



COOK HAS NO PROOF, SAYS COPENHAGEN

Denmark Chagrined by Explorer's Hoax.

ALL FAITH IN HONESTY LOST

"Papers Convict Him of Swindle," Declares Holm.

DEGREE TO BE WITHDRAWN

Scientists Saddened by What Former Supporter Now Calls Scandal—Blame Is Divided With Minister Eagan.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen appointed to investigate Dr. Frederick Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole, was submitted to the consistory of the university this morning, indorsed by that body and given to the public.

The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the American explorer's title to such discovery and fills officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world.

The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an impostor. Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but had labored under a delusion.

Scientists Lose Faith.

Explorers and scientists almost entirely have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience.

The rector of the university, Dr. Salomonson, when questioned as to the possibility of the university withdrawing the degree which it conferred on Dr. Cook, says that no decision has been reached, but he thought that the degree would be withdrawn in the same way as a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretenses.

"Swindler," Says Member.

Commodore Gustav Holm, Arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:

"Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 46 seconds near the Pole proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. Now, his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. Captain Looze's observations were not used in the papers Cook submitted to the university."

Professor Ohlfson, secretary of the Swedish Geographical Society, said:

"It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."

Degree Prematurely Given.

The National Tidende, while deploring the degree in a moment of enthusiasm, finds consolation in the fact that others honored Cook when he returned to civilization.

"The President of his own country and its envoy at Copenhagen," says the paper, "were the guarantors of him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this sad affair to America and Cook."

In an interview tonight, Knud Rasmussen said:

"The university would not invite me at first because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation, and when I saw the observations I realized it was a scandal."

Papers Called "Impudent."

"My confidence in Cook has been based on personal impressions, on reports that I had received, and also on the testimony of the Eskimos, when they all said that he had made the trip from Cape Sparto to Etah, and such a trip in the dark of Winter would suffice to make a man famous. But the papers which Cook sent to Copenhagen University are most impudent. Any schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheating. Cook has killed himself by his own foolish acts."

Commodore Hovgaard, explorer, said:

"Although it has not been proved that Cook did not reach the Pole, I can only regard Cook as an impostor."

The report of the committee, of which Professor Stromgren was chairman, as presented to the Consistory, states that Dr. Cook's papers are without any value; that his report to the University of Copenhagen is practically the same as that published in the New York Herald on his return from his Arctic expedition.

Proofs Wholly Lacking.

The copies of his notebooks, as submitted, contain no original calculations of observations, but only results thereof. Accordingly, the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the Pole.

There was produced before the com-

CHRISTMAS GIFT COST \$750,000

RICH PHILADELPHIAN GIVES WIFE FINEST NECKLACE.

George D. Widener Remembers Daughter of Late William Elkins, With Pearl Collection.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Probably the most splendid and costly Christmas gift that any woman in the world will receive this year will be a rope of magnificent pearls, costing \$750,000, which George D. Widener will present to his wife, who was Miss Eleanor Elkins, daughter of the late William Elkins, traction magnate.

It is said to be the most costly string of pearls in the world, and at a recent sale in New York brought the highest price received for pearl necklaces.

It is said Widener intended the rope of gems, some of which are nearly as large as pigeon eggs, and sufficient for a king's ransom, as a surprise for his wife, but the news of his intended gift has leaked out.

It is probable that society will soon have an opportunity to admire at first hand what is said to be the finest collection of pearls, gem for gem, that any woman has been privileged to wear.

COREAN PREMIER STABBED

Yi Fatally Wounded by Countryman, Yie Chaim Yeg.

SEOUL, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korean Cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded today by a Korean, Yie Chaim Yeg.

The assassin, a young Christian, lived for many years in the United States. The Premier was riding in his jiriksha when the assassin stabbed him.

The assassin then turned on the Premier's jiriksha man, whom he stabbed and instantly killed. The murderer was arrested. He is 28 years old and is believed to be a member of a political secret society.

It is believed that the assassination is the result of political intrigue.

Premier Yi was formerly Minister of Education in the Korean Cabinet. He became Prime Minister in May, 1907, when a reconstruction of the Cabinet followed a five-hour audience which Marquis Ito held with the Emperor.

Yi was regarded as a firm and competent officer, but his efforts to carry out the policy of the new administration met with continual opposition from his political adversaries.

