

## DENMARK IS SPLIT THRICE

### COOK HAS THREE DISTINCT CLASSES OF CRITICISERS IN DENMARK

#### SOME FAITHFUL OTHERS ONLY THINKS HE THINKS SO.

#### Greatest Majority Brands Cook as the Greatest Imposter of Modern Times.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.—Denmark is today divided into three camps as far as Dr. Frederick Cook is concerned regarding his claim to the discovery of the North Pole. A handful of people, including the Inspector of North Greenland, still believe that Cook succeeded in reaching the pole. On the other hand an overwhelming majority are branding Cook as the greatest imposter of modern times. Quite a large number believe that Cook really believes that he reached the pole. The generally accepted theory is that Dr. Cook wandered around in the Arctic circle in search of the pole but that he did not have sufficient scientific knowledge to know when he had got there. He emerged from the arctic, planning to make a bold claim for the discovery of the pole and stake everything on the forlorn possibility of his meagre unscientific observations might possibly be substantiated. The taking of mere gambler's risk has disqualified Cook with the scientists, the Danes declare, but that when he attempted to bolster up his claim

with his observations that he never could have made, he became a common swindler.

Raolda Amudsen, one of Cook's friends remains loyal. He declares that the explorer in his efforts to not appear dilatory has greatly handicapped himself by submitting incompetent data. He says that he has known Dr. Cook for the past ten years, and that in his opinion Dr. Cook acted in good faith when he made the claim of having discovered the pole.

Amudson says that he does not believe that Cook reached the pole, but firmly believes that Cook thought he did. The University of Copenhagen is being severely censured for accepting Cook's claims at once, enabling him to gain recognition before submitting his proofs. The consistory committee are unable to find Cook, the new convenience address given them is said to be a false address. His secretary, Lonsdale, also declares that he is in ignorance of the explorer's whereabouts.

## VISITORS ON THE WAY

### NORTH POWDER TEAM WILL BE HERE TONIGHT.

#### Local Quintet to Meet North Powder Aggregation this Evening.

Word received late this afternoon from North Powder says that the basket ball team which is to meet the local M. I. A. team tonight at the rink at 8 o'clock, will come this evening at eight o'clock, either by train or by team. It is ready to put up a snappy exhibition against the fast team from the Mutual Improvement Association ranks. The game will be called promptly at 8:30.

## LITTLE TIM NEAR DEATH

### FAMOUS BOWERY ALDERMAN AT NEW YORK DYING SAY PHYSICIANS

#### LAST CATHOLIC RITES ARE PERFORMED OVER LEADER.

#### Politician Identified With Tammany For Years and Known as the Bowery Alderman.

New York, Dec. 22.—The condition of Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan, "Little Tim," a prominent Tammany politician, is exceedingly grave, and his attending physicians today hold out practically no hope of his recovery. The alderman is suffering from a complication of diseases which have affected the heart. Death is expected at an unminute.

The last rites have been administered to "Little Tim" Sullivan and his physicians are holding out no hope for the recovery of the clever politician, who for years has held the affairs of the Bowery under his thumb.

#### COLD IN WALLOWA.

#### In Sharp Contrast, La Grande Comes Far from Zero Mark last Night.

With the mercury varying between 3 and 9 below zero in Wallowa county, that section is in the grip of the worst cold snap of the year, is the report of the trainmen this afternoon. The mercury here only went to 7 degrees above.

## LOYAL ARMY SURRENDERS

### ESTRADA LEADING REVOLUTIONISTS CAPTURES MEN AND ARMS

#### ZELAYAN ARMY BEATEN AND THEN GIVES UP FIGHT.

#### Near Three Thousand Killed in The Decisive Battle With Estrada's Invincible Army.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Bulletin.—During the excitement prevailing in the foreign offices here over the surrender of the loyal troops, comes the report that two Americans, names unknown, was killed this morning.

Bluefields, Dec. 22.—"Our forces have been successful all along the line and a complete victory is assured. The enemy has been flanked at Tatumala and his forces have been thrown into utter confusion. The battle still continues."

The above telephonic message from Provisional President Estrada was received today by the friends of the President in this city. This is regarded as a complete verification of the reports which were received yesterday indicating the insurgent success.

Estrada's message was telephoned from Rama. Other messages have been received this morning indicating a complete victory for the insurgents.

#### Zelaya's Army Surrenders.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The army of Former President Zelaya surrendered to the forces of Provisional President Estrada at Rama today. This information came in a message to the state department from Captain Shipley of the Cruiser Des Moines, Commander Shipley reports that the Zelayan forces have lost in killed and wounded 600 men during the fighting about Recora, and Rama yesterday. Detachments of the marine hospital corps from the American war ships at Bluefields have established field hospitals where the wounded men are being brought for treatment.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Dispatches received today declare that the entire Zelayan army operating in Eastern Nicaragua were disastrously defeated in the recent fight around the town of Recaro and Rama.

The dispatches state that more than 2,600 of Zelaya's men were killed, wounded and captured. In a dispatch to the State department, Captain Shipley said: "Yesterday the Zelayan army were completely routed after several hours of hard fighting. They surrendered this afternoon, unconditionally."

"General Gonzales, with 1,900 men have been captured, with 1,500 rifles, one million rounds of ammunition."

"Estrada began his well organized attack on December 20 and routed the outposts of the Gonzales army, capturing and killing 200 men on that day and following his advantage up has pressed the attack continuously for the past two days. The fighting was continuous until General Gonzales was compelled to surrender."

