

MRS. COOK HAD THE ORIGINALS?

TALE THAT SHE TOOK THEM TO LONDON FOR LONSDALE.

Was to Give Them to Him There, but He Didn't Come—Neither Did Cook—Supposed to Have Them Yet—Minister Egan Still Thinks Cook Honest.

That Dr. Friedrich A. Cook, the Bushwick explorer, did not present his "original" records for examination by the committee of the Copenhagen University at the same time that he offered through Secretary Lonsdale his 30,000 word analysis of the hypothetical trip to the pole and back was due, so a particular friend of the Bushwick explorer said yesterday, to a terrific unfortunate conjunction of circumstances in London. This prevented Cook's secretary from connecting with the precious originals, even though they had been carried across the water by a person who was not shadowed by detectives.

This person was no less than Mrs. Cook, this authority said, who insisted upon remaining in anonymity, and she sailed from New York on December 4 with the original diary and original observations that her husband had written by the aid of a magnifying glass in the lonely igloo at Jones Sound secure in her possession.

From the time that Cook had finished his exhaustive preparation of the Copenhagen data in the Gramatan Inn until after he had sailed from New York on November 27, said this confidant of the absent polar specialist, all of his original documents and first hand records had remained securely immured behind the steel doors of a safe in the office of his good friend Charles Wake, on the seventh floor of the office building at 128 Broadway.

Mr. Wake, who is employed by the Equitable Life Assurance Society and who has an office and a safe all his own in the building at 128, had been considered a guardian safer even than any reputable safe deposit company and such Mr. Wake proved.

But after Walter Lonsdale had sailed from New York with only carbon copies of the Cook data in his possession Dr. Cook had arranged with his wife, so this confidant to the most modern of the Arabian Nights read yesterday, that she should slip out of New York, carefully avoiding all detectives who lurked along the waterfront, and with the prized originals in her possession, she had been to London. There Lonsdale was to get in communication with Mrs. Cook, and in that neutral town, far away from the espionage of the gang of hired sleuths that had been perching on the gables of the Gramatan Inn for so many trying weeks, Mrs. Cook was to give to the trusted secretary all the memoranda, stained and spotted as they were with water dripping from the lamp in that lonely igloo at Jones Sound.

Mrs. Cook did sail and she did carry with her all the important originals, so the tale is spun. She had intended sailing earlier than she did, but for some reason or other she was to be made to delay her departure until after some of this smoke had blown away.

She went to London, to wait the arrival of Lonsdale. But somehow Lonsdale never appeared in London to relieve her of her burden, and she who had thought that time was somewhere between Naples and Christiansand, Norway, meet his wife and take from her the original Jones Sound data for transmission to Copenhagen.

Therefore, according to the narrator of this thousand and second tale, Mrs. Cook must be somewhere in Europe, either by accident or by design, and she must be there, somewhere, during this time last year when she was perching by the aid of a magnifying glass in that stormbound igloo.

When Mr. Wake was asked yesterday to confirm this story he withdrew behind a mask of reticence.

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KING'S GIFT TO MR. EGAN.

Vase Designed by Princess Waldemar Presented to U. S. Minister to Denmark.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—The King has presented to Minister Egan and his family a large vase especially made for the purpose at the royal porcelain manufactory according to a design prepared by the late Princess Waldemar.

NAVAL BASE AT VANCOUVER.

British and Canadian Governments to Cooperate \$10,000,000 From Ottawa.

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 22.—The London correspondent of the Post says he learns that negotiations are progressing between the Imperial and Dominion governments which may result in the establishment of a naval base of considerable proportions at Vancouver Island.

NEWSBOYS GIVE AND TAKE.

The Williamsburg Wop Persecutes Wants 'Class at the Home Club.

The window panes of the Newsboys Home Club at 74 East Fourth street rattled last night as 500 club members shrieked their joy over the appearance of the Williamsburg Wop in the role of Santa Claus.

EDWARD WILLETT'S WILL.

Leaves Entire Estate, Estimated at \$1,000,000 to Mrs. Will.

MINNEOLA, L. I., Dec. 22.—The will of the late Edward Willett, who died at Westbury about a month ago, was filed here today. The entire estate, which is estimated at \$1,000,000 at the least, is left to the widow, Hannah T. Willett.

SWINDLERS CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Police of Rome Save an American From Loss—Began Bills and Jewels.

ROME, Dec. 22.—Two confidence men, who said they were Peter Webb of London and John Jones of Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were trying to rob an American visitor.

DESTROY SUFFRAGETTE'S WHIP

Miss Garnet Wanted the Weapon She Used on Winston Churchill.