YEAR'S BRIDES FORM CLUB

Grangeville, Idaho, Women Organize to Govern Husbands.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Young women of Grangeville, Idaho, married during 1909 have formed the "1909 Club." Members of the club attempted to keep the formation of their organization a secret.

The young women refuse to tell the motive of the club, but it is understood it is for the exchanging of ideas as to the proper governing of a husband, and incidentally to talk over fashions.

Mrs. Mabel McKinnery, of the University of Idaho, has been elected president, while Mrs. Bella Giberson is secretary and treasurer. Other members are Mrs. Bert Pease, Mrs. Clem Hanna, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Rube Overton and Mrs. Arthur Overton.

NEW INSURGENT APPEARS

Cousin of Senator La Follette Seeks Poindexter's Seat.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Pullman, Wash., may have a candidate for Congress to succeed Miles Poindexter, who has announced his candidacy for the United States Senate.

W. L. La Follette, "fruit king" and "bonanza" farmer, who sold his fruit ranch for \$5,000 last Spring and still owns 2500 acres of wheat land, is being urged to enter the race.

Mr. La Follette has been a leader in Republican politics in this county and is an "insurgent" from inside. He is the cousin of Robert M. La Follette, United States Senator from Wisconsin, and has much of the fighting blood of the Wisconsin man.

LAD KIDNAPED, IS BELIEF

Figure Prostrate and Struggling Seen in Hurrying Wagon.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 21.—E. J. Card, of this city, told a story to the press today which it is believed throws light upon the disappearance of Carlos Wright, 15 years old, from his home here a week ago, under circumstances indicating kidnaping.

Card says that on the night of Wright's disappearance a wagon containing three men drove rapidly past his house. There was a fourth figure in the vehicle, lying prostrate and struggling. Several times this person was struck by the men. This was near a cemetery in which some of young Wright's clothing was found.

ROUMANIAN PREMIER SHOT

Official Slightly Wounded by Workman, Who Is Caught.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 21.—A workman today fired three shots at J. J. C. Bratiano, Roumanian Premier and Minister of the Interior.

One bullet struck the Minister, slightly injuring him. His assailant was arrested.

TAFT SEES WISDOM OF RIGID INQUIRY

Justice to Ballinger Not Whole Motive

SENATE CALLS FOR PAPERS

Investigation Delayed to Permit Leaders to Confer.

NELSON IS AGREED UPON

President Is Convinced Attack Vells Conspiracy to Show Roosevelt Policies Are in Unfriendly Hands.

CABINET CRISIS AVERTED

Greek Minister of War Resigns but Premier Comes to Rescue.

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—The Minister of War, Colonel Lapathotis, presented his resignation to the Premier today. The Premier did his utmost to avert a crisis, and the Military League strongly urged the Minister to withdraw his resignation, which eventually he did.

Colonel Lapathotis' resignation was the outcome of a scene in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when the War Minister attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis. Supporters of the ex-Premier protested and left the Chamber in a body.

Rumors were heard today that unless supporters of the ex-Premier attended the sitting the Military League would establish a dictatorship and carry on the government without the Chamber. For a time the situation was tense and great excitement prevailed.

YOAKUM INVADERS OAKLAND

"Divine Healer" Would Cure Drunkards and Tobacco Users.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 21.—Dr. F. E. Yoakum, founder of the Pisgah movement, and heralded "divine healer," who is credited with influencing yesterday the saloonmen of Carson, Nev., to destroy hundreds of dollars' worth of liquor in the hope that they might achieve salvation, arrived here today.

During his stay he will lecture daily, addressing himself to the drunkard, the outcast and the habitual user of tobacco. He will also undertake to heal the sick.

ALDERMEN IN NEW ROLE

Carry Christmas Cheer to Widows and Orphans at Cherry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Twelve Chicago Aldermen will go tomorrow to Cherry, Ill., the stricken mining town, where 200 miners were entombed last month, to play Santa Claus to the 1000 widows and orphans bereft in the St. Paul mine disaster.

A full carload of toys, candies and fruits for the children and many more substantial gifts for the mothers will be taken.

RAILROADS SEEK RICH PRIZE

Situated from 300 to 500 feet apart, two railways, backed by transcontinental systems, are paralleling each other for more than 100 miles in the bottom of an unproductive canyon, each expending \$5,000,000 and exerting its utmost to be the first to serve interior Oregon.

