

## DR. COOK LIES, NOT WELL, BUT ILL

Nerves Said to Be Shattered and Mind Is in Danger From Melancholia—In German Hospital.

FRANKFORT, Germany, Jan. 18.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited Arctic explorer, lies critically ill in a sanitarium near Heidelberg, according to a statement published in the *eZitung* today.

Cook's nerves are said to be shattered, and his mind in danger of derangement from melancholia. He has suffered a serious physical collapse, the *Zeitung's* correspondent declared.

It also was reported that Dr. Cook's wife is with him at the sanitarium, but this could not be confirmed. The *Zeitung* stated that it is pledged not to make public Cook's retreat.

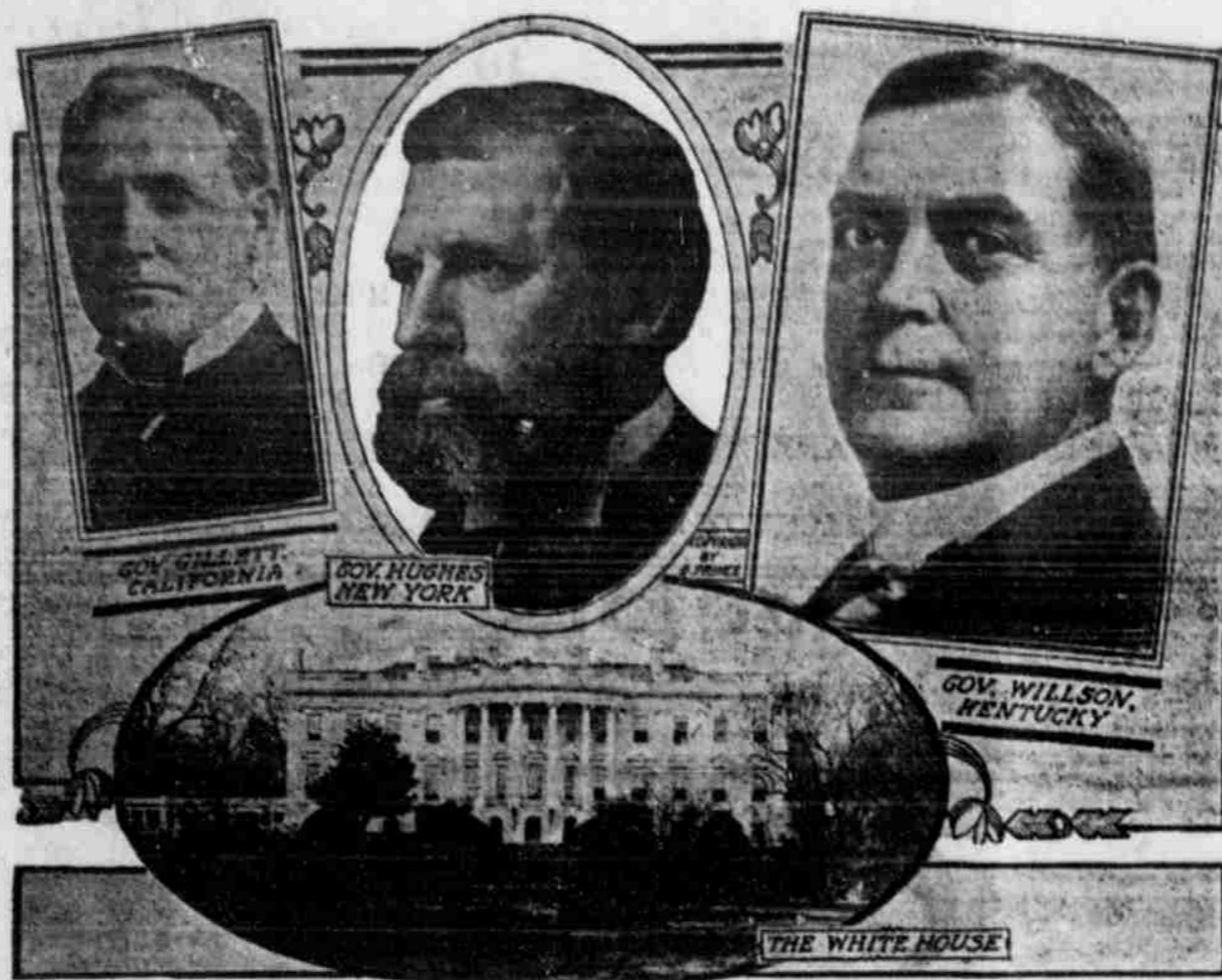
HEIDELBURG, Germany, Jan. 18.—A search of the sanitariums and hospitals in and around this place, following the publication in the *Zeitung* of Frankfurt today of an article stating that Dr. Frederick Cook, the American explorer, is in hiding near here, was unproductive of results.

