



COOK BOUGHT FALSE PROOFS, DECLARE TWO

Remarkable Revelation of Fabrication Unearthed.

FRAUD PACT IS ALLEGED

Promised to Pay \$4000 for Labors and Bonus if O. K'd by Danes.

OBSERVATIONS ARE ALL GUESS

Brooklyn Man Swears to Narrative's Truth.

SAYS DR. COOK IGNORANT

Captain August Loose Declares That North Pole Explorer Knew Little or Nothing About Method of Taking Nautical Records.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The New York Times presents tomorrow the remarkable narratives of two men, made under oath, declaring that they were employed by Dr. Frederick A. Cook to fabricate astronomical and other observations for submission to the University of Copenhagen, which is about to pass upon Dr. Cook's assertion that he discovered the North Pole on April 21, 1908.

These men are George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, of New York, and Captain August Wedell Loose, a sea captain, of Brooklyn. For their labors they were to have received jointly from Dr. Cook \$4000, with an additional bonus of \$500 to Captain Loose upon the acceptance of the records by the University of Copenhagen. They say that Dr. Cook had paid them only \$250 when he disappeared on the eve of the dispatch of his "records" to Copenhagen, two weeks ago.

Two Men's Movements Followed.

The Times has followed the steps described by these two men and has verified their goings and comings, their purchases of books and charts, and the fact of their intimate relations with Dr. Cook.

The full narratives of Captain Loose and Mr. Dunkle constitute some of the most fascinating chapters in the literature of imposture. Captain Loose, frankly expresses his scorn of Dr. Cook's claims, laughs at his ignorance of the simplest essentials for accurate observations in the Arctic regions and describes at length how, working backward from the Pole, he calculated the route from Svarstevaa to the Pole, with all of Dr. Cook's assumed positions marked upon it.

Complete observations for time and chronometer rate, as they might have been taken by stars at Anorakt and Svarstevaa, probably 30 in all.

Calculations for longitude, about 20 in all. Sixteen observations as they could have been taken at the North Pole, in two sets, eight with depression of pole considered and eight with depression ignored.

"It took me only about three minutes on my first acquaintance with Dr. Cook," says Captain Loose. "To get the idea into my head that he had never found the North Pole. I found that he was entirely ignorant on many vital points of the method of taking observations.

Captain Amazed at Cook.

"It amazed me that a man who needed so much enlightenment to get the nerve to come out and say he had discovered the North Pole. Even if he got there, I soon found that from his own admissions he did not have the proofs that would pass. I could not help wondering how he ever imagined he had found the Pole if he did not know how to take

LAKE STEAMER BURNING

WIRELESS REPORTS FREIGHTER AFIRE ON LAKE ERIE.

MRS. NATION WIELDS GRIP

CARRIE ARRESTED AT WASHINGTON FOR SMASHING DEPOT BUFFET.

BOY SAVES SISTER, AFIRE, FROM DEATH

FOUR-YEAR-OLD WASHINGTON CHILD PROVES SELF HERO.

While Playing With Matches, Girl's Clothing Is Fired—Bucket of Water Life-Saver.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Little Robert McKetchnie, Jr., aged 4 years, today proved himself a hero of rare presence of mind and quick decision when he saved the life of his little sister, aged 3, whose clothing was afire and who would have been burned to death but for his prompt action in drenching her with water.

The children were the only occupants of the McKetchnie home at the time, their mother being away on a visit to a neighbor's house. The tots were playing with matches, which they had taken from the kitchen stove.

Dolly's clothing caught fire when she carelessly dropped a burning ignitor and in an instant her clothes were aflame from her waist up on the left side.

Little Bob did not waste time calling for help or running to find his mother. He made a dash for a faucet, turned it on full blast, and, seizing a bucket, drenched his sister from head to foot. Then he went to find his mother to tell her that Dolly was burned. The little girl will not be crippled or scarred by the burns.

HORSEMEN EXPEL WOMAN

Trotting Association Says Emilie Palmer Ran Pacer as Ringer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Miss Emilie Palmer, of Filadelfia, Md., was expelled from membership in the National Trotting Association at a meeting of the association's board of review here today.

The charge against her was that she started her pacer, George Berlin, out of his class, and under the name of "Aristocrat" at the State Fair at Timonium, Md., last fall.