The New Year's Oregonian will tell why this stupendous contest is under way and describe the prize that is at stake. Photographs by staff photographers showing the difficulties of construction and scenes in the country that is the objective point will be reproduced. The New Year's Oregonian will present a comprehensive description of Central Oregon, an empire soon to become tributary to Portland. More than 12 pages will be devoted to maps, scenes and articles on this one topic that means so much to Portland's future development.

The Annual will be printed January 1. Postage in the United States, Mexico, Canada and the insular possession, 4 cents. Foreign postage, 8 cents.

ZELAYAN FORCES ROUTED UTTERLY

Nationals Flee, Estrada Captures Recreo.

MARCH ON CAPITAL EXPECTED

Machine Guns Wreak Havoc on Government's Men.

MORAL EFFECT IS GREAT

Victory Particularly Gratifying to This Government, Which Has Espoused Cause of Revolutionists.

American Is on Firing Line.

BLUEFIELD, N. C., Dec. 21.—The revolutionists under General Estrada have completely routed the Zelayan forces near Rama. Estrada, has captured Recreo, Vasquez' strongest position, and has been victorious all along the line, which stretches for eight miles.

Yesterday the forward movement began, detachments being sent out under Generals Uis Mena, Fornos Diaz, Alfredo Diaz, Chamorro and Matute.

Estrada Well Armed.

It was General Mena's task to outflank Gonzalez, who directed the defense of the great body of the Government troops. These were in large numbers and well-entrenched, but Estrada's followers were armed with the latest equipment and machine guns were brought into play to clear the trenches. Casualties on the Government side were high, the greatest execution being done at Recreo, which the revolutionists finally took by assault.

Among those in the revolutionary army were Captain Godfrey Fowler, formerly of the Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. A., who was in command on the firing line.

Estrada Takes Another Town.

Tatumbla was captured this afternoon by General Mena after a bloody fight. Tatumbla was one of the strongest positions of the government forces, but the revolutionists were in greater numbers and had effective artillery.

General Zeldano arrived this morning from Monkey Point with 300 men and one Hotchkiss. He left this afternoon for Rama. The steamer Utalain arrived this afternoon with four Maxim and 1000 rifles.

Fight Still Continues.

The fighting still continues at the upper end of the Zelayan trenches, but it is only a matter of time before the revolutionists will take the remaining strongholds. Several hundred prisoners are said to have been captured by General Estrada.

Word has reached here that Zelaya has determined to retain the position of commander-in-chief of the army.

MUNITIONS SENT TO NICARAGUA

Shipment of 300,000 Rounds Is Openly Made at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—For use by the revolutionists in Nicaragua 300,000

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NAVAL OBSERVATORY WILL GIVE SIGNAL TO ALASKA.

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Next Legislature to Be Asked to Adopt Nebraska Measure Forbidding Liquor Sale From Sundown to Sun-Up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—News of the return of the sun to break up the long night in Alaska will be flashed from Washington, if possible, to the Land of Darkness tomorrow morning. This task will be undertaken by the Naval Observatory through the courtesy of telegraphic companies and at the request of General Allen, signal officer of the Army.

At the exact moment of the occurrence of the Winter Solstice tomorrow morning at 6:30, the flash will be sent direct from the observatory to Seattle, and there repeated to the Government cable. At Sitka, the news will be put on cables connected with several surrounding settlements.

At Valdez the flash will be transferred to the land wires of the signal service of the Army and then sent out into the Alaska night by wireless from Eagle, Fort Gibbons and Nome.

BLAST TEARS BODY TO BITS

Ellensburg Contractor Meets Frightful Death.

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The violence of the explosion was so great that window panes within the radius of half a mile were shattered by the force of the explosion. The man's body was blown 30 feet in the air, his right leg was torn from the trunk and blown into the street.

James Collins, of Sheelot, had just left a Milwaukee train and was on his way to the city when the explosion occurred. He was across the street from Mr. Sleet. A small rock thrown by the blast struck him on the left elbow, lacerating it badly.

RICH WOMEN HELP GIRLS

Strikers in Auto Parade Advance Suffrage Cause.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Exclusive Fifth avenue received a demonstration of women's determination this afternoon when 15 automobiles furnished by prominent society women, but containing two scores poorly-dressed working women, passed up the thoroughfare in the double interest of the striking shirtwaist operators and woman suffrage.