## WRECK COST OVER \$9000

#### BOARD OF REVIEWS FILES ITS REPORT TODAY.

A verdict was reached by the board of examiners which probed into the cause of the runaway on Kamela hill last Monday, today. It follows:

Report of the Board of Inquiry covering the derailment of Extra 373

west, four miles west of Meacham, Oregon, at 10:36 a. m. December 20th, 1909, resulting in damage to equipment of \$7,500.00; to contents, \$2,000 and to track \$50.00. No one injured.

Extra 373 west, consisting of 38 cars and caboose, 1,500 tons, Engineer I. D. Fields, Fireman Wilson, Conductor F. Ray, Headbrakeman W. E. Anderson and Rearbrakeman H. A. Younke, arrived Kamela at 9:25 a. m. ing track to let last mail train No. 11 pass. After No. 11 had passed, engine was cut off, together with five cars, and went back in yard to put coal up on chutes. Shortly after engine had left train, the remaining 33 cars and caboose started down the hill (10:15 a. m.) and ran to a point four miles west of Meacham, where 22 cars were derailed.

We, the board of inquiry, after listening to the testimony of all parties concerned in this accident, find as follows: The accident was the result of the train being left on a heavy grade without being properly secured with hand brakes. We find Conductor Ray and Brakeman Anderson responsible for these brakes not being set. Rear Brakeman Younke was instructed by the conductor to do some other work in connection with putting up coal and Conductor Ray was performing Younke's duties in connection with cutting off the engine, securing the train, etc., therefore, we cannot find Younke in any way responsible for the train not being secured by hand brakes.

- W. BOLLONS, Superintendent.
- W. R. LADD, Assistant Superintendent.
- A. BUCKLEY, Assistant Supt.
- E. F. WENTWORTH, Inspector N. Y. Air Brake Co.
- B. F. MERLIN, Hotel Prop. Meacham.
- EARL GILLANDER, Postmaster & Merchant at Meacham.

## ORDINANCE A LEGAL ONE

#### SO SAYS W. M. MONROE IN A COMMUNICATION TODAY.

#### Physician's Secrecy Only Protected in Civil Cases Says the Law.

La Grande, Dec. 22.—To the Editor of the Observer.—In a recent issue of the Observer in which there was some comment made on the vetoing of the recent ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, it was stated that the vetoing of the ordinance was on account of the illegality of the clause requiring physicians to file the duplicate of the whiskey prescriptions with the city recorder.

In regard to the matter I wish to say that the council also obtained legal advice, and whatever objections there may be to the wisdom and policy of such a requirement, the same is clearly legal, and the law of this state which governs the same reads as follows:

"A regular physician or surgeon shall not, without the consent of his patient, be examined in a civil action suit or proceeding, as to any information acquired while attending the patient which is necessary for him to prescribe or act for the patient."

The above relates only to the giving of evidence in a civil action (not a criminal case), when a physician is called as a witness, and to say that such clause relates to the ordinance in question, which is a police regulation to control the violations of an ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, is far fetched and fanciful and any reputable court would not sustain for a moment such a contention; however this particular clause is only of secondary importance in the honest attempt of the city council to do something to prohibit the wholesale violations of the law that are allowed to go on by one pretext or the other.

W. M. MONROE.

## REDS INVOKE VENGEANCE

### THREE IMPORTANT PERSONAGES KILLED BY ANARCHISTS LAST NIGHT

#### ENGLISHMAN HIGH IN INDIAN GOVERNMENT ASSASSINATED

#### Premier of Korea Killed by Korean—Chief of Police at St. Petersburg Bombed—Nasik Ruler Killed

Bombay, India, Dec. 22.—The police are working today on the theory that the assassination of A. M. T. Jackson, the administrative head of the important city of Nasik, who was shot to death in the lobby of the Bombay theatre, was the direct result of a widespread plot to murder the English officials. The assassin who is a native, boasted of his deed when arrested.

Jackson was entering the theatre in company with two young women when the native approached him and commenced firing without a word. The official fell, mortally wounded and died a few hours later.

#### Korean Premier Killed.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Yi Wan Yun, premier of Korea, was fatally stabbed early today by Li Taal Ming, 21 years of age and a Christianized Korean, who has been a student in an American school for the past six years.

The premier was entering his carriage after attending the memorial services for the late King Leopold of Belgium when he was struck down. Li, the assassin approached him from behind and reaching over his shoulder he hurled a dagger several times in the premier's lungs and abdomen.

#### CHIEF OF POLICE IN ST. PETERSBURG KILLED.

#### Bomb Hurler by Anarchist the Well Known Police Leader Does His Deadly Work.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Colonel Karpoff, the renowned St. Petersburg chief of police was killed by a bomb hurled by an assassin early today. The assassin was immediately arrested. From the passport taken from his person he is believed to be Michael Vosskressensky. Karpoff's assassination the police believe, is to mark the beginning of another terrorist reign.

#### Roumania Has Disaster.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Prime Minister Braitaine, of Roumania, was seriously wounded today by a Roumanian anarchist, according to dispatches from American legation at Budapest. The assassin has been arrested. The dispatch contained no details.

## LUMBERMAN BADLY HURT

#### SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.

#### Mike Le Page Sustains Double Break In Ankle at Meacham.

Mike Le Page, an employ of the Nibley Lumber Company at Meacham, was brought to La Grande last night on a special train and hurried to the hospital to receive surgical treatment, as the result of a severe injury sustained last evening. Le Page was caught between two logs and both bones of one ankle were fractured.

He was taken to the hospital where Doctor Molitor is caring for him and reports him as resting satisfactorily today.

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