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## GOVERNMENT NOT DESIROUS OF ACQUIRING NORTH POLE

Will Assert no Rights to Lands Found by Dr. Cook.

### CLAIM NOT USUAL

American Explorers Since 1828 Have Discovered Vast Tracts of Land in Arctic and Antarctic, But United States Has Never Asserted Any Rights to Them.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—State department officials believe it is of little consequence to the United States what lands Dr. Cook has discovered on his way to the north pole so far as actual territorial possession is concerned. It is recalled by the department officials that ever since 1828, American explorers in both the Arctic and Antarctic have discovered vast areas of lands to which no claims were ever made. Admiral Wilkes found in the Antarctic a territory of more than 100,000 square miles in area, and Dr. Kane made large discoveries in the Arctic, but no attempt has been made by the United States to assert its rights to them.

General Greeley some years ago located lands which never before were known.

Many of the world's greatest navigators have from time to time made their discoveries to which no claim was ever made. The statement is advanced, however, that most of this land is inaccessible.

The particular territory which Dr. Cook is said to have discovered, it was asserted quite probably would be found to be an extension of the mainland of Greenland and if so, would belong to Denmark. At any rate, it is extremely improbable, it is said, that the United States would attempt to assert sovereignty over them.

### EARL GREY AT FAIR.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, and Lady Grey and Lady Edith Grey, daughter of the earl, Viscount Lascelles, his aide de camp, Captain Fife and Mr. Cower, arrived here this afternoon on the Canadian government steamer Quadra and will remain until noon Saturday. They visited the exposition to night, where the Canadian government has a building. The governor general and his party are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hill at the Hotel Perry.

## DECREASE IN EXPORTS IMPORTS INCREASED

Falling Off Was Only on Food Stuffs, Gain on Everything Else.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—There was an increase in the value of both the imports and exports of the United States during the month of July over that month last year, according to the monthly statement of the country's foreign commerce, issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor.

The value of the imports for July was \$112,488,354, an increase of \$26,057,862 over July, a year ago, making the total imports for the seven months ending July, \$830,485,646, which is an increase of \$221,958,998 over the same period for 1908.

The increase in exports for July was more than one-fourth that of imports. The exports were \$109,337,952, an increase over the previous July of \$6,135,376; for the seven months ending with July, the exports amounted to \$897,311,122, a decrease compared with the same period in 1908, of \$3,658,968.

The decrease in exports for the month were in food stuffs, all other classes of exports showing an increase.

### EVIDENCE OF PEONAGE.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 2.—Special Government Agent, W. H. Hoagland, who has been investigating charges of alleged peonage at the car plant of the Pressed Steel Car company at Schoenerville, is said to have found new evidence today tending to substantiate the charges. He refused to make a statement.

### WYOMING WEATHER.

Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday, with probably local showers.

## Smith Was a Visitor at the Big Exposition

Novel Gathering of Smith Family of the World Held at the Seattle Exposition Grounds

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—When Donald Smith, better known as Lord Strathearn, the richest man in the world, sent his regrets from Victoria to the World's fair Smith family day committee, saying that he could not attend because of illness, there was feeling of discouragement. Later the committee was cheered by the news that Columbia, the Labrador Eskimo belle queen of the pay streak, and famous as the Chicago world's fair baby christened by Mrs. Potter Palmer, claimed the name of Columbia Smith.

When the fair gates opened this morning, people began to pour in wearing the badge:

"I am a Smith; are you?"

Headquarters had been established in the Washington building and here thousands of Smiths registered. When the time for the speaking arrived, 3,000 of the great family—Indians, Eskimos in furs and white people—gathered to the hall, where exercises began with an address by Rev. Edward Lincoln Smith of the Pilgrim church, of this city.

After the addresses, every one of which was boastful of achievements of the family, prizes were awarded to the shortest Smith, the handsomest Smith and the plainest Smith. Every state of the Union was represented.

### SCHOOLS OPEN NEXT TUESDAY.

The public schools of Billings will be reopened Tuesday, September 7. The situation of the grades and of the teachers will be announced in The Gazette of next Sunday.

## DEATH TO RELIEF OF FREDDA STANLEY

Shot Herself Through Body and Lingered Three Months in Great Agony.

