

THE POLAR EXPEDITION... THE CHANGES HE SELECTED

Danish University to Which He Submitted His Data, "Confident of the Outcome," Turns Him Down Flatly.

HIS DATA AND RECORDS FOUND TO BE WORTHLESS

No Attention Paid to Claims of Secretary of Doctor that Missing and Convincing Data Was on Its Way — Finding of Experts Severe Jolt to Danish Pride and University Will Demand Return of Honorary Degree Conferred Upon Him — Cook's Whereabouts Unknown — Statement By Peary.

(Special from United Press.) Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The North Pole discovery claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook are today flatly rejected by the University of Copenhagen. In a report adopted by the University Consistory based on the findings of the special investigating committee, it is declared that the data presented by Dr. Cook furnishes absolutely no evidence to substantiate his claim.

The records and observations, it says, are no more convincing than his newspaper account of his exploration. Walter Lonsdale, Cook's private secretary, at present in Copenhagen, is reported to be making an effort to have it withheld from final judgment until all the doctor's data is placed before it. He told the scientists that the missing data, which had been sent from America by a different route than that which the committee examined, was expected here in a few days. He explained that this data was sent by a different route for prudential reasons, and it is stated that the committee is of the opinion that it is considered important that it be considered. The Consistory, however, will pay no attention to this latest appeal, and its finding today is the final chapter so far as is concerned.

One of the members of the investigating committee said after the findings had been approved by the Consistory: "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 from it. The doctor, on which he wrote in great measure for vindication, has only the results of his observations rather than the observations themselves, and were thrown aside without a moment's consideration. I cannot understand how a man of Dr. Cook's reputed scientific achievements could have attempted to bolster up his claim with such flimsy evidence."

The similarity between the allegation by Gunnar Bjerrne, a Danish explorer, and the remunerative reward for his share in the Mt. McKinley episode, and Captain Looze, who declared that he had "taken the observations" of the book, and the allegations of both that they had not received the money promised them by the explorer greatly damaged the Brooklyn man's case. He really made up his mind at the meeting last Friday when the various members carefully examined the records and decided that they were incomplete and so useless. Walter Lonsdale, Cook's secretary, was present at this meeting. He produced a letter from Cook, dated September 14, in which he requested Marselles, Dec. 14, in which was enclosed a letter from a former rector. The letter was sent from New York on September 14. In it Cook said his instruments and the most important part of his astronomical observations had been left at Etah.

Dr. Cook had suffered a severe shock in the report of the Consistory. Dr. Cook arrived here from the Arctic expedition in the ship "Thetis" on the morning of the 21st. It is admitted now that he submitted no satisfactory proof of his discovery, but the Danish people, from the time Cook's story was accepted, accepted the discovery as one of the greatest achievements in the annals of polar exploration and accorded him many high honors.

Many Arctic explorers, who are supposed to stand in the front rank of scientific investigators, have not only immediately went on record as having absolute faith in him. No more unpleasant outcome than the reports today could have been possible means, have avoided a reputation of the explorer, it would have done so.

The public now feels that it has been grossly imposed upon and the most bitter execrations of Cook are heard on every hand. A demand will be made for the surrender of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science which the University conferred upon him. "Despite statements by Dr. Cook's brother to America that the explorer is now in Christiansen, all efforts to find him there today failed. The investigating committee members say they know where Cook is but will not give his whereabouts.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The committee which examined and rejected the Cook records consisted of Professor Ellis Stromgren, president of the committee; Commander Gustav Holm, director of the hydrographic bureau; Commander Jensen, director of navigation; Astronomer Pechely, of the Copenhagen Observatory; Captain Exler, director of the Meteorological Institute Knud Rasmussen and Professor Engstrom of Lund University, Sweden. Each of these men is a world famous scientist.



DR. F. A. COOK

ed by the press that although Cook had not proved his discovery of the Pole neither had it been proven that he hadn't been there, Cook would have a leg to stand on.

Further than making the above statement, Commander Peary declined absolutely to comment upon the turning down of Dr. Cook's alleged proofs by the University of Copenhagen. In speaking of Cook's attitude at the beginning of the North Pole controversy which resulted in drastic criticism from the naval officer, Professor Willis L. Moore, president of the National Geographical Society said today: "No matter what intemperate statements Mr. Peary may have made in any of those who criticize him could have put themselves in the explorer's position, they would have done the same and they have done so. Their convictions and the duty they believed they owed the public had Peary not been so courageous enough to denounce them, would have been the same. He did not have the bravery to carry him over his perilous journey to the pole."

