

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN ASSERTS SO-CALLED PROOFS HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO VALUE

Copenhagen, 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 the claim on which his high honors had been based. The committee appointed to examine the records recently presented in its report to the consistory of the University, which reviewed the deductions of the experts with the greatest care, and discussed the findings from every standpoint. That both the committee and consistory are disappointed over the outcome is clearly shown. The consistory met today and adopted a written report to the effect that the alleged records submitted for examination by Cook failed to prove his claim.

The report of the committee of which Professor Stromgren is chairman, as presented to the consistory, states that 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. The copies of his note books as submitted contain no original calculations or observations, but only the results thereof and accordingly the committee concludes that he affords no proof of having reached the pole. There was produced before the committee a letter from Cook postmarked Massillon, Dec. 14. This letter lends color to the earlier report that Cook sailed from New York for a Mediterranean port.

The documents submitted for examination are, first, a typewritten letter prepared by Cook's secretary, Walter Lonsdale, covering sixty-one pages of foolscap. Second a typewritten copy made by Lonsdale from Cook's note books. This occupies 16 pages of foolscap and includes a description of the period from March 18, 1908, to June 13, 1908, during which, according to the statement of Cook, he journeyed from Svartevag to the north pole and returned to a point on the Polar ice not specifically indicated, but west of Axel Heiberg land.

The papers were not accompanied by a private letter from Cook, but Lonsdale stated verbally to the commission that the original notes and books of the explorer, from which the copies were made had been sent to Europe by another route as a precautionary measure and would be delivered to the University in a few days.

In presenting the data Lonsdale stated explicitly and repeatedly that the copy numbered two was a complete and accurate duplication of the information contained in all of Cook's note books that could be of any importance to the University for purposes of examination. In spite of the explorer's promise and his secretary's assurance that they would be forthcoming the commission is not yet in possession of the original note books and diaries. Up to this time it has been impossible for the university authorities to re-establish communication with Cook, which was suspended some time ago. The explorer's address is not known here even to Lonsdale.

In a letter to Professor Torp, Cook states that not only were his instruments left at Etah, but that 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 the available information the committee decides that the data submitted is inexcusably lacking in information which would prove the astronomical observations therein referred to were really made, and contain no details as to the actual work of the expedition and the sledge journey, which would enable the committee to determine their reliability.

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EXPLORER PEARY SAYS HIS ACTIONS HAVE BEEN VINDICATED

Washington, Dec. 21.—"Three months ago from the Labrador coast I sounded an explicit and deliberately worded warning to the world, based upon complete and accurate information, in regard to Cook's claims. In doing so I accepted the responsibility involving 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 Cook. When apprised by the Associated Press representative of the decision of the Danish Scientific Academy, Cook, not a suspicion of a smile illuminated Peary's stern face, but his eyes lighted up with the welcome knowledge of a vindication, which had come to him after difficult trials. Peary's manner indicated it was evident that he regarded the controversy as ended.

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LUMBER PRICE WILL ADVANCE IN JANUARY

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Evening World today says that owing to the shortage of logs which will soon be apparent as the result of high water and closed camps, the lumbermen of the Grays Harbor country predict sharp increase in lumber prices sometime in January.

The lumber mills of Aberdeen will close on Friday until January 3rd.

PUBLIC WEDDING OCCURS AT COBURG

Fred Wilcox and Miss Ella Jones Married at Lodge Social

Special Correspondence.

Coburg, Dec. 21.—A pretty public wedding was that of Fred Wilcox and Miss Ella Jones, of Coburg, at the installation and supper given by the R. N. A. and M. W. A. Friday night. Rev. Burbank, of the M. E. church, officiated. Miss Anna Nelson was bridesmaid and Walter Meek acted as best man, with little Joe Smith and Dotty Smith as flower girls. After the ceremony the bride and groom received the hearty congratulations of the many friends and neighbors present, who were about two hundred in number. The wedding was a surprise to the members of the two lodges.

The bride and groom departed on the train Saturday morning for Portland, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will then return and take charge of the home place. A most delectable supper was served, as well as a nerve-stirring program. It was one of the largest audiences ever known in the I. O. O. F. hall at Coburg.

