

COOK IN HIDING, ASSERTS BROTHER

Recuperating Near New York, He Says.

HIS WIFE ALSO DISAPPEARS

Doctor's Confidant, Wack, Goes Into Seclusion, Too.

PLOT FEARED, 'TIS SAID

Physician's Friends Say Scheme to Steal Records and Kidnap Far North Traveler Prompts His Sudden Exit.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—They found Dr. Frederick A. Cook tonight. That is, an authoritative statement issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer who mysteriously disappeared from public view yesterday was still near New York recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous collapse and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement, as issued by Dr. Cook's brother, follows: "Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York City trying to get a much-needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe his departure will be no secret. I think that his friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to permit him to rest until his health is fully restored."

Cook Avoids Papers. "He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements issued by those who were acting as his spokesmen. In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

Friends of Dr. Cook undertook to explain the situation today in this wise: "It is true," they say, "that the doctor's fears have been greatly overworked on by the belief of some of those with whom he associated that there exists a plot to steal his records, even to split him away in person. He even engaged two private detectives to shadow his supposed shadowers."

Mrs. Cook Also Gone. Mrs. Cook's whereabouts are as much a mystery as those of her husband. She is supposed to be staying somewhere in the city, but just where could not be learned.

Dr. Cook's health is matter of great concern among his friends. Reported to be on the verge of nervous breakdown, and it is assumed by some that the necessity for absolute rest may have prompted his wife to insist on his seclusion.

WELLMAN SCOFFS AT DR. COOK

Correspondent-Explorer Belittles Report of North Pole Find.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the North Pole in an airship were abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary, tonight issued a long statement in which he analyzed the narratives of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workman-like, consistent, credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as "a self-evident and even deliberate imposture."

GENERAL VERAND OF FRANCE SHOT

MAN WITH GRUDGE AGAINST WAR DEPARTMENT AIMS.

Victim, Mistaken for Minister of War, Felled on Hotel Steps. Condition Serious.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—A man believed to be insane, and holding an imaginary grudge against the War Department, shot and seriously wounded General Verand today on the steps of the Hotel Continental as the general was entering the building to attend a banquet.

The attempted assassination created a sensation. It occurred a few moments after President Fallieres left the Hotel Bristol, near by, where he was calling on King Manuel of Portugal. As four shots rang out, people in the streets thought an attempt had been made against the life of the President or the King of Portugal.

The assailant, who is an Algerian, was overpowered with difficulty, and was found to be a walking arsenal of revolvers and daggers. General Verand received bullets in the neck and forehead, and his condition is considered serious.

FARMER BLOCKS RAILROAD

Files on Water Right and Great Northern Engines Go Dry.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Because of the failure of the Great Northern Railroad to secure a water right on the spring, near Ephrata, where it has been getting water for 16 years, F. A. Tolliver and Son, of Taylorville, Ill., made a filing and shut off the water pending the settlement of a suit, and a half dozen Mogul engines have gone dry on the main line of the Great Northern as a result. Two trains are laid up at Ephrata for lack of water. Ephrata is the only station between Wilson Creek and Trinidad at which engines can get water.

In the foothills west of the town is a bubbling spring that years ago, when the country was first opened, was piped to the Great Northern tracks for water for engines. Only a lease on the pipeline running 80 rods from the spring to the track was obtained. Jesse Cyrus, on whose farm the spring is situated, recently sold the property to the Illinois men and they immediately found they could use the water to greater advantage for irrigation and city use and began suit.

Dilatory tactics delayed court proceedings, so Tolliver shut off the water and advised the company to settle the suit.

TRIBUTE TO JOHNSON PAID

Taft and Hughes Join in Honoring Late Governor's Memory.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Tribute to the memory of John A. Johnson, late Democratic Governor of Minnesota, was paid by President Taft, by Governor Hughes of this state, by Charles A. Towne, ex-United States Senator from Minnesota, and others at a memorial meeting held today at the Broadway Tabernacle here under the auspices of the American and Scandinavian Society.

STORM SWEEPS NEBRASKA

Worst Sleet Fall in Years Demoralizes Traffic.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 28.—The worst sleet storm for years in Lincoln and southeastern Nebraska early this morning worked havoc with the telegraph and telephone systems, demoralized street lighting and stopped streetcar traffic.

A heavy rain last night was followed by freezing temperature. The trains entering Lincoln were from two to ten hours late.

BALLINGER'S VIEWS HAVE TAFT'S O. K.

Secretary of Interior Files Strong Report.

FOREST SERVICE WAR FORGOT

Congress Merely Asked to Define Powers of Office.

POWER SITES MAIN TOPIC

Framework of New Law Given. Land Statutes Obsolete, New Coal Act Needed—Tax Railway Holdings, He Urges.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 28.—If Congress carries out all the recommendations made by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in his annual report to the President, practical and fair-minded advocates of conservation of natural resources will have nothing to ask beyond a strict enforcement of the law. The Secretary's report, made public today, has been read and approved by President Taft, and therefore may be regarded as voicing his own views and opinions upon the various subjects dealt with, and to that extent is an indication of the recommendations which the President himself will submit to Congress when it convenes next Monday.