PROF. BREWER SAYS COOK MAY HAVE REACHED THE POLE

New Haven, Dec. 21.—William H. Brewer, professor of Yale University, one of the country's leading authorities on northern exploration and a personal acquaintance of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, when asked today if he believed that Cook had reached the North Pole, declared himself to abide by the university's decision.

While Professor Brewer does not doubt the ability of the University of Copenhagen to determine the authenticity of Dr. Cook's claims, he is entirely unwilling to brand Dr. Cook as a "faker." In his opinion the mere fact that the University has rejected the documents does not necessarily mean that Dr. Cook had not been in the vicinity of the pole.

"I believe the authorities of the University of Copenhagen are capable in every way to determine the efficiency of Dr. Cook's claims," said Professor Brewer. "I believe the committee that did the investigating a good one. I am totally unwilling, however, to say that Dr. Cook is an impostor, as there is no way at present of knowing whether he actually reached the pole or failed to reach it."

HARVARD PROFESSOR AN "I TOLD YOU SO"

Boston, Dec. 21.—Professor R. H. Pickering of the Harvard Observatory when told today of the action of the Danish society investigating Dr. Cook's polar claims said: "We all expected it for a good while. No, I do not think I have any comment to make. In fact I do not think there is anything to be said. The action of the Danes is conclusive enough."

SOUTHPORT MAN SUES AUTOMOBILIST FOR DAMAGES OF \$1,000

Papers were served today in a suit for \$1,000 damages brought against Abram D. Gillette, a wealthy resident of Darien, as the result of the collision of his automobile with a vehicle driven by Julius Buza of Southport, in that village on the night of Sept. 5, last.

Buza alleges his carriage was run down from the rear, his head was cut and bruised, his horse injured and his carriage wrecked, when Gillette entrusted his automobile to an "incompetent, unreliable and improper" driver, Sheriff Stagg made service. Attorney Steiber represents the plaintiff.

CITY WINS IN SOUTHEY SUIT

ARCHITECT RECOVERS \$560, A LITTLE MORE THAN SCHOOL BOARD WAS WILLING TO PAY IN SETTLEMENT.

Suit Grew Out of Remodelling of Bostwick Avenue School and Rejection of Plans.—Plaintiff Asked \$1,250.

Judge Lucien F. Burpee decides that Architect Ernest G. Southey is entitled to recover but \$560 from the Board of Education. He sued to recover \$1,250 which he claimed the board should pay for his plans for remodeling the Bostwick avenue school. The committee had offered \$500 in settlement of the claim. The committee on schools, a sub-committee of the board, employed Mr. Southey to make plans for certain changes. When the plans were submitted it was discovered that it would cost \$52,000 to do the work and they were rejected upon the ground that the improvements provided for were more extensive than the board ordered. Plans were subsequently made by another architect, and the improvements were carried out at an expense of less than \$20,000. The city was represented by City Attorney Thomas M. Cullinan. Mr. Southey was represented by Caneff, Judson & Cullinan.

SHE LOVED HER HUSBAND BUT, OH YOU KIDS

Mrs. Keeler Couldn't Stand the Children Court Grants Deserted Husband a Decree of Divorce Today

When Joseph P. Keeler of this city on July 3, 1906, then a widower, took unto himself another wife in the person of May Monahan, little did he expect that his second marriage would be rudely blasted within a short time after the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler left Bridgeport for New York on the evening of the 23rd of their honeymoon, which included a visit to relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

They were gone but three days when Keeler was notified by his employer, the Warner Bros. Co., that he had been laid off. He packed up his grip and came back to Bridgeport, but his wife did not receive him. She promised to come, but she had the new home furnished. He secured a rent on South Main street and sent for his bride. She arrived three days after he had returned to the city. She refused to come back to this city and live with him. She, however, would dispose of his household goods in this city, and give up his position as a clerk and moved to New York.