LYNCH ELECTED LEAGUE PRESIDENT

New York, Dec. 18.—Thos. J. Lynch, of Cincinnati, was elected president of the National League today. Lynch was former chief of the staff of umpires.

John A. Heydler, former president of the league was elected secretary and treasurer of the organization.

The election of both was unanimous.

CAPLES GETS JOB WITH BIGGER SALARY

Washington, Dec. 17.—The resignation of R. A. Caples as secretary to Senator Chamberlain, it develops now, was to accept a more remunerative position with a syndicate of three of the wealthiest members of congress. Mr. Caples was sent on a mission to South Carolina, and, early in the year, will make a trip to the Pacific coast in the interest of his employers.

Senator Chamberlain has received a special assignment of 100 maps of the United States from the forest service, for distribution to the schools of Oregon. They have been sent to the county school superintendents for distribution by them in the state.

EARLY OREGON SETTLERS BURIED SAME AFTERNOON

Canyonville, Or., Dec. 20.—The funerals of two old settlers, Jacob Yokum, aged 79, who has lived here for 58 years, and William Jackson, aged 88, who has lived here for 56 years, were held from the Baptist church today.

COPPER COMPANIES COMPLETE MERGER

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

AMERICANS AT GRANADA APPEAL FOR PROTECTION

Managua, Dec. 21.—The United States consulate today received a plea for the 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.

The old-fashioned way of dosing a weak stomach, or stimulating the heart or kidneys, is all wrong. Dr. Shoop first pointed out this error. This is why his prescription—Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is directed entirely to the cause of these ailments—the weak inside or controlling nerves. It isn't so difficult, says Dr. Shoop, to strengthen a weak stomach, heart or kidneys, if one goes at it correctly. Each inside organ has its controlling or inside nerves. When these nerves fail, then those organs must surely falter. These vital truths are leading druggists everywhere to dispense and recommend Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Test it a few days and see. Improvement will promptly and surely follow. Sold by all druggists.



COMMANDER PEARY.

Who seems now to have the only authentic claim to the discovery of the North Pole.

MANAGER LAMBIRTH SAYS WORK ON SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE MAY SOON BEGIN

Lay Track to End of Trestle to Enable Contractor Roney to Get Material to Ground

The report comes from Manager Lambirth, of the P. E. & E., that he will at once repair the trestle at West Springfield, lay rails and string trolley wires to the river and run the cars that far. The object of this is to accommodate L. N. Roney, who has the contract to build the trestle across the river to Springfield. He says that the contractor will place a force of men at work at once getting material ready and doing all that is possible, so that the construction of the bridge may commence just as early in the spring as the danger of high water is over. Material can be hauled on a flat car along the track where it is needed.

Mr. Roney, when interviewed by a reporter this afternoon, would not make any statement regarding the matter, simply saying:

"I have positively nothing to say about it for the present at least."

Mr. Roney's policy is more construction and less talk.

MORE LYNCHINGS ARE QUITE LIKELY IN ALABAMA

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 21.—Near 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 Algeron Lewis on Saturday. The other two brothers are under arrest at London, Ala., and the feeling is so high that Will Montgomery is almost certain to be lynched if caught.

CONFERENCE MAY SETTLE THE STRIKE

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—Governor Eberhart today announced he would call a conference of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern officials and officials of the American Federation of Labor to pave the way for a settlement of the switchmen's strike.

12 MILES OF COPPER WIRE BEING STRUNG

The Northwestern Corporation has of force of linemen at work stringing their copper wires that will add two-fold to the carrying capacity of the transmission line from the electric plant at Springfield to Eugene. The wires, size 0000, are 12 times as large as any of the six now on the line, which are 4's. The line is four miles long. These will carry all the electricity the city can use for some time, even when the proposed street-car extensions are in operation. At present the transmission line is overloaded, the fluctuation of the power being evidence of it.

The new wires will be used exclusively for lighting purposes and there will be no variation in the lights when these new wires are used. Perhaps this is an unfair statement, for it will be noticed that the lights have been good for the past week. This is because the light service has been sent over separate wires since last Monday, but at the expense of the power service.