Almer J. Reed, of Reedsville, Pa., were expelled for entering the horse Charix out of class and name in Eastern Pennsylvania meetings.

A. J. Hobbs, of Port Norfolk, Va., C. G. Durham, of New Bethlehem, Pa., and Burr Hall and H. E. Matz of Shamokin, Pa., all were dropped for alleged irregular starting of horses. A fine of \$50 was assessed against Wade and Richards, of Lebanon, Ky., for racing Highland Boy while the gelding was under suspension.

KNOT TIED IN DEN SEVERED

Bliss of Marriage in Lions' Cage Is Soon Cut Short.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Abbie H. Higgins is now free to marry once more, but says it will not be in a lion's den for her next time, for today she was given a final decree of divorce allowing her to drop the cognomen of Mrs. John H. Betts, which she secured in the presence of thousands of spectators at the state fair here a year ago, the nuptial knot having been tied in the den of lions as one of the big novelty attractions.

Betts and his wife were given \$30 each for their daring circus matrimonial stunt, and within a week of the event the bride charged her husband with decamping with her share of the profits as well as paying attention to other women. The divorce complaint was filed within several weeks of the sensational wedding day.

SAILOR'S ORAL WILL FILED

Unusual Formality Takes Place in New York State.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—An unusual formality, the probating of an oral will, took place in Surrogate Court in Kings County today. It was that of George O'Connor, who at the time of making it was two days out of port on the steamer Dorothy, of which vessel he was chief engineer.

O'Connor was dying, and when the captain and mate asked if they could do anything for him, he replied:

"No, except that everything I have bequeathed to my daughter Lizzie."

That was O'Connor's will, and it was proved today by the two seafaring men who heard him make it. He left considerable property in Brooklyn.

The right to make an oral will is only accorded soldiers in the field or sailors at sea.

LAKE STEAMER BURNING

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 8.—A steamer was reported to be on fire tonight in Lake Erie about five miles off Southeast Shoal. The burning vessel is believed to be the 100-ton Anchor Line freight steamer Clarion of Buffalo, which left Detroit today for Erie, Pa. The Clarion carried a crew of 18 or 20 men.

The report of the fire was contained in a wireless message from the steamer H. P. Hope.

MRS. NATION WIELDS GRIP

CARRIE ARRESTED AT WASHINGTON FOR SMASHING DEPOT BUFFET.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, who came here to keep her eye on Congress, went into the buffet of the Union Station this afternoon and, with her satchel, smashed about \$50 worth of bottled whisky.

She was at once arrested, charged with destroying private property.

TAFT GIVES HINTS ON HARBOR BONDS

Tells Convention How to Work Congress.

SLY DIG IS GIVEN CANNON

Indorses Policy of Continuous Work on Projects.

BONDS WILL BE OPOSED

President Approves Scheme of Convention and Tells It How to Attain End—Follow Example of Corporation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Speaking in strong indorsement of the policy of waterway improvement, President Taft stirred up much enthusiasm in the opening hour of the sixth convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress here today.

Hundreds of delegates, representing every section of the United States, filled the great banquet hall, where they sat under their state banners. Men and women delegates arose when the arrival of the President was announced, and gave their visitor a noisy welcome, concluding the demonstration with three cheers and a tiger.

Taft Says Call for Action Heard.

Upon being presented to the assemblage by Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the congress, Mr. Taft spoke at length, dwelling upon his interest in waterway improvements and offering advice to the delegates upon methods for attaining ends they seek.

"I congratulate this congress," said Mr. Taft, "on having brought the subject of waterways to such a point that Representatives in Congress from one end of the country to the other recognize it as a subject that calls for action."

"In your declaration you say that you are in favor of a policy and not in favor of any particular project. I think that a wise position to take; and yet, when it comes to the practical enforcement and accomplishment of something, you have got to get into projects."

He Knows Ways of Congress.

"Now, I don't think I betray a secret when I say that the gentleman who has most to do with the initiation of projects in Congress is fully charged with the necessity for doing something in the next Congress to foreshadow, or rather to betoken, a policy with respect to those rivers."

