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FINDS COOK'S DATA FAILS TO PROVE POLE DISCOVERY

University of Copenhagen Issues Statement That It Is Sadly Lacking.

THEY CAN'T EXCUSE OMISSIONS IN IT

Whereabout of "Greatest Fakir in World's History" Are Unknown.

(By Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen, the first institution of learning to recognize Dr. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole, today solemnly declared the explorer had failed to establish a claim on which his high honors are based.

The committee appointed to examine the records recently presented its report to the consistency of University which reviewed the deductions of the experts with the greatest care and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and consistency were disappointed in the outcome was soon shown. The consistency met today and adopted a written report to the effect that alleged records submitted for examination by Dr. Cook failed to prove his claim.

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

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

There was produced before the committee a letter from Dr. Cook postmarked Marseilles, December 14. This letter lends color to the earlier report that Cook has sailed from New York for a Mediterranean port.

The documents submitted for examination were: First, a typewritten letter prepared by Cook's secretary, Walter Lonsdale, from Cook's note books which occupies sixteen pages of foolscap and includes a description of the period from March 18, 1908, to June 13, 1908, during which according to the statement, Dr. Cook journeyed from Starbuck to the North Pole and returned to point on the Polar, not specifically indicated but west of Axel Heiberg Land. The papers were not accompanied by a private letter from Dr. Cook but Lonsdale stated verbally to the commission that the original notes and books of the explorer from which the copies had been made had been sent to Europe by another route as a precautionary measure and would be delivered to the university in a few days.

Original Data Missing. In presenting the data, Lonsdale stated explicitly and repeatedly that the copy numbered 2 was a complete and accurate duplicate of the information contained in all of Dr. Cook's notes but could not be of any importance to the university for purpose of examination. In spite of the explorer's promise and his secretary's assurance that they would be forthcoming, the commission is not in possession of the original notebooks and diaries.

Up to this time, it has been impossible for the university authorities to reestablish communication with Dr. Cook which was suspended some time ago. The explorer's address is not known here, even to Lonsdale.

Dr. Cook's Letter.

In his letter to Professor Torrep, Dr. Cook states that not only were his instruments left at Etah but most of his astronomical observations were also left at the northern point, and he adds that without these it seems unwise and impossible to pass a final judgment upon his expedition.

After obtaining all available information

"HE FOOLED US ALL" —BRADLEY

Dr. Cook's Backer in Arctic Explorations Disgusted With Whole Affair.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"He has fooled us all, from the King of Denmark down," exclaimed John R. Bradley, Cook's backer, when apprised of the news from Copenhagen, "and he fooled me with the rest," Bradley added. "As a matter of fact," continued Bradley, "I long ago lost interest in Cook, the North Pole and everything connected with it. I discounted this decision some time ago. In common with the rest of the world, I was delighted with the first news from Cook that he had discovered the Pole. His actions, however, and his failure to make more than meagre statements regarding the trip which early followed his return to civilization took some of the smack out of his supposed triumph.

"I began to weaken decidedly when Dr. Cook left us without so much as a word of good bye. When a man runs away you can't expect his friends to fight for him and Cook's flight for that is what it seemed to me to amount to killed all my interest in him and his affairs. Before that, I had never had any reason to doubt Dr. Cook and his whole course in this matter seems inexplicable to me. I am sick of the whole blooming polar business and I don't want to hear anything more about the North Pole or its attributes."

WACK PLEADS FOR COOK.

Says Public Don't Know Dr. Cook's Condition.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"If the public knew the truth concerning Dr. Cook's mental and physical condition as it is known to close friends, they would take a more charitable view of his present unfortunate situation," said H. Wellington Wack, counsel for Dr. Cook, today when told of the rejection of Cook's proofs that he had been to the North Pole. Wack said he would like to make a full statement concerning Cook, but could not do so until he gets the consent of the explorer.

BRIDGMAN WAS SURE.

