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COOK DISAPPEARS; IS NERVOUS WRECK

Only One Man Has Secret of Whereabouts.

HAS PROBABLY GONE ABROAD

Advised to Go Within Easy Reach of Copenhagen.

ALSO TAKING NEEDED REST

Explorer Suddenly Drops From Sight, Not Even Telling Bradley of His Plans—Friends Are Loyal, but Mystified.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook dropped completely from public view today. Not even John R. Bradley, whose money was behind his polar expedition, knows where he is tonight.

Confiding his secret to only one man and perhaps to his wife, the explorer slipped quietly and mysteriously away, leaving behind him a string of puzzled and exasperated friends and a debate more acrimonious than that which followed his announcement of September last that he had discovered the North Pole.

Charles Wake, an insurance man, appears to be the only one who knows the mystery of Dr. Cook's whereabouts. Mr. Wake is firm in his resolve to keep his lips sealed until Cook himself sees fit to take the public into his confidence.

Is on Verge of Breakdown.

In the meantime concern is expressed over the condition of Dr. Cook's health. Although some of his friends maintain he has borne up well under the continued strain of lecturing and preparing his data, as opposed to this an intimate associate of the doctor said tonight that Cook appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown when he conferred with the doctor Monday night. This friend, who is a newspaper man, issued a statement tonight quoting Dr. Cook as saying:

"If this thing keeps up a few months longer I will be in the insane asylum." This is the statement in part:

Advised to Go Abroad.

"On Monday night I called at the Gramatan Inn and conferred with Dr. Cook. He was in an extremely nervous condition, and I was convinced that unless he took a long-needed rest he might suffer a nervous breakdown. He told me he had been advised to go abroad in order to be within easy reach of the University of Copenhagen, if his presence were required, and at the same time to get a much-needed rest."

"Dr. Cook has taken me into his confidence and I have been permitted to examine his original data and, despite all the charges, I have absolute confidence in his integrity. I feel confident, as does Dr. Cook himself, that the decision of the University of Copenhagen will be favorable. All this talk of a conspiracy to rob Dr. Cook of his records is silly, although I regret to say that some of those who have been his advisers have fully succeeded in convincing him that such a plot existed."

"Personally, I don't know the present whereabouts of Dr. Cook."

Can't Be Found on Steamers.

The puzzle of Dr. Cook's disappearance began about 3 o'clock this afternoon. At noon Henry Wellington Wack, his personal counsel, issued a formal statement explaining that Dr. Cook had sailed this morning on the Cunard liner Caronia. Three hours later he withdrew the first statement and explained that he had been informed by John R. Bradley that the doctor had not sailed on the Caronia. Coincident with this, reports were circulated that Dr. Cook had sailed on the steamship Havana for Havana. Neither, so far as we can learn to-night, was correct.

Captain John Knight, of the Havana,

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COAST EXTENSION IS GIVEN SANCTION

DIRECTORS OF NORTHWESTERN PLAN BOND ISSUE.

Construction of 1500 Miles of Roadway Will, It Is Believed, Soon Be Well Under Way.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 27.—(Special)—The directors of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company have decided that it will soon become necessary to extend that road to the Pacific Coast in order that it may continue to be a strong competitor of the St. Paul and the Burlington roads.

With this end in view the company is preparing to issue approximately \$30,000,000 worth of new stock, which is in the ratio of one to four of outstanding stock.

This proposition has already been submitted to the proper authorities of the several states which require state authority for the issuance of the new railroad securities. This authority has not yet been given by any one of the three states to which the proposition has been submitted, which fact may account for the denial which the officials of the company make regarding the proposed stock issue.

It is also known, although not admitted by the company's officials, that an approval has been given for construction of at least 1500 miles of road to be completed within the next two or three years. It is known through Western Senators that the company has completed and applied surveys of lines to three important Pacific Coast points—namely, Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco.

In connection with the proposed issue of new stock, it is remembered that the St. Paul's first move toward the Pacific Coast extension was the issuing of, exactly the same amount of new stock.

GAME RUDELY TERMINATED

Plain Clothes Man Shows Star and Arrests Follow.

HOQUILLES, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special)—"Cash in, boys, and come along with me," remarked a plain clothes man last evening, and which command was backed up by a star and a grim looking gun with which he covered the six young men he had been playing poker with.

They had no idea he was an officer until he displayed a hand that they could not attempt to "call." Three of the arrested men today pleaded guilty to a gambling charge and were assessed \$50 and costs each. The others will be arraigned later.

WOMEN MAY BE SMUGGLERS

Two Are Arrested in New York and Held in Default of Bail.

BOSTON, Nov. 27.—In the arrest here, at the request of the Federal officials of New York, of Miss Mary S. Moore and Miss Isabella Holland, of this city, dealers in women's underwear, the Government authorities believe they have materially assisted in the investigation of illegal importations from France.

The women were charged jointly with Robert Schwartz, Philip A. Phillips and Thomas Murphy, who were arrested two months ago, with conspiracy to defraud the Government by evading duty.

The women were held in default of \$500 bail.

TAKE AWAY YOUR GUNBOAT'

Chinese Order to Frenchmen Who Are Washed Into Rice Field.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 27.—The steamer Bellerophon, from Asiatic ports, today brought news from Macao that the French gunboat Argus was driven into a paddy field 600 yards from a river in which she took shelter from a violent storm last month and that Chinese farmers have demanded \$7000 compensation for destruction of their rice crops by the gunboat's travels.

The Chinese insist that the French sailors remove their gunboat from the rice fields.

RECEIVERS OUT OF JOB

Chicago Great Western Has Recovered From Panic.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 27.—Judge Walter H. Sanborn, of the Federal Circuit Court, filed an order today dismissing Charles H. F. Smith and Horace G. Burt as receivers of the properties of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company.

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FINAL CLASH WITH LORDS THIS WEEK

GOVERNOR BENSON, ONHUNT, MAROONED

HIGH WATER HEMS HIM IN AT GARDINER.

His Excellency With Doctor and Two Friends Must Wait for Rain to Pass on Bridge.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special)—Governor Benson is marooned at Gardiner, a little town on Winchester Bay, near the mouth of the Umpqua River in Southern Oregon. The Governor, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner and two Roseburg friends have been hunting ducks along the Umpqua for a week past and expected to return yesterday or today. Instead of putting in an appearance, however, the Governor wired to Secretary C. N. McArthur that His Excellency is hunting ducks and having great fun, but that he is unavoidably detained by the high water.

It is gathered from the telegram that the floods have carried out several small wagon bridges between Scottsboro and Drain, the nearest point where the Governor can reach the railroad, and that he and party will have to remain at Gardiner until the water lowers so the streams can be forded or until the missing bridges are replaced. At the State House it is said the Governor will be at home Sunday evening or Monday.

The Governor is the guest of his son Clifford, who is manager of a cannery at Gardiner.

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The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE, 45 DEGREES; MINIMUM, 39 DEGREES.

TODAY'S RAIN; WARMER SUNDAY; FRESH SOUTH-EAST WIND.

NATIONALS.

Washington officials deny knowledge of mismanagement of Klamath irrigation project. Section 1, page 1.

Sending United States Marines to Nicaragua delayed. Section 1, page 11.

Congressman Mann predicts tariff war with Canada over pulp and paper duty. Section 1, page 2.

DOMESTIC.

Herbert Booth King, in San Francisco, denies all charges. Section 1, page 11.

Dr. Josephine explorer disappears, nervous wreck, and goes into retreat for rest. Section 1, page 1.

Tacoma lad who starles Los Angeles with his stunts is arrested as runaway. Section 1, page 1.

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