After referring to various waterways projects in detail, the President continued: "A year ago President Roosevelt and I were together on a platform before the conservation of resources convention, in which both advocated issuing bonds that a project improving waterways, when begun, should be completed in a reasonable time. I am still a constant advocate of that theory. The government is entitled to as rapid a method of developing an enterprise and putting it through as private corporations and, as they always

Patent Brings \$300,000

FARMER HOSKINS INVENTS RANGE FINDER FOR BIG GUNS.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 8.—Alvin J. Hoskins was notified today by the United States Government that it had purchased his patent range-finder and distance appraiser for \$300,000.

The invention simplifies the firing of big guns in the Navy. Hoskins is a farmer and merchant of Upper Alton.

King Leopold Paralyzed

Right Side Affected and Rheumatism Attacks Monarch.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

SIX DANCERS FALL IN 14-HOUR WALTZ

ONE GIRL BREAKS BLOOD VESSEL IN "MARATHON."

Another Is Stricken With Paralysis Ere Officers Force Remaining Couples to Stop.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—After dancing continuously for 14 hours and 41 minutes without nourishment or even a drink of water, three couples of 53 that started last night at 10 o'clock in a "Marathon" waltz contest, were stopped by officers, acting under instructions from Mayor Charles P. Nevill.

Upon advice from city and county physicians six girls had been taken to the hospital, one suffering from a ruptured blood vessel and another stricken with muscular paralysis. Others of the fair contestants were in pitiable condition. The grueling contest was fearful. As the hours dragged along the tongues of the girls hung from their mouths, while the young men struggled to keep their partners on their feet. The fainting of a girl seemed only to add to the excitement and zest of the 500 spectators in Renshaw Hall, where two dance-hall proprietors had arranged the contest.

Early in the morning, when the struggle took on a serious aspect, the promoters of the contest asked the contestants to stop, but none complied, and, urged on by the yelling crowd, the girls continued the grind. The three surviving couples will be awarded the prizes intended for the surviving couple. These are a gold watch for men and a diamond ring for girls.

FARM HIRES PROFESSOR

Severance Leaves Agricultural College to Run 13,000 Acres.

PULLMAN, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The new position accepted by Professor George Severance, whose resignation as professor of agriculture in Washington State College was handed in yesterday, is responsible and unique. He will be general superintendent for three large farms in British Columbia between Lethbridge and the Montana state line. There are 13,000 acres in the three farms, which lie within 10 miles of each other, but the country is level and roads are good, and Mr. Severance will have an automobile.

Professor Severance gets a salary of \$3000, a house and all living expenses and a percentage of the profits. His salary here was \$2000 a year.

PATENT BRINGS \$300,000

FARMER HOSKINS INVENTS RANGE FINDER FOR BIG GUNS.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 8.—Alvin J. Hoskins was notified today by the United States Government that it had purchased his patent range-finder and distance appraiser for \$300,000.

The invention simplifies the firing of big guns in the Navy. Hoskins is a farmer and merchant of Upper Alton.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

MONEY DEMANDED OR BOY TORTURED

Grants Pass Woman Threatened.

\$1000 MUST BE PAID FRIDAY

Son's Eyes May Be Gouged Out and Husband Shot.

MARKED COIN NOT WANTED

Anonymous Writer Asserts He Learned of Parsons Family in Omaha Through Society Working in Twenty-seven States.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Under penalty that her boy would be kidnapped and his eyes gouged out and her husband shot to death unless she pays over \$1000 in gold before 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, Mrs. A. N. Parsons, of this city, is prostrated with fear.

Although the anonymous writer, cautioned the woman not to make known his demands, she notified the authorities, who believe they have sufficient evidence to make arrests. Careful watch has been kept of the boy, and officers carefully guard the Parsons residence at night.

Marked Coin Not Wanted.

Mrs. Parsons received the threatening letter November 23. It was written in pencil, bore the local postmark, and was directed to the Parsons residence, on I street. The writer demanded that Mrs. Parsons place \$1000 in \$20 gold pieces, wrapped in cotton, in a baking powder can, and deposit the money at a marked place in the Granite Hill cemetery about 5 o'clock December 1.

It was carefully specified that "if the money is marked, it will not be accepted, and nothing but gold will do."

Woman Herself Threatened.

One of the first requests of the writer is that Mrs. Parsons was not to tell her husband until the deed had been carried out, and intimated that if she did her husband would be shot. Further threats are that, unless the money is deposited as directed, her 7-year-old boy will be kidnapped, his eyes gouged out and his feet crippled. The woman herself is threatened with indignities in addition to the loss of husband and son.

