COOK HAS NO PROOF, SAYS COPENHAGEN

Denmark Chagrined by Explorer's Hoax.

"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DEGREE TO BE WITHDRAWN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. 31.-The report of the special committee of scientists which the University of Copenhagen ap pointed to investigate Dr. Frederick Cook's claims that he had discovered the North Pole, was submitted to the con sistory of the university this morning. indersed by that body and given to the

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 here to be branded as an imbut did not expect its Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but had

Scientists Lose Faith.

Explorers and scientists almost entirely have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while the 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 con-

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 Cook, says that no decision has been reached, but he thought that the degree would be withdrawn in the same way as a government could deprive a person of an order obtained under false pretenses.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

"Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 46 seconds near the Pole proved immedi-ately that he was a bad observer, but motive of the club, but it is understood being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless. Captain Loose's observations were not used in the papers Cook submitted to the university."

Professor Olufson, secretary of the Swedish Geographical Society, said: "It is the saddest event in my life. explorer there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreli-

Degree Prematurely Given.

The National Tidende, while deplor ing that the university conferred 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 United States Senate. paper, "were the guaranters of him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this and affair

In an interview tonight, Knud Ras-

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 Sparbo 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 choolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheat-Cook has killed himself by his own foolfsh 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 imposter."

The report of the committee, of which Professor Stromgren was chairman, as resented 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

Proofs Wholly Lacking.

The copies of his notebooks, as submitted, centain ne original calculations of observations, but only results there-of. Accordingly, the committee con-cludes that he affords ne proof-of hav-Ing reached the Pole. There was produced before the com-

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CHRISTMAS GIFT COST \$750,000

PHILADELPHIAN GIVES WIFE FINEST NECKLACE.

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

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 21-(Spe. dal.)-Probably the most splentild and costly Christmas gift that any woman ALL FAITH IN HONESTY LOST on the world will receive this year will be a rope of magnificent pearls, costing \$750,000, which George D. Widener will resent 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 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 king's ransom, as a surprise for his wife, but the news of his intended gift

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

COREAN PREMIER STABBED

Yi Fatally Wounded by Countryman, Yie Chaim Yog.

SEOUL, Cores, Dec. 22.-Premier YI he head of the Corean Cabinet, was stabbed and fatally wounded today by a

orean, Yle Chaim Yog. The assailant, a young Christian, lived for many years in the United States. The was riding in his jinricksha when the assassin stabbed him.

The assamin then turned on the Pre mier's jinricksha man, whom he stabbed and instantly killed. The murderer was arrested. He is 20 years old and is be-lieved to be a member of a political secrat society.

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

Premier Yi was formerly Minister of Education in the Corean 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 compe tent officer, but his efforts to carry out target on the theory that he offered the policy of the new administration met most vulnerable point in the Administrawith continual opposition from his po-

YEAR'S BRIDES FORM CLUB

Grangeville, Idaho, Women Organize to Govern Husbands.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.) -Young women of Grangeville, Idaho, married during 1939 have formed the Members of the club attempted to keep the formation of their

nothing indicated that he was a it is for the exchanging of ideas as to swindler. Now, his papers convict him the proper governing of a husband, the heat things to make for him to eat, and incidentally to talk over fashions. Mrs. Mabel McKinney, of the Univer-

sity of Idaho, has been elected prestdent, while Mrs. Bella Gilberson is sec retary and treasurer. Other members are Mrs. Bert Pease, Mrs. Clem Hanna, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Earl Wood, Mrs. Rube Overson and Mrs. Arthur Overson,

NEW INSURGENT APPEARS

Cousin of Senator La Follette Seeks Poindexter's Scat.

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

W. L. La Follette, "fruit king" and 'bonanza" farmer, who sold his fruit ranch for \$05,000 last Spring and still wns 2500 acres of wheat land, is being urged to enter the race.

La Poliette has been a leader in Republican politics in this county and is an "insurgent" from instinct. He is a 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 police today which it is believed throws light upon the disappearance of Carlos Wright. 16 years old, from his home here a week

Card says that on the night of Wright's deappearance 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 loday fired three shots at J. J. C. Bratiano, Roumanian Premier and Minister of the Interior.