BRISTOL, England, Dec. 22.—Theresa Garnet, the suffragette who assaulted Winston Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, with a dog whip at the railway station here some weeks ago and who served a prison sentence for her action, applied to a magistrate here this morning for the return of the whip with which she slashed the Cabinet Minister.

LORD STRATHCONA IN PERIL.

Motor Bus Topped Over on His Auto and Threw Him Out.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Strathcona, the Canadian ambassador, had a narrow escape from serious injury last night. He had just driven up on Victoria street, when another automobile collided with a motor bus and forced the latter on top of Lord Strathcona's car, which was badly damaged.

FIRE DAMAGES COLLEGE \$100,000.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 22.—Fire which started in a room occupied by Father Victor White, vice-rector of discipline and instructor of Latin, shortly after 1 o'clock this morning destroyed property at the Santa Clara College estimated at \$100,000. The entire southern wing, occupied by the scholastic clergy, was burned. The destroyed wing contained three valuable reference libraries.

BOMB, REVOLVER AND KNIFE

THREE OFFICIALS VICTIMS OF ASSASSINATION PLOTS.

The Death of Col. Karpoff May Have Been Caused by Russian Police Scheming—Indian Official Shot in Theatre—Cereus Premier Fatally Stabbed.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES TO THE SUN. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police, was blown to pieces by a bomb at midnight last night. There is considerable mystery over the affair.

The facts as known are that a young man whose passport bore the name of Vosresensky rented recently a small flat in the Viborg district of St. Petersburg. Yesterday a man who said he was Vosresensky's uncle, accompanied by a servant, arrived at the flat.

An explosion occurred within the flat shortly afterward, wrecking the place and killing the "uncle," whose body was so mutilated that it was almost impossible to identify it. The servant was badly injured about the head.

Vosresensky, who was on the staircase at the time, rushed to the street, where he was stopped by a policeman. The young man drew a revolver, but was overpowered and arrested.

It was believed at first that the whole thing was an ordinary Russian conspiracy, but it was ascertained several hours later that the supposed "uncle" was really Col. Karpoff, the chief of the secret police, who was appointed to his post less than a year ago. He seems to have been enticed to the flat where he met his death. The servant was also a member of the secret police.

A widespread conviction exists that the secret police were preparing to make a fictitious discovery of bombs with a view of deterring the Czar and Carrina from a prolonged stay in the capital and that Karpoff was accidentally the victim of his own or his associate officials' plot.

The Constitutional Democrats will present an urgent interpellation on the subject in the Duma this evening.

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.—Mr. Jackson, the British collector and magistrate at Nasik, was shot dead with a revolver in the theatre last night while sitting in a box with two ladies and the assistant collector. The assassin, who is a native, was arrested.

The motive is supposed to have been revenge. Mr. Jackson recently sentenced a native to penal servitude for life. Nasik is a hotbed of sedition.

TOKYO, Dec. 22.—Yi Wan Yon, the Prime Minister of Korea, was fatally stabbed this morning in front of the Roman Catholic cathedral in Seoul, Korea. The assassin is said to be a Christian who formerly lived in the United States.

Yi Wan Yon was the strongest supporter of Japan's policy in Korea, but he was recently admonished by Viscount Sone, the Japanese Resident-General at Seoul, for overactivity in opposing the Ichihoh party and agitating for amalgamation with Japan.

The amalgamation sentiment, which is growing in Korea, is discouraged here, although the Jih has recently printed strong editorials on the subject which are at least significant.

The Japanese Foreign Office states that the assassination of Yi Wan Yon will not affect the policy of Korea, but it is generally recognized that it will be a difficult matter to replace the Premier.

Bishop Harris of the Methodist Church, who has just returned from a tour of Korea, reports that he found everywhere a growing friendship toward Japan. The missionaries, he said, are keeping strictly aloof from the amalgamation movement.

SEoul, Dec. 22.—Yi Wan Yon was riding in a jinrikisha when the assassin sprang upon him and stabbed him in the abdomen and chest. He then similarly stabbed the man who was pulling the jinrikisha and killed him also. The assassin was arrested.

Yi Wan Yon has held the office of Prime Minister since May, 1907, when the Korean Cabinet was reorganized at the suggestion of Japan. He was previous to that time Minister of Education and Marquis Ito secured him the Premiership by exerting his influence with the Emperor of Korea.

The attack on Premier Yi, coming so soon after the assassination of Ito at the Harbin railroad station, is a significant manifestation of the anti-Japanese attitude which is held by Koreans at large.

CLUB'S NAMES ITS OWN.

Justice Blackman Won't Order Y. M. B. C. to Give Out List of Members.

Justice Blackman in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday denied the application of Joseph B. Aloe for an order to compel President Darwin B. James, Jr., and other officers of the Young Men's Republican Club to furnish him with the names and addresses of the members.