ESTRADA TROOPS TO FORCE ZELAYA INTO ENGAGEMENT

(Special from United Press.) Bluefields, Via Wireless to Colon, Dec. 21.—General Estrada is today making good his threat to carry the fighting to the government troops. The revolutionists have attacked the government troops near Recreo, which is at the head of navigation of the Mico river. It is not believed that all the forces are engaged for the dispatches indicate that Estrada is maneuvering to surround the government troops. Estrada is being assisted by General Luis Mena, Fornos Diaz, Mazy, Pacheco and Chamorro. The gunboat Blanca, equipped with a Hotchkiss and several other rapid fire guns has sailed up the Mico River. The government troops are said to be entrenched for eight miles between Recreo and Mico Junction.

JUDGE CRAZY AGAIN

John Judge, who has been in the asylum for the insane at Middletown, but was discharged, owing to his improved condition, will probably be returned to that institution. Drs. F. L. Day and J. D. Gold will examine him at Lakeview, this evening, and report to the probate court tomorrow morning.

RAG FIRE IN CLOSET

Rags in a closet beneath a sink at 225 Prospect street caught fire this afternoon in some mysterious manner and brought out the fire department. The damage was slight. The house is occupied by Jennie M. Miller and the family of William J. Carter.

SELECTMEN ASK FOR \$440

The board of selectmen filed a requisition today for \$440. The request is to cover seven clerks services for 9 days at \$5 per day, a total of \$315, advertising, \$50; meals, \$60; and stationery, \$15. The money is employed in the King's office.

BISSONNETTE SENTENCE POSTPONED

Judge Wheeler to Consider Motion to Set Aside Verdict

John Reilly, Charged with Highway Robbery, Escapes with Jail Sentence Because of Previous Good Reputation.—Pizzuti Trial Begun Today

Judge Ralph Wheeler will look further into the matter of the motion presented to the Superior court today relative to Napoleon Bissonnette, who last Friday was found guilty of murder in the second degree. This morning he deferred sentence till Friday at 10 o'clock.

As was expected, Attorney John C. Chamberlain presented a motion that the sentence be set aside, claiming the verdict was against the evidence. Counsel for the defense in asking for this motion stated that he was not in court on Friday when the verdict was reached. On arriving here shortly after 5 p. m. he was surprised beyond all apprehension by the verdict. This was a walking bluff by Chamberlain, "in 25 years or more experience before this court, heard of a verdict which has met with such universal disfavor. He cannot understand how those men could be so misled on a trial of the man on an issue in regard to his relations with his family. This was a walking bluff by Chamberlain. It appeared that he had been arrested for non-support, that his wife did not care for him, and that his children hated him, but Chamberlain sent to State's prison for the rest of his natural existence for that reason? The result should be a verdict of manslaughter. Peary may need it.

It will be remembered that the jury after being out for a long time, asked the court instructions regarding manslaughter where malice was not intended. After that information had been extended they returned with a verdict of guilty of second degree murder within five minutes.

Attorney Judson reviewed the more important evidences produced during the proceedings. That phase of the case he said, "The jury might have considered was the fact that when the shot was fired Demery was at least four feet from Bissonnette. This matter has been testified to by the had hold of him, and most likely were brought to that verdict because when the shot was fired Demery was in the room, and the door was open. If Bissonnette really was in anger when he fired that fatal shot, why was it not fired when Demery was in the room? The jury might have considered further to look into the matter in regard to the granting of a motion of this kind, postponed to Friday.

John Reilly, the East Side youth, who it is alleged robbed William Lonsbury in Washington Park, the night of July 3, given 8 months, but he was through in 6 months. Attorney Fred B. Fallon, told the court that he had been drinking in a State street saloon on that evening. He was in a saloon in the neighborhood of Lonsbury's overalls, was found on Reilly.

Reilly Fallon in pleading for the young man stated that he already had been in jail for six months, and had always enjoyed a good character up to the time of the robbery. He had been a steady worker since he was 14 years of age, being the support of his mother, who since the occurrence had been unable to work, but he had since been compelled to give up, because of a shock. State's Attorney Judson stated because of the good character of the young man, he did not recommend a State's prison sentence, though the crime called for it, but that a sojourn in jail would be the better. The court took the latter course.

Thomas Callahan of Danbury was sentenced to 6 months in jail for simple assault, to which he pleaded guilty. This morning in lieu of the charge of indecent assault. His victim was a youth of 12 years of age. The trial of Salvatore Pizzuti was started this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He is charged with assault with intent to kill on Louis Fasciano on July 5th in a saloon in Columbus place. Fasciano to defend himself shot at his assailants, the shot being fatal, the death of Antonio, a brother of Salvatore, resulting.

