country advance, but capital must be employed to keep the people at some occupation. When workers curtail the profit of capital then the country will face a serious condition. I do not say this will happen, but I do say that we must work to ward off even the probability of facing a situation of this kind. The way to do this is to keep the people employed. Give them occupation, and the Northwest can help mightily to do it at the present time. We need more foodstuffs."

"The country is still prosperous, but this is no time to make a comparison as to the brightness of the outlook. I don't know what to think of certain conditions, and for that reason I would not say that America will face a happy holiday season or that it won't, taking the financial status of the states as a basis."

Mr. Hill announced officially that the Hill lines will traverse the Des Chutes country, where the Harriman system is now active.

The Greentop Murderer.

[Special to The Gate City.] LANCASTER, Mo., Dec. 21.—John Webb, charged with the murder of Orle March at Greentop on Dec. 4, was bound over to the circuit court, May term, without bail. Webb is 60 years old and is said to have served a term in the penitentiary at Jefferson City for forgery, from Carroll county, this state.

Cedar Falls Engineer Dead. WATERLOO, Dec. 21.—Michael Hammond, for eleven years superintendent of the water works of Cedar Falls, died suddenly aged 65.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

For Illinois and Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.

With the highest pressure in Eastern Montana, the field of high pressure extends over the Eastern Slope of the Rockies, the entire Mississippi Valley and the Western Gulf, freezing temperature extending to the gulf, and over the entire eastern portion of the country.

The pressure continues low north of the Lake region, and there has been light snow from the Northern Mountain Region eastward, through portions of the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Lake Region, and the rains in the south have passed to the Eastern Gulf.

On the Pacific Slope the area of low pressure has remained nearly stationary, and there have been light rains in California and Arizona.

Conditions indicate generally fair, continued cold weather for this section tonight and Wednesday.

Local Observations.

Date Bar. Ther. Wind. Wthr. 20 7 p. m. ... 30.17 19 SW Clear 21 7 a. m. ... 30.21 8 SW Clear River above low water of 1864, 1 foot, 7 tenths.

Change in 24 hours, rise 5 tenths. Mean temperature, 29th, 12; maximum temperature, 23; minimum temperature, 2.