The club has long been championing Gov. Hughes's scheme for direct primary nominations, and Mr. Aloe wanted to get a full list of the members so as to make an individual canvass of their views on the question, but was refused access to the roll book.

Chief Clerk Mackin said that it was not for the court to manage the Young Men's Republican Club, it being a voluntary organization, and that he could not interfere with its management unless some legal right was shown in the copying of the names of the members.

ENDOWMENT CO. WINS.

Court Refuses Receiver for United States Life Concerns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The United States Life Endowment Company gained a victory to-day when Judge Dupuy, on motion of the defendant's attorneys, instructed the jury to find in favor of the company in the proceedings instituted by Fred W. Potter, State Insurance Superintendent, who charged that the company should continue in business.

Several weeks ago Superintendent Potter issued a Superior Court order charging that the company was insolvent and should be restrained from doing business. The defendant, however, filed an answer in which it denied the allegations and asked for a trial by jury.

TRAVELS OF A CANNON BALL.

From Under a Sink to the East River as a Suspicious Character.

A loaded cast iron cannon ball weighing about 25 pounds was found yesterday by Anthony Barlitz, janitor of the Rutherford Apartments at 206 East Seventeenth street, underneath a sink in the engine room. Barlitz, with hair upended, fled to the East Twenty-second street police station and told Lieut. Flanely about it.

Policeman Riley went bravely to the Rutherford, put the cannon ball into a bucket of water and took it to the station. The ball was found in a box of combustibles went away with the loaded bucket and threw it right into the East River; so there again end of that.

MONUMENT TO THE FIREMEN.

Design Approved for the Memorial to Be Erected in Union Square.

The firemen's memorial fund committee announces that the design for the memorial has been approved by the Municipal Art Commission and that construction will be begun soon on the site at the north end of Union Square now occupied by a wooden cottage.

The monument proper is in the form of a votive tablet about 25 feet long, 22 feet high and 8 feet thick, flanked by two statues symbolical of "Duty" and "Sacrifice." On the northerly face will be carved an inscription reading:

To the Men of the Fire Department of the City of New York Who Died in the Line of Duty Soldiers in a War that Never Ends This Memorial is Dedicated By the People of a Grateful City.

On the southerly face of the monument will be a bas relief, eighteen feet long and eight feet high, representing a dash to a fire and other scenes. To right and left of the monument will extend a balustrade enclosing a fountain basin on the north, east and west, leaving the south side of the basin open to the park.

The memorial, including the balustrade and the basin, will be about 120 feet long by about 60 feet wide, and will be constructed of warm toned Knoxville marble and Milford granite. The sculpture will be in the death-like realism in character and is the work of H. Van Buren Magdonie, the architect of the McKinley national memorial at Canton, Ohio.

The cottage and the old cast iron flag and lamp standards will be removed, and the paths and grass plots in the square rearranged to make passage across the park easier and more direct.

The firemen's memorial was suggested by the late Bishop Potter in his sermon at the funeral of Fire Chief Kruger in St. Thomas Church in 1902. More than \$50,000 was raised by the committee by the fall of the same year. Bishop Potter was the first chairman of the committee.

The Rev. John Straus became chairman. The other members of the committee are Gen. Thomas L. James, treasurer; Andrew Carnegie, Henry W. Aldrich, Commissioner Hayes, Fire Chief Croker, the Rev. Henry W. Brann, George W. Babb, Cornelius N. Bliss, Hamilton W. Mabie, Egerton L. Withrop, Jr., and Cecil J. Allen, secretary.

ALTARS DEDICATED.

Erected in Williamsburg Church by Mrs. Ann Eliza Walsh.

More than twenty priests participated yesterday in the consecration of two costly marble altars in the Catholic church of St. Peter and Paul on Wythe avenue, Williamsburg. The altars are the gift of Mrs. Ann Eliza Walsh in memory of her parents.

Mgr. Mundelein, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn, consecrated the altars, which are known as the Blessed Virgin and the Sacred Heart. Among the clergy who assisted him was Mgr. Edward J. McGoldrick, the Church of St. Cecilia, the Rev. William McGuire, pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, the Rev. Thomas J. Carroll, pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul; the Rev. John E. Belford, pastor of the Church of the Nativity; the Rev. William B. Farrell, pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity; and the Rev. Edward Duffy, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany.

A large number of seminarians from St. Joseph's College chanted the litany, while a children's choir sang. After the altars were consecrated there was a solemn high mass. The consecration service lasted for more than four hours.

The large altar, but one and a half feet high, is made of white marble, and is set on a base of red granite. The other altar, which is six feet high, is made of white marble, and is set on a base of red granite.

DALLAS COUNTY BONDS SOLD.