Says He Knew Cook Couldn't Prove Claims.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"From my personal knowledge of Dr. Cook and my knowledge of the work in the Arctic, I never wavered in my belief that Cook could never prove the claims he made," said Herbert L. Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club.

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"I TOLD YOU SO" SAYS PEARY

Real Discoverer of the Pole Recalls His Expose of Dr. Cook In Laconic Message From Labrador Coast.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—

"Three months ago from the Labrador coast, I sounded an explicit, deliberately worded warning to the world based upon complete and accurate information in regard to Dr. Cook's claims. In doing so I accepted the responsibility devolving upon me and fulfilled my duty to myself and the world." With these words Commander Peary today pointedly expressed his sentiments regarding the failure of the University of Copenhagen to find any proof of the discovery of the North Pole by Dr. Cook. When apprised by the Associated Press representative of the decision of the Danish scientists against Cook, not a suspicion of a smile illumined Peary's stern face, but his eyes lighted up with a welcome knowledge of a vindication which had come.

LUMBER WILL GO UP SOON

Sharp Raise in Market Is Predicted By Grays Harbor Millmen.

(By Associated Press.)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Evening World says that owing to the shortage of logs which will soon be apparent as a result of the high waters and closed camps, the lumbermen of the Grays Harbor country predict a sharp increase in lumber prices some time in January. The lumber mills at Aberdeen will close on Friday until January 3rd.

TRAIN VICTIM MOTTED BANDIT

Walter B. Carroll Who Caused Furore In San Francisco Killed At San Jose.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 21.—The man killed by a train first identified as Walter B. Carroll, a former policeman of San Francisco, has practically been further identified as the "drug store bandit" who caused such great excitement in San Francisco recently.

HOLD ANNUAL BANK MEETING

A. H. Powers Is Elected Director and Judge Coke Vice-President—Good Year.

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AMERICANS ASK FOR PROTECTION

Ask United States to Send Marines to Nicaragua to Safeguard Them.

(By Associated Press.)

MANAGUA, Dec. 21.—The United States consulate today received a plea for protection for Americans at Granada. The petition asked that the United States marines be disembarked at Corinto immediately and sent to Granada.

Granada is one of President Madrid's strongholds.

SAD XMAS FOR THIS FAMILY

Five Members of Household Lose Life In Fire In Yonkers Today.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Five were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a frame dwelling in Sherwood Park, Yonkers. All the dead are members of the family of Theodore Fredericks who lost his life in the fire.

ALABAMA HAS A RACE WAR

Four Whites Killed, One Negro Lynched and Others Are Threatened.

(By Associated Press.)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 21.—Near Magnolia, the scene of the shooting yesterday of four whites and the burning of the negro, Clint Montgomery, poses are in pursuit of Will Montgomery, the fourth of the negro brothers implicated in the murder of Chief Algernon Lewis on Saturday. The other two brothers are under arrest at Linton, Ala. Feeling is so high that Will Montgomery is almost certain to be lynched if caught.

NOTICE TO EAGLES.

Owing to the carpenters being at work on the floor of the new hall, there will be no meeting until January the 5th, 1910, which will be the installation of officers and all members are requested to be present then. By order of W. W. HOLLAND, President. R. E. PINEGOR, Sec.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Members of Doric Chapter, No. 53, O. E. S., are requested to be present at a special communication Thursday, December 23, 1909, at 7:30 p.m. Installation of officers. By order of WORTHY MATRON.

SENATE WILL PROBE TROUBLE OF BALLINGER AND PINCHOT

ROSE TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

Must Serve Two Years For Robbing Roommate at the C. A. Smith Mill.

Sheriff W. W. Gage of Coquille, left here this morning with Jack Rose, the former Smith Mill cook-house employe, who was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Salem for robbing his roommate, M. Stoner. Rose spent the night in the city jail here.

While here, Marshal Carter succeeded in compelling Rose to divulge the location of the suit case which he took from Stoner and which had not been located. Nearly everything else belonging to Stoner was found and returned to him with the exception of some cash that Rose had spent on the "glided way" before Marshal Carter found him.