One bullet struck the Minister, slighty injuring him. His assailant was ar

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 Unfriend-

ly Hands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. M .- Any doubt hat the whole force of the Taft Adminisdemanded by both sides of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy was dispelled by events in and out of Congress Without question President Taft today. himself is as eager for the merciless investigation of the whole question as hitherto he has been reluctant to admit the necessity for it.

to do justice to Secretary Ballinger is ascribed to President Taft by Senators, Representatives and others active in poll

Men in a position to know the senti-ments of Mr. Taft declare that he has at last become convinced of the truth of what his friends have been telling him for laughed at-that lying behind the attack on Mr. Ballinger is a more or less definitely organized movement to discredit the Taft Administration, especially by spreading the impression that the so-called 'Roosevelt policies" are in unfriendly hands; that Mr. Ballinger was made the

Taft Now Convinced.

Because he was loath to believe that a propaganda was under way Mr Taft opposed every suggestion from Mr. Bailinger or his friends that attacks upon the Land Office should be met with a de termination to expose those responsible. Though slow to come to a decision, it is known that Mr. Taft is now inclined to believe that the criticisms that had cropped out in many widely separated localities are a part of a deliberate deter mination to make trouble, which amounts

The first step in paving the way for a day. Senator Flint introduced a resolution in the Senate requesting the Attor ney-General to send to the Senate all the case. These papers include the report of L. R. Glavis, dismissed agent of the Land Office, who sought to connec Mr. Ballinger with the Cunningham coalland cases in a manner reflecting upon his record.

Conference Approves Plan. The Flint resolution was adopted

Later it was learned that it had been irafted by Attorney General Wickersham and that it was one of the sub-(Concluded on Page 8.)

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 canvon, 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 re-produced. The New Year's Oregonian will present a com-prehensive 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 Uni-States, Mexico, Canada and the insular possession, 4 cents. Foreign postage, 8 cents.

CABINET CRISIS AVERTED

Greek Minister of War Resigns but Premier Comes to Rescue

ATHENS, Dec. 21.-The Minister of War, Colonel Lapathiotie, presented his esignation to the Premier today. 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 Lapathiotis' resignation was the utcome of a scene in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, when the War Minister attacked the administration of ex-Premier Theotokis. Supporters of the ox-Premier protested and left the Cham-

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 ime the situation was tense and great excitement prevailed.

YOAKUM INVADES OAKLAND

'Divine Healer" Would Cure Drunkards and Tobucco Users.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 21.-Dr. F. E. Yoakum, founder of the Pisgah movement, and heralded "divine healer," who is credited with influencing yester-day 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 He will also undertake to heal the sick.

ALDERMEN IN NEW ROLE

Carry Christmas Cheer to Widows and Orphans at Cherry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-Tweive Chicago Aldermen will go tomorrow to Cherry, Ill. the stricken mining town, where 300 niners were entombed last month, to play Santa Claus to the 1000 widows and phans bereft in the St. Paul mine dis-

A full carload of toys, candles and truits for the children and many more substantial gifts for the mothers will be

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, Nic., Dec. 21 .- The rev-

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 be

gan, detachments being sent out under Generals Uis Mena, Fornos Diaz, Alfredo Diaz, Chamorro and Matutty. Estrada Well Armed.

It was General Menas' task to outflank Gonzales, who directed the de-fense 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 Governnent side were high, the greatest exe-

cution being done at Recreo, which the revolutionists finally took by assault. Among those in the revolutionary formerly of the Thirty-third Infantry, U. S. A., who was in command on the

Estrada Takes Another Town.

Tatumble was captured this afteron 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 Zelledon arrived this morn ing from Monkey Point with 300 men and one Hotchkiss. He left this afternoon for Rama. The steamer Utstein arrived this afternoon with four Max-

ims and 1000 rifles. Fight Still Continues.

The fighting still continues at the 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 Gen-

eral Estrada. Word has reached here that Zelaya has determined to retain the position of

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 200,000

WIRELESS FLASH TO TELL SUNRISE

AVAL OBSERVATORY WILL GIVE SIGNAL TO ALASKA.

Land of Darkness to Receive Notification of Exact Moment Winter Solstice Occurs.