The cars were furnished by Miss Anna Morgan, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Samuel Untermyer and other prominent women who have identified themselves with the strikers.

Banners labelled "Votes for women!" fluttered from the machines, while other placards told the story of the strike.

Mrs. Belmont has personally retained counsel to defend strikers who are arrested. She has selected Mrs. Fannie Harawitz, a woman lawyer.

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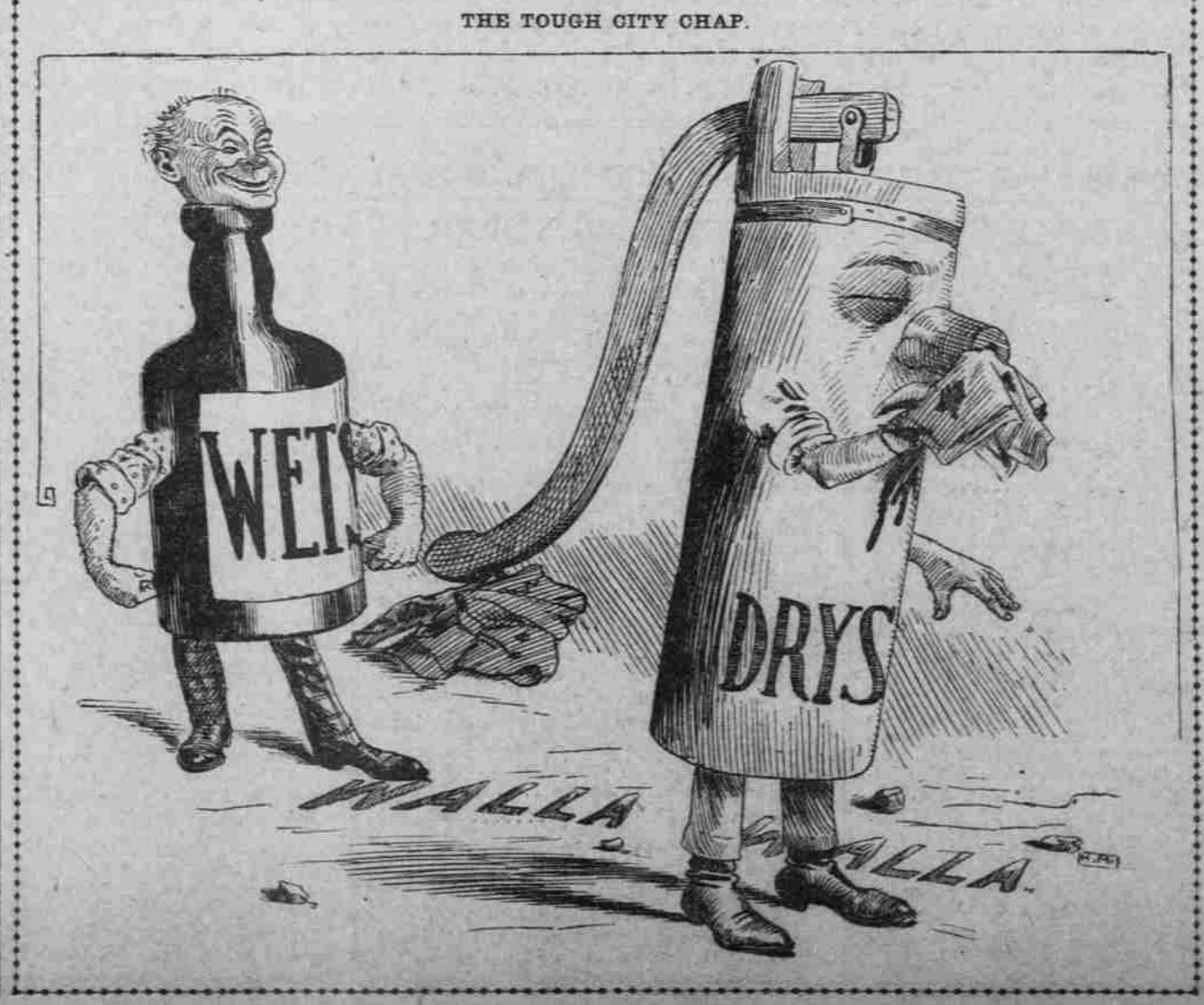
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