(Special to The Gazette.)

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Sept. 2.—Death finally relieved the sufferings of Fredda Stanley, the unfortunate young woman who attempted to commit suicide at her rooms on Grinnell avenue sometime during the night of June 16, last. The end came at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Smith undertaking establishment, Rev. O. A. Adams, pastor of the Christian church officiating. Interment was in Mount Hope cemetery.

The case of Miss Stanley was one of the most remarkable that ever came to the attention of local physicians. She lived 75 days with a bullet wound in her body that would have instantly killed the average person. Becoming despondent, she fired a revolver point-blank at her heart, the bullet passing clear through her body and through a heavy mattress to the floor under the bed on which she was lying when she sought the suicide route.

Miss Stanley was in a precarious condition for several days after the shooting, then she improved slightly and still later it was thought she had a chance for recovery. She was removed to rooms on Val Vista street, where she remained until death came. Miss Stanley had been gradually sinking for several days before she finally succumbed.

A pathetic feature of the case was the devotion of a friend—a man who had known her some time. Practically without funds when she attempted suicide, he worked hard to raise money with which to secure the best medical service and other things she needed badly. He sold what few personal effects of any value he possessed and in every possible way tried to help the woman in whom he was interested.

## Japanese Commissioners Plan to Study Industrial Conditions

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 2.—The Japanese commercial commissioners paid their respects to Mayor John F. Miller and the local Japanese consul, Tokichi Lanaka, today, and made plans for studying the United States in their tour of 80 days. Baron Shibusawa and Baron Kanda called at

the city hall to thank the mayor for their courtesies. All of the commissioners went to the consul's house.

The commissioners assembled to night and perfected plans for their organization. Various trade experts were made chairmen of committees

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## EXPRESSES NO DOUBT

French Geographers Declare It an Epoch Making Event

PARIS, Sept. 2.—M. Lemsoff, librarian of the Geographical society and an authority on polar matters, said today that while the society had not received direct news of Dr. Cook's explorations, he saw nothing to doubt in the report of the expedition, especially considering the personality of Dr. Cook.

"We have known the navigator," he said, "for several years. He is a man of rare energy and much experience in Arctic and Antarctic exploration."

"Exploring the pole is of the greatest scientific interest from magnetic, meteorological and geographical standpoints. It is impossible to imagine the terrible difficulties that are to be surmounted."

"This exploit, if confirmed, is one of the most wonderful and epoch-making of humanity."

## GREAT EXPLORER WILL BE GIVEN A MOST ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME HOME

Belgians Enthusiastic Because of Dr. Cook's Achievement--Nordenskjold Declares That Experienced Men Accompanied Explorer on Great Dash

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Preparations already are a foot to make the home-coming of Dr. Frederick A. Cook an event of national and possibly international importance. If plans outlined today by members of the Arctic club are carried out, the welcome Dr. Cook will receive in New York will be an ovation in which the city, state and nation will take part, while prominent explorers, Cook's former rivals from all parts of the globe, will gather to pay their personal tribute to his achievements.

Members of the Arctic club hope President Taft may be present. "Such an honor would be more than fitting," one declared, "in view of the fact that the explorer had placed the Stars and Stripes on the apex of the world and added, perhaps, 60,000 square miles to the nation's country."

Among the explorers, who are expected to take a prominent part are the duke of the Abruzzi, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Captain Ronald Amundsen, General A. W. Greeley, Rear Admiral Melville, Anthony Fiala and Captain Joseph Ethernier.

Captain Bradley Osborne, secretary of the Arctic club, said the explorer is not expected here for several weeks.

"He is due in Copenhagen in three days," said Captain Osborne, "and if he came straight home, would arrive in New York about the middle of September, but friends believe that he may make several stops on the way. For one thing, the geographers and scientists of Copenhagen will tender him a welcome. He may go to Christiania to meet Captain Amundsen, discoverer of the northwest passage; it is likely that he will visit Belgium, where he has been decorated for his services to science and it is scarcely conceivable that the British geographical societies would allow him to pass them on his way home without an invitation to London."