Report, Plain, Strong. Secretary Ballinger's report is, in no degree sensational. It is a plain, forceful recital of conditions as they exist. In it the many weaknesses of the public land laws are pointed out, and practical remedies are suggested. The report gives evidence of great study of the various problems discussed, and indicates the unhesitant with which the new Secretary of the Interior has gone into the details of the work of his department.

From first to last the report is free from comment or bias, and under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior. There is no reference to friction with the Forest Service, but at places, reading between the lines, can be found indications of the Secretary's desire that Congress shall absolutely define the powers of the Secretary of the Interior, so that in future there will be no excuse whatever for officials of another department undertaking to dictate questions of policy and administration to his branch of the Government service.

Power Sites Foremost. Because of the prominence given to the question of water powers through newspapers and magazines of late, Secretary Ballinger's views on that subject perhaps overshadow all other features of his report. In discussing power-sites, the Secretary presents a complete plan of legislation, which is offered as a suggestion for the guidance of Congress, and not with the idea that his recommendations will be followed explicitly. Rather, the plan is presented as a basis for discussion, and incidentally it may be said it is the first definite plan of power-site legislation yet presented by any Government official. With reference to this topic the Secretary says:

In anticipation of new legislation by Congress to prevent the acquisition of power sites on the public domain by private persons or corporations with the view of monopolizing or adversely controlling them against the public interests, there have been temporarily withdrawn from all forms of entry approximately 600,000 acres, covering all locations known to possess power possibilities on unappropriated lands outside of National forests. Without such withdrawals these sites would be available under existing laws, and their potential value incalculable.

COAL KING'S RELICT TO WED MINISTER

MRS. CARRIE HAYES DILWORTH TO BE BRIDE AGAIN.

Rev. S. G. Craig, Ebensburg, Pa., Parson, Wins Widow—He Resigns to Study.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Carrie Hayes Dilworth, widow of the late George Morgan Dilworth, the Pittsburgh coal operator, is soon to become the bride of Rev. Samuel G. Craig, a Presbyterian minister of Ebensburg, Pa. No publicity has been given the engagement, as Mr. Dilworth died only about a year ago. Mrs. Dilworth has a summer home at Ebensburg and met Mr. Craig, who was pastor of a small church, while she was attending charitable duties.

Mr. Craig resigned his pastorate some time ago and went to Europe to study. He returned recently and is now in New York City. Mrs. Dilworth is also in New York. Mrs. Dilworth's income is estimated conservatively at \$50,000 a year. She had great wealth in her own right before she became the bride of Mr. Dilworth. She spent much of her time at Ebensburg after her husband's death. There she met the pastor in charge of the small Presbyterian Church many times. With kindred temperaments their romance developed rapidly.

WOMEN FIGHT KNIFE DUEL

Trouble Arises Over Old Quarrel and One Dies.

BRADFORD, Ark., Nov. 28.—In a street duel with knives at Alloria today, Miss Nora Owens was injured fatally by Miss Stella Belk, and died a few minutes later.

The duel was the result of an old quarrel. Miss Owens was out in four places, the fatal wound being in the left breast, where an artery leading to the heart was severed.

COREA SUCCEED ZELAYA?

Selection for President Meets Uncle Sam's Approval.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 28.—It was rumored tonight L. F. Corea, former Nicaraguan Minister to the United States, is slated to succeed Zelaya as president of Nicaragua, and that his candidacy will meet with the favor of the United States Government.

While definite knowledge as to the plans is lacking, it is believed he left here tonight for Washington.

DEMOCRATS SEE HARMON

Ohio Governor Looked Upon as Presidential Nominee.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 28.—Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, in an interview today, said: "Judson Harmon, Governor of Ohio, will be next Presidential nominee of the Democratic party, in my judgment. Everywhere I have been I have found Harmon to be the leading candidate in public and party opinion."

WASCO RESIDENCE BURNED

\$10,000 Home of G. N. Crossfield Goes Up in Smoke.

WASCO, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The \$10,000 residence of G. N. Crossfield was destroyed by fire tonight. The fire was first discovered about 6 o'clock. Owing to the dwelling being outside of the fire limits, it was difficult to reach it. Mr. Crossfield left on this morning's train, and particulars regarding insurance were not obtainable.

CUBAN REPUBLIC ALREADY SHAKING

Pres. Gomez Administration Threatened.

VICE-PRESIDENT IN MOVE

Schen Unearthed to Place Zayas in Power.

PARTY LEADERS STARTLED

Liberals Wake Up When Gomez Declares He Will Name Cabinet Members to Suit Himself—Negro Party Plans Bother.

HAVANA, Nov. 28.—Not since the downfall of the administration of President Palma has the political atmosphere of Cuba been more obscured and more laden with suggestions of trouble than now.

The re-established republic is scarcely nine months old and already rumors are persistent that some way is being sought to secure the retirement of President Gomez, either by persuasion or compulsion and to place Vice-President Zayas at the head of the nation.