The writer goes on to say that if he does not kidnap the boy this time he will later, and that Mrs. Parsons' home will be burned and her husband slain.

Information Secured in Omaha.

The letter closes with a postscript, which reads: "If you can't get your money soon enough, we will give you till December 10, 5 o'clock." The writer also conveyed the information that he is a member of a society that has operated in 27 states, and that his information of the Parsons family came from Omaha.

A. N. Parsons, who came here last Spring from Omaha, is now a prominent real estate dealer in Grants Pass.

Careful Directions Given.

Careful directions are given as to how the money should be deposited in the cemetery. A crude drawing indicates the

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

WOMAN PRAYS TO DIE; DEATH COMES

PASSING OF FRIEND LEAVES HER INCONSOLABLE.

Body Found on Floor of Home, With No Signs to Indicate Suicide.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Prayer to die because her friend, Mrs. C. C. Wilson, had died Sunday, Mrs. Agnes Graham died yesterday afternoon, at the hour when Mrs. Wilson's funeral services were being held.

Mrs. Graham had been in almost constant attendance upon her friend during the last days and when the end came was inconsolable. Kneeling on the floor of her home for hours at a time, it is said, she prayed for death. Yesterday afternoon her body was found stretched on the floor of her home.

Her husband was away and the body was left at the undertaking parlors until the exact cause of death can be determined.

There are no marks of violence upon the body or other signs to indicate suicide.

WOOD APLENTY; NO FUEL

East Side Hoquiam Residents Are Threatened With Shortage.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—In a wooded town, in a wooded country and surrounded by wood, a fuel famine sounds preposterous to the uninitiated. An incipient famine of this nature is now threatening the East Side residents, notwithstanding, and is brought about by the fact that the mills situated east of the river do not produce sufficient wood for that district, and while the Eighth-street dam span is being constructed the mill operators of the West Side are a bit chary of putting their heavy teams on the ferry slips, to say nothing of delays occasioned thereby.

Aberdeen millmen do not care to invade the local market, but will, under existing conditions, sell wood at \$1 per load. In event the consumer does the hauling, West Side millmen make the same offer, but draymen are reluctant about undertaking the service and the matter of fuel for the East Side therefore assumes serious proportions.

Lawyers Sue for \$86,250

John Hays Hammond Defendant in Litigation Over Stock.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Suit involving 115,000 shares of the Tom Reed Gold Mines Company, of Pasadena, was filed in the Superior Court today by Cyrus F. McNutt, John G. McNutt and Joseph Hannon, attorneys, who assert they are entitled to \$86,250 for services rendered in settlement of a suit against the concern in May, 1908.

Besides the mining company, John H. Hobbs and John Hays Hammond are made defendants. Hobbs said, according to the complaint, that he was in a position to effect a compromise in litigation which was then pending to acquire a block of stock, promising the attorneys a portion of such stock as their fee. Hobbs afterward said he was able to obtain only 50,000 shares and that it was necessary to turn it all in.

The complaint states that Hobbs obtained in all 115,000 shares, of which he retained 115,000, afterward transferring 50,000 of them to Hammond for the purpose of placing them beyond the reach of the plaintiffs.

Court Sees Make-up Kiss

Wife Drops Affinity and Husband Forgives Her.

In the Police Court yesterday morning Mrs. Mary Andrews discarded her affinity and threw herself in her husband's arms. Then a reconciliation being effected, the elopement charge against the woman and her affinity was dismissed. Wife, husband and affinity cried.

Mrs. Andrews is the wife of J. H. Andrews, and with M. E. Pugh, a drygoods salesman, had run away from home. Mrs. Andrews has two small children, and Pugh is a married man. The accused woman and her husband met in the courtroom and the case over, she finally promised to leave her affinity and return to the care of her children.

Mrs. Andrews did all of her shopping in Shanahan's drygoods store, where Pugh works, and became acquainted with him through his engaging manners.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumatism, and attending physicians call at the palace thrice daily.

Paris, Dec. 8.—Private advices from Brussels state that King Leopold is slightly improved.

The entire right side is paralyzed, but today the King was able to sign documents. He still suffers greatly from rheumat