BRUSSELS, Sept. 2.—Belgian newspapers comment with enthusiasm on Dr. Cook's achievements. They recall how he came to join the Belgian expeditions to the south pole. On the very day the doctor, who had been previously engaged, was notified to join the expedition, Dr. Cook cabled from New York asking if by chance there was a place vacant aboard the Belgica. Instructions were immediately sent to him to join the ship at Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Cook's assistance on

that expedition was most valuable, not only as a physician, but as a photographer and scientist. He was the life of the party and worked wonders in cheering up the Belgian seamen.

EAGLE ISLAND, Me., Sept. 2.—"If Dr. Cook has found the pole, I most certainly extend my heartiest congratulations," said Mrs. Robert E. Peary today, when asked if she thought Dr. Cook had reached the pole. Mrs. Peary is expecting a message from Commander Peary himself the middle of the next month or sooner, and hopes that he, too, has been successful in his endeavors to reach the farthest north.

BRUNSWICK, Me., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the explorer, declined to talk at length today concerning her husband's achievement, declaring she did not desire notoriety. "I am very glad that my husband has reached the pole and gained the chief desire of his life. I have always had great faith in his success and have never for a moment felt he would not win."

GOTHENBURG, Sept. 2.—Dr. Otto Nordenskjold, explorer, who has just returned from an Arctic voyage, described an interview he had with Knud Rasmussen, the Danish student, in Greenland, who passed a winter

## No Consideration Is Shown to Bradbury

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Sept. 2.—William Bradbury, an aged millionaire, who was sentenced to a year in San Quentin penitentiary for perjury in connection with a mortgage held by him on property in this county, was taken to the prison today. Bradbury's attorneys had secured a stay of execution for 30 days which expired today and telegraphed last night that Governor Gillett had reserved final decision in the matter of a reprieve until tomorrow.

When Bradbury arrived at the prison he was clothed, measured for suit of prison clothing, photographed and given a bath. His long hair was cut off, his beard shaved and he was attired in stripes. Then he was measured for the Berrillon cabinet.

Warden Hoyle said that the millionaire would be put at work in the jute mill tomorrow. Bradbury's request that he be permitted to provide extra food for himself was denied. He was given only a mattress and two blankets, the regular prison allowance, despite his protest that he be allowed to install a comfortable couch in his cell.

## BARRICADED IN HIS HOME INSANE MAN DEFIES POLICE

Giant Redwood Trees Threatened by Railroad

Practically Decided That Pacific Northwestern Will Be Extended by Santa Fe and S. P.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Failure of denial by those who have been in conference, that an extension of the Northwestern Pacific railroad to Eureka, Cal., has been agreed upon, is believed in local railway circles here to indicate that the extension has been agreed upon by representatives

of the Santa Fe, the Southern Pacific and the Northwestern Pacific, and awaits only confirmatory action.

"This matter has been the subject of several conferences among Mr. Kruttschnitt, representing the Southern Pacific, Captain Payson, president of the Northwestern Pacific, and myself," said President Ripley of the Santa Fe in an interview today.

"Did you agree that the extension shall be made?" he was asked.

"That I do not care to answer. The whole thing will become known in time."

"Has the matter been referred to the various boards of directors?"

"Speaking of my own road, no; but it will be next week."

Mr. Kruttschnitt sent word through his chief clerk that the matter had not yet been settled. "It is not the custom of railroads to announce such matters in advance," said Mr. Kruttschnitt.

The extension would tap a section of northern California near the coast containing forests of giant redwoods, hitherto immune.

### GOVERNORS ARE INVITED.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 2.—Every governor in the United States and Mexico will be invited to be the guests of El Paso at the meeting of the president, October 16. This was decided by the joint committee on arrangements of El Paso and Juarez.

### DENMARK'S RECEPTION.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 2.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook's credit stands so high with Danish polar experts that the first message announcing his success in reaching the north pole, meager as it was, was accepted as conclusive. Commodore Hovgaard said today:

"I believe the message is true because Dr. Cook is most trustworthy and opposed to all exaggeration."

C. A. Neilson, an official of the Greenland administration, said:

"When Dr. Cook says that he reached the north pole, there can be no doubt about it. His scientific discoveries will prove that."