PERMANENT PAVING FOR ELM STREET

Although Director Blitz does not ask for any funds for permanent pavement this year the aldermanic street committee is going to ask the Board of Appropriations for \$7,000 which will be used for laying pavement in Elm street, between Main street and Broad street and in Broad street, between Fairfield avenue and Elm street. If this amount is granted it will be the only permanent pavement laid in Bridgeport this year. The paving of this short stretch of Broad street and this single block in Fairfield avenue will make a new out-let from Broad street into Main street for vehicles of all kinds and relieve the corner of Main street and Fairfield avenue of a great deal of traffic.

BLERIOT'S CONDITION CRITICAL

FAMOUS FRENCH AVIATOR FELL FROM MACHINE IN TURKEY.

(Special from United Press.) Vienna, Dec. 21.—Bleriot, the French aviator, is in a very critical condition at the local hospital, as the result of his fall in Turkey. An X-Ray examination of him made by the surgeons in attendance, revealed the fact that he has terribly contorted ribs and injuries to the spleen and liver. Doctors are still in consultation over his case and it is not yet known if an operation will be necessary.

WORK PROJECTED BY SEWER COMMITTEE

Many Short Stretches Which Have Been Needed for Years to Be Recommended.

LYNCH MUST POUND PAVEMENT

Tonight Patrolman George North will succeed Driver Patrick Lynch on the auto-patrol. The hours will remain the same as heretofore. Patrolman Lynch will "pound pavement" in the West End beginning with tonight.

UNCLASSIFIED

- FOR RENT—4 rooms, No. 44 Elm St. W. H. Hart, Room No. 207 Newfield Building. T 21 s * o
FOR SALE—Live cod. Schooner Mattie and Lena, low bridge. T 21 s * p
WANTED—Two experienced carriage blacksmiths and helpers for jobbing firm. Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co. 154 Cannon St. T 21 b * o
FOR SALE—Household furniture. Parly going south. Sewing machine, range and all household goods. 245 Harral avenue. T 21 b * p
AUTO PAINTING—Pratt, Stratford Ave., Stratford. H 27 d * 6 4 2 p o
FOR SALE—One lady's and one gentlemen's pure white diamond rings, \$20 and \$30; cost double. Also a lady's solid gold watch. W. H. St. John, 115 Main St. Address G a * p
PRICES HAVE GONE UP and will be higher. Cover your boiler and pipes now. J. F. Welsh, 114 Kosuth St. T 2 4 6 o
OLD HOMESTEAD CAFE, hot and cold lunch all day. Look in corner E. Main and Walter Sts. M. F. O'Connor, Prop. A 19 * t * o 2
FOR SALE—Upright piano \$125. wonderful bargain. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u *
TO RENT—Furnished front room to one or two gentlemen, light heat and use of phone. 300 John St. T 21 s * o
LOST—A pearl earring between Hoag and Stratfield and Vine street. Suitable reward if returned to James Staples & Co. T 21 b * o
FOR SALE—One extra fine Pianola, mahogany case, with Bench and Music. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u *
FOR SALE—Only one more square piano at \$10. Organ at \$5. Must be sold to make room for upright pianos. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u *
PARTY with \$1,000.00 can obtain interest in a New Haven company doing splendid mail order business. Big dividend payer. P. O. Box 1262, New Haven, Conn. T 21 d * p
ONE BEAUTIFUL walnut upright piano. Nearly new. In very fine condition. \$150. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u *
CHRISTMAS—a token of some kind will be cherished. How nice a rubber coat would be, pair of boots, hot water bottle, or a wool vest. Nothing but the very best.—at O'Neill's. A *
FOR SALE—Handsome upright piano in mahogany case, latest style, with mandolin attachment, \$175. Steiner's guarantee. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. T 21 u *
AUCTION SALE TO-NIGHT—Tuesday—Unredeemed pledges 604 East Main street. Jewelry, cutler, lace curtains, table covers, bed clothing, rugs, sweaters, coats, toilet articles, razors, etc. Also 500 boys' suits of clothes damaged by water, from Steamboat Company at private sale all day today. D. P. Keane, Auctioneer. A *
NOTICE. I desire to inform my friends and the public generally that hereafter I will be found at Martin Horschler's tonorial parlors under the bank, Wall and Main streets, where my former customers will find their cups. To my former patrons I desire to express my gratitude and hope to meet them at my present place of business. "AL" THERFELDER. T 10 t * o

42 BLOODED HORSES ARE INCINERATED

Fire Destroys Bangor House Stables and Hotel Guests Flee Half Dressed to Streets.

