

COOK TO DENMARK FOR EXPLANATION

Scientists Claim Explorer Talked of Pole Much Better Than He Wrote—Say Perhaps He Is Unbalanced.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—The announcement of Secretary Lonsdale, who bore the Polar data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to Copenhagen, that he has been in personal communication with the Polar explorer given rise to the story that Cook will come to Denmark and appear personally before the committee that recently rejected his claims to Polar discovery.

While the committee has shown no disposition to re-open the case, there is a sentiment in Copenhagen that the doctor's claims actually were based upon more evidence than was presented in the proofs and data offered the consistory of the University of Copenhagen.

Scientists who first talked to Cook upon his arrival here from the north insist that he showed an intimate knowledge of Polar affairs which was lacking entirely in the submitted proofs.

SHE MARRIED A JAP NOW SHE IS SORRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Disillusionment, misfortune, and disgust have proved to be the lot of Mrs. Gunjiro Aoki, daughter of Achdeacon John Emery of the local Episcopal diocese, who last spring married the Japanese house boy employed in her father's family at Corte Madera. In a pitiful letter received from her by her father, she begs to be allowed to return to him from Seattle and to bring the child that born a few months after her marriage with her Japanese lover.

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HOPES RAIN MAY DROWN CITY DADS

A. S. Mayor, Contractor, Says City Violated Contract to Keep Roof in Repair, First.

ASHLAND, Jan. 4.—To the Editor:—I will reply to your article regarding the leaky roof of the city hall. I will not repair the roof on the city hall nor will my bondsmen. I will see to that. Had your city dads not been so smart with me I would have kept it in condition. I donated the counter to the city and got no thanks. You may look on the plans for yourself and see. And the city dads were the first to break the contract they did not make the payments as per agreement and they humbugged me for three months after I got through before they paid me the last payment and I had to put it in the hands of a lawyer to collect the balance before they would pay me and then I found that the contract was illegal by a decision of the supreme court of Oregon in another city hall case like this. Your city attorney may look it up. You may notify the city dads by putting this reply in your paper.

BELIEVE THAT LAMPHERE TOLD

But Clergyman Refuses to Divulge Confession Reported to Have Been Made to Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Rev. Edwin A. Schel, of Iowa University, today refused to divulge the confession Ray Lamphere is reported to have made to him. As a clergyman, Rev. Schel declared that he must keep sacred the story of the man who is supposed to have been responsible for the death of Mrs. Belle Guinness, of the La Porte, Ind., horror farm.

CARRYING BOOKS MAKE CHILDREN LOPSIDED

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The municipality of Breslau has issued a warning to all parents in the town instructing them to prohibit their children from carrying school portfolios under their arms and to substitute for the same the old-fashioned knapsacks carried on their backs.

The reason for this order is the alarming increase of lopsided children in that town, which Professor Dr. C. Endrey attributes to the custom of carrying books to and from school under one arm. These books together with drawing board, compasses, pencil case, etc., vary in weight from four to ten pounds, and in time the delicate and immature framework of the children suffers.

BABY SHOPLIFTER IS HELD 8-YEAR OLD'S 3RD OFFENSE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 4.—An 8-year-old girl, whose cheeks are constantly dimpling with smiles, whose blue eyes beam with innocence and candor, is held at the Carr street police station as "the baby shoplifter." She is Annie Pavlinski, and has been arrested three times for theft, spent two weeks in the industrial school and escaped, has run away from home dozens of times, and makes a practice of slipping out of bed after her family is asleep and pilfering money from her father and her big brother, Tony. Annie was found asleep in a hallway, scantily clad and was blue with cold. A pitying policeman took her to the matron of the Carr street district, where it was learned that her last exploit was having run away from home after rifling her brother's pockets of \$1.50.

RAINS PREVENTED BURYING OF BODIES

As Fast as Graves Were Dug, Water Filled Them—Let Up in Storm Eased the Situation.

POMONA, Cal., Jan. 4.—Because the rains filled the graves nearly as fast as they could be dug, bodies which were to have been interred nearly a week ago, were not buried until today. During the storm which has just passed over this section of the state the bodies of seven persons were held by the undertakers on account the storm. Funeral services were held as usual but the bodies were kept at the undertaker's parlors. Had the rain continued longer special arrangements would have been necessary to store the bodies. Four bodies were interred yesterday and three today.

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BLIZZARDS RAGE OVER COLORADO

Eight Dead, Hundreds of Cattle and Sheep Perish, and Much Damage Done by Heavy Storm.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 4.—Eight persons are dead, hundreds of cattle and sheep have perished, railroad traffic is demoralized and wire communication is prostrated, as the result of the blizzards, rains and resulting floods that have swept the Rocky mountain states for the last three days.

Four men are reported to have been killed near Shenandoah, Colorado, by snow slides. One man and two boys, whose names were not learned, were frozen to death in New Mexico, near the Colorado line, last evening.

At the Iowa mine in this state, a miner was buried beneath an avalanche of snow. His body has not been recovered.

Storm in General. Reports from all sections of the mountain states indicate that the storms were general and that heavy damage was caused.

Owing to the disrupted state of telegraph and telephone communication reports from isolated districts are unobtainable, and no approximately correct estimates of the financial loss resulting from the storms can be obtained.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad is completely tied up by the heavy snow in the mountains. Between Durango and Silverton, Colorado, forty snow slides have occurred and the tracks are buried for miles. It is impossible to state when traffic may be resumed.

Heavy Damage. Heavy damage has been done in the mining sections of Colorado. Tram lines and electric plants at several mines have been ruined by snow slides, and in many places all work has been abandoned.

Stockmen and ranchers also will suffer heavy financial loss. Ice gorges in the Arkansas river have caused it to overflow its banks, inundating much rich farm lands.

Reports from northern Colorado indicate that the grip of the storm was most severe there. Cattlemen, it was stated, will not be able to estimate their losses until the snows melt in the spring.

NO PANAMA CANAL BOND ISSUE BEFORE NEXT MARCH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It was announced at the Treasury Department this afternoon that the issue of \$99,000,000 Panama Canal bonds may not be made until March. "There probably will be no need until that time," said Assistant Secretary Norton. "For that reason, the Treasury can wait a reasonable time for Congress to correct the 'gold coin' omission relative to bonds."

EAGLE HAD FLOWN FAR WITH TRAP ATTACHED TO ITS LEG

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4.—An eagle with one of its legs fast in a No. 3 steel trap, which had apparently been there about two weeks, was killed at the Ellison ranch near Edgewood, in the upper part of Siskiyou County, about a fortnight ago. It has been learned that an eagle got into a No. 3 steel trap belonging to N. Greenslate of Plymouth, Amador County, and carried the trap away with it. It is believed that the eagle killed at Edgewood, which is about 300 miles from Plymouth in an air line, is the same that carried off Greenslate's trap.

STATEHOOD BY DEGREES IS PLAN OF PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Statehood legislation at the present session of Congress will not go beyond giving authority to the people of New Mexico and Arizona to hold constitutional conventions, if the wishes of leading members of Congress dictate the policy. This programme is in harmony with the message of President Taft. Should the convention draft constitutions which do not adequately

protect the public interests in the matter of safeguarding public lands and natural resources, and those constitutions should be adopted by votes of the people of the Territories, the President could reject them if he desired and Congress could again open the way for the adoption of satisfactory constitutions. This course was wellnigh impossible in the case of Oklahoma, as the people had expressed their choice of state officers, and justice had to be done to them.

It is believed that in the present case the effect will be to insure good state constitutions and make it certain that two new stars will be added to the flag with a year from the date of adjournment of the present Congress.

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