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 6.20, the flash will be sent direct from

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 .- News of the

eturn of the sun to break up the long

the observatory to Seattle, and there repeated to the Government cable. At Sitka, the news will be put on cables connected with several surrounding set-At Valdez the flash will be transferred to the land wires of the signal service of

BLAST TEARS BODY TO BITS

Fort Gibbons and Nome.

the Army and then sent out into the

Alaska night by wireless from Eagle,

Ellensburg Contractor Meets Fright

ful Death.

olutionists under General Estrada have ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 21.-(Spedal.)-George W. Sleet, a well-known contractor of Ellensburg was instantly killed by a premature explosion while thawing frozen dynamite before an open fire a little before 2 o'clock this after-

The violence of the explosion was so great that window panes within the ra-dius of half a mile were shattered by the force of the explosion. The man's body was blown 20 feet in the air, his right leg ras torn from the trunk and blown into

James Collins, of Sheblot, had just left Milwaukee train and was on his way to the city when the explosion He was across the street from Mr. Sleet. A small rock thrown by the blast struck him on the left elbew, lacterating is badly

RICH WOMEN HELP GIRLS Strikers in Auto Parade Advance Suffrage Cause.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Exclusive Fifth wonue received a demonstration of woman's determination this afternoon when is automobiles furnished by prominent society women, but containing two score poorly-dressed working women, passed up the thoroughfare in the double nterest of the striking shirtwaist opera-

tors and woman suffrage.

The cars were furnished by Misa Anne 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 rested. She has selected Mrs. Fannie Harawitz, a woman lawyer.

FRAUD USES W. C. T. U.

Funds Solicited for Bogus Widows and Orphans' Fund.

One of the meanest frauds of the Christmas season was reported on Tuesday, when Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh president of the W. C. T. U., was informed that some persons were soliciting donations for the "widows' and orphans' fund of the W. C. T. U." Money for

Christmas gifts was asked. Mrs. Unruh said emphatically that the W. C. T. U. had no solicitors out for any such fund or purpose, and added that any one approached by persons seeking donations would confer a favor upon the W. C. T. U. by notifying the police.

GIFTS POUR IN ON TAFT

Admirers Whom President Has Never Seen Play Santa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 -- President Taft and members of his family are begianing to receive Christmas presents from all over the country. Many come from close friends and relatives, but a large proportion comes from admirer whom the President never has seen.

Two big packages that arrived by express yesterday turned out to be rather crude oil paintings. One was a bust of the President, and the other was a fulllength group picture of the President s family. The paintings were the work of a young Italian in New York.

BEDSIDE MARRIAGE MADE

King Leopold Had Ceremony Solemnized Before Operation.

PARIS, Dec. 21 .- A special to the Temps from Brussels affirms that a religious marriage of King Leopold and Baroness Vaughan was solemnized at Laken Palace prior to the operation which the King

CONVICTED MAN. SUICIDE

Cruiser Engineer, in Financial Scandal, Dies by Own Hand.

KIEL Dec. 31,-Chief Naval Engineer Regensack, of the cruiser Danzig, convicted of financial Irregularftles, committed suicide by shooting

DAYLIGHT SALOON LAW IS HAY'S AIM

Washington's Governor Wants Act Passed.

STATE-WIDE DRYNESS OPPOSED

Option "Gone Far Enough," Says Executive.

GINMILLS HURT BUSINESS

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

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21 .- (Special.) Governor Hay does not advocate state-wide prohibition. He believes the Republican party has gone far enough. at least for the present, with the local option law, but probably, at the next session of the Legislature, adoption of the Nebraska law for daylight saloons will be urged. These significant utterances were made by the Governor at a local option rally and banquet at Davenport, in the Big Bend country, Monday night. The hall was crowded.

State-Wide Dryness Opposed. Governor Hay returned to Spokane oday and, relative to his address at Davenport, said:

"In explaining my position on the iquor question I said that the Repubcan party had gone far enough on the liquor question at present; that I was not in favor of a state-wide prohibition law. In fact, if I had the making of the law, and if it was absolutely in my lands, I would not pass a state-wide prohibition law, as I feel that the people of the state are not yet ready for

"I indorsed in very strong terms the present local option law, saying it is one of the best that had ever been passed, and until I ascertained the will before sunrise. A law of this character (Continued on Page 4.)

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