Mr. Lambirth was obliged to send to Albany, Salem and Portland in order to get linemen for this work. However, he will have sufficient work from now on to keep the force on the company's large pay roll.

Another Turbine Ordered.

An order has been placed with the Allis-Chalmers Company for a third 500-kilowatt turbine generator to be placed next spring beside the two now running. This will triple the capacity of the plant a year ago at this time. The new machine will be placed at the end of the two now in use.

"When this machine is installed and further equipment is placed that is now ordered the plant will be secluded Portland or Seattle or Denver," said Manager Lambirth to a reporter this afternoon. "That vote-order that has just been put in is an example of the equipment. It is a very expensive instrument and there are but few like it in the West."

It is evident the period of poor light service that Eugene has experienced during the past years is almost a thing of the past.

EXTENSION OF STREET RAILWAYS TO SOUTH EUGENE

(From Thursday's Daily Guard.)

The proposition of extending the street car line out South Willamette street, past College Hill and back to the city on the west side of the hill, as mentioned by The Guard some time ago, has about reached a point where the promoters of the plan are confident of success and it is expected that the line will be built before the first of August, 1910.

Jack Rodman, of the Rodman Real

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN HAS PARTIALLY DECIDED DR. COOK'S CLAIMS NOT GENUINE

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press is informed on high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen, in a preliminary examination, failed to discover proof that Dr. Cook reached the North Pole.

MAKES SECRET REPORT

The consistory of the University of Copenhagen, at a secret session today, received the preliminary report covering the first stage of the work of the committee engaged in examining the records of Dr. Cook. An excited discussion followed. The committee has not completed its investigation, and the report is carefully guarded from other than members of the consistory. It was admitted, however, that the work thus far accomplished provoked an animated debate among the university officials.

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—A preliminary report was made by the examining committee at a secret session of the consistory today, and it provoked an animated discussion, it appearing that the data so far submitted is not held sufficient to establish the explorer's claims. The results of today's discussion was a request on the part of the consistory that the committee continue its work, and the university body will leave to the investigators the proper manner of making public later the results of their inquiries. Popular opinion here appears to have undergone a gradual change unfavorable to Cook.

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olutely nothing to say," insisted Commander Peary, when told of the ditpatch from Copenhagen indicating the failure of the committee to find proof of Dr. Cook's visit to the pole. Peary, however, smiled exultantly, which indicated as much as words what his real feelings were.

Cook Is Still Lost

New York, Dec. 18.—Every attempt to find Dr. Cook is without avail. H. Wellington Wack, former counsel for Cook, declared he had not seen him since November 22. He expresses the belief that Dr. Cook is in Europe.

Estate Company, and other owners of land in the southern part of the city and immediately south of the corporate limits, have been at the head of this movement. They put the matter before the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company some time ago, and the company made a proposition requiring a cash bonus to build the loop. The committee in charge of the matter went to work immediately and secured promises of a good percentage of the amount required. This was nearly all secured on South Willamette street alone, and none of the property owners on any of the other streets were seen. On the strength of this encouragement, the committee has caused a contract to be drawn up, requiring the company to complete the loop before the first of August of next year. The contract was given to Manager Lambirth today, and if it is suitable to the higher-ups in the company it will be signed and the bonus will be forthcoming at the proper time. It is not yet raised, but those in charge of the matter feel that there will be no great trouble in securing the desired amount.

Over Five Miles of Track

The blueprint of the extension shows over five miles of new track to be built. It will extend the entire length of Willamette street, past the city limits. It will turn west at Wood avenue up the gulch south of the golf links and circle around the base of the hill, entering the city

again by way of Oregon avenue. It will pass the fair grounds to Eleventh street, thence east on that street to Willamette, making a total of five and one-half miles, according to the surveyor's measurement.

The promoters of the plan are confident of its success, and are promising the property owners in the southern part of the city a good car service by this time next year.

Nothing But Ears

"Say, old man," began Borroughs, "lend me your ear for awhile, will you?"

"My friend," replied Wise, shrewdly suspecting a touch, "I'd gladly lend you both of them; then I would not be able to hear you ask me to lend you anything else."

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