

DR. COOK ADMITS HE GUESSED

EXPLORER SAYS HE MIGHT BE MISTAKEN

Pleads Partial Insanity As An Excuse for His Action

HUNGER AND ISOLATION CAUSE MENTAL WEAKNESS

Doctor Has Been in Hiding But Will Return to America to Spend Christmas

New York, Nov. 30.—Dr. Frederick Cook, in an article to be published in Hampton's Magazine, confesses he does not know whether he reached the North Pole or not.

Cook deals in the story with the psychology of his adventure and says "Fully, freely, frankly, I shall tell you everything and leave the decision with you."

The explorer states that it would be impossible for any man to demonstrate beyond question he has been to the north pole.

Dr. Cook says: "Did I get to the north pole? Perhaps I made a mistake in thinking that I had. After mature thought I confess that I do not know absolutely whether I reached the pole or not."

He had always looked on the discovery of the pole as an achievement for his own personal satisfaction.

He then tells the story of the days in Copenhagen, later in New York, and of the crisis that caused his flight from New York and his voluntary exile from the United States.

Part of the time, he says, his wife has been with him, and part of the time his children. Dr. Cook and his wife are now in Europe, and the children are in a convent in France.

Those who did guess it, Dr. Cook says, were turned away with ease by the remark "Why, yes, I have been told so before."

Until the opportunities for thought that his exile gave him, Dr. Cook says he never had even time to sleep more than three or four hours between his arrival at Copenhagen and his disappearance in New York.

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FREDERICK A. COOK'S OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH.

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Louisville, Nov. 30.—Stripping the state legislature of many powers, making the governor's office the real organ of authority, and voting for men, not measures, was advocated by Gamaliel Bradford, of Boston, in an address before the governors' conference today.

After arguing that government by committee is wrong and besting his statements on the increased expenditures in New York state since departments have been governed by them, said:

"The one vital question is what to do. On all hands comes the cry that we must look to the people, that the remedy lies with them in the elections. It is a false sentiment. The people can no more reform a government than an army of privates can win a battle without officers and previous training and drilling."

Mr. Bradford discussed various plans advocated heretofore to give governors more power, but said none of them would reach the desired result. The plan which he suggested, and said would be a great benefit, is that the governor have a representative in each house of the legislature, to be appointed and removed by himself, and who would have the right of debate, and whose duty it would be to answer questions in open session.

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Several hundred strong, the rebels proceeded to Santa Clara convent, from which they drove out the nuns, who fled to Hong Kong.

Foreigners are leaving the city for Hong Kong. No casualties are reported, but military officers say they have lost control of the troops, and security of life and property are not guaranteed.

London, Nov. 30.—"Jem" Mace, hero of many prize fights, died today, aged 75 years. At one time he was worth a million dollars, but had recently been dependent upon his friends for support.

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FIRE BUG BURNS HOTEL AT LOWELL THIS MORNING

Building With Most of Its Contents Destroyed—Loss Is About \$5000

WAS FORMERLY OLD HYLAND RESIDENCE

Sheriff Bown Investigating the Matter, Hoping to Apprehend the Culprit

The old Hyland residence at Lowell, used for some time past as a hotel by John Holman, was destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning and hardly any of the contents of the building were saved.

The blaze was discovered by Mr. Holman about 4:40 o'clock and at that time it had spread so far that it was impossible to get into any of the rooms downstairs except one, from which most of the contents were removed.

The fire started in the rear part of the house where a quantity of oil was stored. The fire was plainly of incendiary origin, and Sheriff Bown is now working on the case.

The building was valued at about \$4000 and the contents about \$1000 or more in addition. There was only \$1000 insurance on the building.

Most of the furniture in the building was owned by Mrs. A. D. Hyland, who also owned the building, but Mr. Holman had some of his own property in the house. His goods were fully insured, but Mrs. Hyland's were not.

At the time the fire was discovered the building was past saving and the citizens of the village attracted by the flames could do nothing except protect the surrounding buildings from the flying brands.

New York, Nov. 29.—Among the men in the financial district who commented yesterday on the pessimistic trade prospects credited to James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, was E. T. Bedford, a director of the Standard Oil company, and president of the Corn Products Refining company.

Mr. Bedford disagreed with Mr. Hill and said that he saw no signs of a business relapse in 1911. This was the way he voiced his hopes on the outlook.

"I cannot share the pessimistic views of Mr. Hill. I believe that we are going to have a slow but healthy recovery in business, with a gradual strengthening of confidence."

New York, Nov. 29.—Wall street has the promise of J. J. Hill that he said no such thing as a panic yesterday, therefore Wall street was feeling better today.

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Pile of Silver Dollars High as Horse Not Enough to Buy Him.



Little Miss Marion Grey walked into Madison Square Garden, New York city, with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Grey, and there the little girl saw the smallest horse in the world. "I want that horse," the little girl said. "It's yours," said the father.

When Miss Marion explained that she would give a pile of silver dollars as high as the horse be considered the offer. The exact price paid for the little horse was not made public, but Mr. Grey said if his little daughter would stand on top of the horse's head the pile of silver dollars he paid to Mr. Dillon would still be beyond reach of the little miss' fingers.

PEACE OFFICERS GENERAL REYES CHOSEN AT LAST ELECTION WILL ASSUME CONTROL

Justices and Constables Chosen in Various Precincts—Tie At Pleasant Hill

Following is the list of justices of the peace and constables elected at the recent general election in the various precincts of the county: Eugene—Justice, R. S. Bryson; constable, J. J. Harbaugh.

Springfield—Justice, J. J. Totten; constable, L. E. Thompson. Cottage Grove—Justice, W. C. Counter; constable, A. B. Atkins.

Blus River—Justice, C. D. Edwards; constable, Felix Sparks. Bohemia—Justice, A. P. Churchill; constable, Wm. Brund.

Cheshire—Justice, Harvey Horn; constable, Gilbert Cook. Camo Creek—Justice, J. H. Devor; constable, Peter Ashley.

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SIUSLAW PORT TO RECEIVE SUM OF \$430,000

Proposal on Way to Port Commission from Chief of Corps of Engineers

PEOPLE OF DISTRICT TO RAISE HALF THAT SUM

On Acceptance Work Will Be Placed Under Contract and the North Jetty Built

Portland, Nov. 30.—On the way to the port of Siuslaw commission a proposal from the chief of the corps of United States army engineers, through Major Morrow, charge of coast harbors in the first district, by which improver's cost \$430,000 will be prosecuted under government supervision.

The chief of engineers has proposed that the port of Siuslaw commission execute a contract with the government, backed by sufficient surety guaranteeing the full sum of \$215,500 to be furnished locally, less the value of work actually performed.

It is pointed out that even though the expected legislation is not passed next month, it may be adopted at the next session and that the port of Siuslaw commission will get credit for the end for its share. It is estimated that at least three weeks will be required in which to get the contract signed by the port officials and forwarded to the chief of engineers.

El Paso, Nov. 30.—The special correspondent of the El Paso Herald in Mexico writes that it is rumored that General Bernardo Reyes will be recalled from Europe and made vice president of Mexico, and allowed by President Diaz to assume the reins of government in a few months.

Telegrams from Madera, in Chihuahua, say many Americans and Canadians employed by the Pearson lumber interests are getting in sore straits for provisions. The railroad into that city has been cut for a week, and the insurrectionists are still in possession of the country, so that trains cannot convey supplies to the beleaguered party.

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Chicago, Nov. 30.—December, 90; May, 96; July, 92. Portland, Nov. 30.—Wheat is unchanged. Tacoma, Nov. 30.—Wheat is unchanged.