The suitcase was located in Just's saloon this morning. Rose having stored it there prior to starting on his "sightseeing tour" with his ill-gotten gains. Before divulging where the suitcase was, Rose made Marshal Carter promise to endeavor to secure a \$5 pair of shoes which Rose claims to have brought here with him and which he claims were left at the Smith mill lodging house. Just what his anxiety for the shoes was and whether he expects to appear in the striped dress parade with them in the stone mansion at Salem is more than Marshal Carter knows.

SAILS TODAY FOR PORTLAND

Many Leave On Steamship For Rose City—Carries Coal From New Mine.

The Alliance sailed at 6 o'clock this morning for Portland, carrying a fair list of passengers and considerable freight. In the latter was about 100 tons of coal from the Newcastle mine. Besides the coal, she carried considerable miscellaneous freight.

Among those sailing on the Alliance were the following:

E. C. Greenman, J. B. Adams, I. N. Muncey, C. B. Haywood, Chas. Bausch, A. Davey, E. L. Morrison, G. Brumand, J. A. Cox, L. Willey, W. C. Pettyjohn, W. G. Kegler, W. G. Craig, Mrs. Craig, P. Lewis, Martin Lewis, A. N. Holman, T. McGovern, E. C. Grough and wife, J. C. Wagner.

WILL CALL CONFERENCE.

Minnesota's Governor Will Try to Settle Strike.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Governor Eberhart has announced that he will call a conference of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern officials and the officials of the American Federation of Labor to pave the way for a settlement of the switchmen's strike.

BIG COPPER MERGER.

Utah and Boston Companies Are Finally Consolidated.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The merger of the Utah Copper Company and the Boston Consolidated Copper Company has finally been effected, according to a statement issued today by Samuel Untermyer, representing the two companies.

A first-class SEWING MACHINE with all fixtures \$20 at MILNER'S.

Senator Flint of California Introduces Resolution Asking Evidence.

JONES ALSO TALKS ON THE SITUATION

Reads Letter From Ballinger Referring to Forest Service's Perniciousness.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The Senate today practically decided upon an inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy by adopting a resolution introduced by Senator Flint of California calling for all papers bearing on the case. Senator Jones of Washington stated that if no one else should propose the resolution for the inquiry he would do so after the holidays.

Jones presented a letter from Secretary Ballinger expressing his desire that an investigation should be undertaken, sufficiently broad and far-reaching to cover the entire subject including the forest service which he charges with pernicious activity.

Flint's resolution requested President Taft to transmit to congress any reports, statements or documents upon which he acted in reaching his conclusions with reference to the charges against L. R. Glavis.

Everybody laughs at the OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT.

Don't forget those high grade POKKET KNIVES at MILNER'S.

BODY WAS NOT HENRY WICKMAN

Corpse Washed Up at Tillamook Not That of Coos Bay Young Man.

Andrew Wickman of Empire, has just been notified that the body found at Tillamook last week and which was supposed to be that of his brother, Henry Wickman, who lost his life in the Argo disaster was that of another victim of the seas. The face of the body was so badly disfigured by shell fish as to be unrecognizable, the only means of identification being some tattoo marks found on the body. This proved that it was not Mr. Wickman, both Andrew Wickman and John Wickman, another brother, who is on the light-house tender Columbine, notifying the authorities that their relative did not have any such marks.

The first telegrams concerning the finding of the body lead the local relatives of the deceased to be absolutely certain that it was the remains of their missing one. They had arranged to have the body sent here on the Alliance which arrived in yesterday and the news that it was not Henry Wickman came as a second shock to them.

While it has been impossible to identify the corpse washed ashore, it is believed at Tillamook to be that of Martin Anderson, the fireman of the Argo, who was washed overboard while the vessel was in trouble on the Tillamook bar.

There is very little hope now that the body of Henry Wickman will ever be recovered.

AUTOMOBILE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Magnus & Matson have arranged for free automobile service to their store all this week. Phone 68-J and the auto will come.

LEMONADE Sets at MILNER'S.