A committee under the presidency of the minister of commerce has been formed to arrange a fitting reception to Dr. Cook on his arrival at Copenhagen. Dr. Maurice F. Egan, the special steamer that will be sent out by the Royal Geographical society tomorrow to meet Dr. Cook, who is on his way here on the steamer Hans Egede.

The Danish government tonight dispatched the torpedo boat Jylland from Aarhus to meet Dr. Cook and the Jylland will probably come across the Hans Egede off the Skaw.

The commander will convey congratulations to the explorer on behalf of the government. The Royal Geographical society will invite Dr. Cook to be its guest during the stay at Copenhagen.

### Discovery Corroborated.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Maurice F. Egan, United States minister at Copenhagen, has telegraphed the state department that Dr. Cook's reported discovery of the north pole has been corroborated by Dergardenjens, the Danish inspector of north Greenland.

## Severe Drought Compels Many Pennsylvania Mills to Close

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2.—Little rain has fallen in eastern Pennsylvania for several months and the drought caused serious damage. Crops and pasture fields have been burned. A dispatch from York, Pa., says the big paper mill of P. H. Plattfelder and

company at Spring Grove, Pa., has been compelled to suspend operations because of the drought.

The Schuylkill river is at the lowest point in its history and more than 1,000 persons employed in the mills at manayunk, a suburb of this city, are idle because of the scarcity of water.

Subdued After Fierce Struggle With the Officers

## KILLED HIS WIFE

When Police Hear That Woman Is in House with Maniac, They Brave Death and Rush Through Door—Woman Found Dead with Finger Marks Upon Throat.

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 2.—Barri caded in his home at 14 Monroe street, defying the entrance of the police, John Glimderman, a crazy butcher, murdered his wife at 8:30 o'clock this morning by choking her to death. Then he put up a desperate fight with officers before he was taken into custody.

The report that a crazy man was in the house armed with two big revolvers had brought a force of policemen to the place and soon a large crowd gathered. Glimderman threatened to kill the first man who entered the house and held the officers at bay for 15 or 20 minutes. Not knowing that any one was in the house with him, they hesitated to precipitate a gun fire until it was reported that his wife was there. Then a rush was made against the door and the officers after a hard struggle overpowered Glimderman, but not until after he had nearly bitten off the finger of Detective Weir and kicked and scratched the others.

Mrs. Glimderman was then discovered lying in a bedroom with marks on her throat showing that she had been choked to death.

Glimderman was formerly an inmate of the insane asylum in Maryland.

### BIG DIVIDEND DECLARED.

BOSTON, Sept. 2.—Announcement of a quarterly dividend of \$5 a share was made today by the directors of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company. Three months ago this quarterly dividend declared was \$6 and the dividend declared one year ago was \$5.

### VOLIVA ASKS WRIT.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, successor to the late John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, and who is now in jail for failure to pay a judgment of \$10,000 obtained by a former member of the church on a charge of libel obtained a writ of habeas corpus from Judge Scanlon here today. The writ is made returnable tomorrow.

### DECLARED FOR PROHIBITION.

PARIS, Idaho, Sept. 2.—The people of Bear Lake county, Idaho, have declared for prohibition by a vote of almost two to one. The election, under the county option law was held yesterday.

### TOWN WAS DESTROYED.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—Word has reached here that the town of Rayones was destroyed in the recent flood that swept down the Monterey valley. Other river settlements have not yet been heard from. There is still a large area without telegraphic communication.

### MANY CLERKS AUTHORIZED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The census bureau today announced that approximately 3,000 temporary clerks would be appointed in connection with the work of taking the thirteenth decennial census. The first examination will be held on October 3, next. Few appointments from this examination will be made before January 1, and not many will be made until April, 1910. The maximum forces will be drawn about August 1, next.

### FAR-FETCHED CLAIMS.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 2.—El Paso claims the discovery of the north pole since J. G. Bradley, who carried Dr. Cook to the polar seas and outfitted him for the trip to the pole, was for many years a resident of this city. J. D. and E. G. Bradley, brothers, went to New York from El Paso several years ago.

### HARRIMAN IMPROVING.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—E. H. Harriman was in communication with his office in this city today. It was stated that his condition is improving.

### MONTANA WEATHER.

Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday, with probably showers in western portion.