(Special from United Press.) Bangor, Me., Dec. 21.—Fire destroyed the Bangor House stables at an early hour today, causing a loss of some \$60,000 in the destruction of buildings and incinerating some 42 blooded horses.

The Bangor House was at one time in serious danger as a panic was narrowly averted among the guests, many of whom fled to the streets half dressed.

THREE WOMEN ARE CHARGED WITH MURDER

(Special from United Press.) Newark, Dec. 21.—Prosecutor Mott went before the Essex County Grand Jury this afternoon and presented the evidence which he claims warrants the indictment of Miss Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Mary Snead and Mrs. Caroline Martin for the murder of Mrs. Cecy W. M. Snead, daughter of Mrs. Martin, whose body was found in the bath of her home in November. Discussing the case Mott said: "Whether or not it is established that I suspect note found pinned to the clothing of young Mrs. Snead in the house where she died, is or not in her writing, we have enough evidence to establish the fact that she did not die by her own hand. Moreover I will show the jury that a conspiracy existed to take her life. It is suggested by the prosecution that a blanket indictment charging the three women with murder will be handed down by the Grand Jury not later than tomorrow night."

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CLEAN CINDERS WANTED for all on west approach Congress St. bridge. Snare & Triest Co. T 21 s * o
DR. MANSFIELD, foot specialist, 201 Helms building can cure that stubborn case of corns and bunions. See him afternoons or Sundays. A
TO RENT—Five large rooms, 305 Jones avenue. T 20 b * p o
TO RENT—Six room flat, 81 Hough avenue. D. R. Whitney, 1025 Main St. T 20 b * o
TO RENT—Five room flat, 347 Wilmot avenue, \$12.00. D. R. Whitney, 1025 Main St. T 20 b * o
FOR SALE—Six room cottage on Sealview avenue, lot 6x130, \$2,500. D. R. Whitney, 1025 Main St. T 20 b * o
FOR SALE—Building lot on Catherine St. Whitney, 1025 Main St. T 20 b * o
DOGS, DOGS, DOGS, all kinds of small dogs. Nothing better for a Christmas present. Come see them. 643 North avenue. Tel. 2812. T 20 b * o
FOR SALE—Fisher, Rehnung, Gabler and Mathuschek Upright Pianos for sale cheap. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. T 16 * t * o
CHRISTMAS GIFTS at reasonable prices. J. N. McNamara, 923 East Main St. T 20 r * o
FOR SALE—Square piano \$10, tuned and moved free. Violin \$5, cost \$12. Cello \$15. F. Foch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o
CONSTIPATED? Bilious? Sick? Headache? Casca Laxine Tablets knock them all. T 6 * o
TO RENT—Apartments at 302 Golden Hill St. Staterooms and bath. Enquire of owner, 41 Washington Ave. T 3 * t * o
FOR SALE—Block of 40 rooms, rent for \$1.35 per year. Good paying property and a widow can't take care of same. Address Farmer office. T 2 i f o
TYPEWRITING—Mincograph, Typewriter Public. Sears, 103 Meigs Bldg. P 17 u * o
TO RENT—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. T 2 * t * o
BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau, easy, rubbish removed, 433 Fairfield avenue. Telephone 1215-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 2 r * o
FOR SALE—Single house, 7 rooms good bargain. Leave your address. Farmer Office. H 27 * t * o
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FOR SALE—Violin, cellos, violas, bass violas. Prices from \$5 up. Sold on easy payments. Instruments taken in exchange. Foch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o
FOR SALE—Beautiful upright mahogany piano. Will sacrifice \$100 if sold at once. F. Foch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o
WANTED—Eight good trimmers for interior work to go to Rhinebeck, N. Y. John Gough, 839 Railroad avenue, City. T 15 d * c
PIANOS FOR SALE—25 will be sold at a saving of \$125.00. Chas. H. Hays, Bros. Steinway, McPhall, R. S. Hoy, and Milton, also piano players. We have pianos as low as \$30.00. Easy payments if desired. F. Foch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t * o