Securities Refused by Equitable Life Taken by a Local Bank.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 22.—Dallas county to-day sold the City National Bank of Dallas \$75,000 worth of road, bridge and viaduct bonds at par. The bonds bear 4 per cent. interest.

The purchasers took the bonds with the provision in their bid that the funds from the sale should remain in the bank without drawing interest and be paid out only in payment for the work for which the bonds were issued as the work progresses.

There is a slight doubt as to the right of the county under the State law to waive interest. This point is to be submitted to the Attorney-General. The opinion of the county authorities is that he will rule in favor of the county.

These bonds are the same that Vice-President Day of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York last week refused.

CRUSH AT LEOPOLD'S FUNERAL.

ROYALTIES JOIN IN CORTAGE DESPITE RAINSTORM.

Emblems of Mourning Profuse in Brussels—Countess Vaughan's Boys Attend Memorial Mass at Pontoise—She Says She Paid \$100,000 for Chateau.

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The city presented an appearance of mourning. Balconies of the houses were hung with black draperies, and even the street lamps were veiled in orange.

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As the body left the palace the troops presented arms, trumpets sounded, drums were ruffled, while the artillery fired a last salute and the bells of the church of St. Jacques were tolled.

Prince Albert walked behind the bier, followed by the heads of the various foreign embassies and legations in Brussels.

The ceremony at the church consisted of the usual solemn mass of requiem and offices for the dead. It was concluded at 12:50 o'clock. At the close Prince Albert and the foreign Princes and representatives went in procession with the body as far as the porch of the church. Then the cortege was reformed and started with the body for Laeken, three miles away.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The two children of the Countess Vaughan, accompanied by a teacher and several attendants, attended a memorial mass for King Leopold in a church at Arvenville near Baillecourt, to-day. The boys were dressed in white, with crape bands on their left arms. The Countess did not attend the service. Only a few villagers were present.

The question of sealing up the villa at Baillecourt was before the court at Pontoise again to-day. Counsel for the Countess Vaughan asked that the seals be removed, pleading that the chateau was his client's property, for which she had paid \$100,000. Judgment will be rendered to-morrow.

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ALTERNATIVE MUCH BETTER.

Theaters Hopeful—Cardinal Thankful for Americans' Prayers.

ROME, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of THE SUN was admitted to-day to see Cardinal Satolli, formerly Apostolic Delegate to the United States, whose health for some time has been a matter of much anxiety. He found that the Cardinal's condition was greatly improved and that the doctors are hopeful of his recovery.

Cardinal Satolli said he was gratified and touched by the sympathy shown him by American Catholics and he was grateful for their prayers for his recovery. He had received many telegrams of sympathy.

The Cardinal was cheerful and chatted with the correspondent on many topics. He recalled the pleasant times he had had in America and his many friends there. He added that he was reconciled to a long and difficult convalescence. He fully realized his danger, but thanked God that his mind was still clear.

MASON'S DEMAND CITIZENSHIP.

Porto Rico Branch Appeals to Masonic Sympathy in Congress.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Dec. 22.—The plan of the Freemasons to reconcile Dr. J. C. Barbosa and Luis Munoz Rivera, the leaders respectively of the Republican and Unionist parties, has been successful after the two men had been political and social enemies for twelve years.

It has been agreed that both of the parties shall fight for citizenship for the Porto Ricans and for an amendment to the organic act that will permit of an elective Senate. A cable message has been sent to Senator Heyburn saying:

"The Masons of Porto Rico, in assembly, request the exercise of the powerful influence of the Masons in Congress to obtain for the Porto Ricans at this session American citizenship, with the fullest self-government."

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Historian Friedjung Imposed on by Series Regarding Greater Serbia.

VIENNA, Dec. 22.—An end was reached to-day of the libel action brought by members of the Serbo-Croatian coalition in the Croatian Diet against Dr. Heinrich Friedjung, the Austrian historian, who had charged in a newspaper article that one of the deputies belonging to the coalition was engaged in a conspiracy to overthrow by dynamite and dagger, Austrian rule in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to establish a greater Serbian kingdom.

It was proved that two documents which Dr. Friedjung largely relied upon were forged. He thereupon admitted that they were worthless. The plaintiffs then withdrew the suit and the court ordered that the costs be divided.

The press and public approve of this settlement of the case, it being held that Dr. Friedjung acted in good faith.

BARON MONKSWELL DEAD.

Was an Active Participant in British Public Life and an Author.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Robert Collier, second Baron Monkswell, member of the London County Council for the Haggerston division, justice of the peace and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, is dead. He was born March 26, 1845, and educated at Eton and Cambridge.

He had been active in public life. He was Under Secretary for War in 1885 and later chairman of the Royal Commission on the Health and Safety of Miners. He was the author of one novel and numerous articles and pamphlets on public affairs.

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