Gomez Had Support. When General Gomez became chief magistrate, followers of Zayas stood shoulder to shoulder with those of the president and even the conservative opposition which had sustained the banner of General Menocal in the campaign of the previous Summer, lent him their loyal support in the determination to give the new administration a trial.

That they regard the trial as a failure is evidenced by their manifesto issued shortly before the reconvening of Congress in which they declared their intention of beginning an active campaign against the administration. Probably the most serious condition that the president faces is that resulting from the continued failure of efforts to effect a complete fusion between his partisans and those of Zayas.

For three years negotiations to this end have been in progress and at least half a dozen times announcement has been made of their success. In the presidential campaign there was a truce, but with the beginning of the distribution of offices under the new administration mutual distrust was re-established.

Gomez Startles Leaders. A few days ago, General Gomez startled the liberal leaders in a letter in which he stated that, so far as he was officially concerned he had decided to consider the fusion as an accomplished fact and, in view of this, he would make appointments to his Cabinet without reference to the particular faction of the Liberal party to which the appointee might have belonged.

The attitude of the president was particularly objectionable to the Zayasites because the important post of secretary of state recently was made vacant by the resignation of Justo Garcia Velez, a prominent member of the faction, and it was stated the president would fill it with one of his own supporters.

The incident has served to defile the accomplishment of actual fusion and, should it result in breaking off existing negotiations, it is not improbable that the administration will have two opposing parties with which to deal.

Negro Party Plans Bother. Another disquieting feature of the situation is the renewal of agitation for the formation of a negro party. Steps preparing to take up at sugar trust.

"ROCKEFELLER HAS BRAIN OF CAESAR"

NEW YORK MINISTER LIKENS RICH MAN TO ROMAN.

Rev. Oscar Haywood Calls Oil Trust Magnate to Account for "100 Words to Religion."

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—John D. Rockefeller's most needed contribution to religion, according to Rev. Oscar Haywood, of this city, is words, not money. Such an expression of his, Dr. Haywood contends, would do more than anything else to equalize religious differences and establish a broad bond of brotherhood.

CLAUDE B. FISK IS DEAD

Well-Known Newspaper and Theatrical Man Passes Suddenly.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 28.—Claude B. Fisk, newspaper and theatrical man, son of General Clinton B. Fisk, founder of Fisk University, of Nashville, Tenn., was found dead in bed this morning. He had been ill only a few days. He was a native of St. Louis.

MME. STEINHEIL BARRED

London Hotel Will Not Harbor Famous Frenchwoman.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Steinheil, recently acquitted in Paris of the charge of murdering her husband, arrived in London this morning. She traveled under the name of Mme. Dumont.

She evaded the crowd of waiting reporters and went to a hotel. Traced to this place, she declined to see anybody, and the manager of the hotel, upon learning her identity, requested her to leave. She took a train at Euston station, it is believed, for Liverpool.

LUMBER JUMPS SKYWARD

Western Canadian Mills Report Too Much Business.

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 28.—Rough lumber advanced \$1 per 1000 all over Northwestern Canada Saturday. Mills are calling in traveling salesmen because of the rush of orders.

Export mills in British Columbia report a largely-increased business in the United States, this being one cause for the advance. Another advance will take place before Spring.

COTTON CROP TOTAL OUT

Figures of Correspondents Place Quantity of 10,625,000 Bales.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 28.—The Times-Democrat in presenting its correspondent's final report on the cotton crop of 1909, states that the consensus of opinion points to a total of 10,625,000 bales.

CONSUL DECLARES JAPAN IS FAVORED

Accuses U. S. of Working Against China.

REPORT QUICKLY SUPPRESSED

State Department Finally Admits Its Receipt.

AMERICAN TRADE INJURED

Japanese Commercial Methods in Manchuria Declared to Be Winked At by This Government, Though Realized to Be Harmful.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—The New York Times, in its Washington correspondence, prints a voluminous report from the American Vice-Consul-General at Mukden, showing how American trade has been injured by Japanese commercial methods in Manchuria, and virtually charges that the report was suppressed by the State Department because it depicted a situation different from what it is desired to have believed with reference to Japan, China and the open door.

At first denied by the State Department officials that the report in question, written by Frederick D. Cloud, Vice-Consul-General in charge at Mukden, had been received, it was later admitted it had been, but that it had not been published because it was not borne out by information contained in reports from other sources and because it was regarded as "arithmetically interesting" only.

The article in the Times, which was followed by another of similar material today, has attracted much attention in business circles which have felt that the American State Department was taking the Japanese side in Oriental diplomacy as against the Chinese.

In the suppressed report, Vice-Consul-General Cloud said in part: "Ever since the reopening of Manchuria to foreign trade at the close of the Russo-Japanese War, importers have complained of the unfair advantages afforded their Japanese competitors through discriminating freight rates on the South Manchurian Railway, and because Japanese merchants were allowed to bring their goods into Manchuria without paying the prescribed import and other duties."

"This is the first time, however, that the Chinese government has seen fit to take action, and to bring the matter to the attention of the other governments interested."

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