Many places denied absolutely that Cook was among their patients. Others refused to deny or confirm the report, some of them not being averse to the publicity that would follow their refusal to discuss it.

### PHYSICIANS FIND THAT MAN WAS POISONED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—Physicians who examined the stomach of Col. Thomas Swope, the Kansas City millionaire who died October 13, under mysterious circumstances declared today that they found evidences of strychnine. Swope's nephew, Christian Swope, died December 2. It was established beyond all doubt that there was poison in his stomach. It is suspected that both men were poisoned by someone who hoped to receive a portion of the Swope fortune after their removal.

## GOVERNORS GATHERING IN WASHINGTON



WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—The national conference of governors of the various states today became an adjunct of the national conference on uniform legislation through lengthy discussion of the laws of their various states. Plans for the unification of civil laws were discussed by 30 governors who are attending the conference.

Aside from uniform legislation, the governors are in meeting principally to further a congressional campaign for general interstate commerce legislation. The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce held its first meeting and will probably receive a committee from the governors embodying the suggestion brought out at the gubernatorial conference.

At the conclusion of the morning session of the governors they had a luncheon at the Metropolitan club and later called upon President Taft to pay their official respects. The governors will dine tonight with John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer, and will then attend a reception at the white house.

### AVIATION MEET WILL CLOSE NEXT THURSDAY

AVIATION FIELDS, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 18.—It was officially given out today by Courtlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero club of America, that the Los Angeles aviation meet would be brought to an official end Thursday afternoon at the conclusion of the day's aeroplane flights.

This announcement was made in view of the fact that several publications reported that the meet would be continued to include next Sunday

### RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR IMMENSE COMPANY

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—General George A. Garretson, president of the Bank of Commerce of this city, and S. H. Shane, general manager of the Gilchrist Transportation company, were appointed by a local court receivers for the Gilchrist company, a \$10,000,000 corporation.

The Gilchrist company owns 57 steamers and four barges plying on the Great Lakes. Recently it negotiated heavy loans to increase the fleet.

The court's action was taken at the request of Frank W. Gilchrist of Alpena, Mich., who alleged that the company owes \$2,500,000.

Poor business is announced as the cause for the failure.

### BUTTE FALLS BASKET- BALL TEAM WINNER

After walking from Butte Falls to Eagle Point, riding to Medford on the Pacific & Eastern and finishing the trip on the R. R. V. railway to Jacksonville, the Butte Falls basketball team had still enough vim

## CURTISS TELLS HIS SIDE OF CASE

Says He Worked Out His Own Problems Regarding Flying and That Wrights Are Trying To Hog Credit.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Following the announcement of Dr. Chanute, "the father of aeronautics" in New York yesterday to the effect that the Wrights were not the first to discover the principle by which it is possible to balance flying machines, Glenn H. Curtiss, against whom the Wrights secured an injunction at Buffalo for alleged infringement of the Wright patents, said today:

"I don't see what contentions the Wrights could possibly make that would place me in a position warranting an order for me to stop flights based upon infringements of Wright's claims. Wright is simply, one among many who have read, studied and experimented in the direction of perfecting heavier-than-air machines.

"Wright used the same books all of us have used. Farman gave flights before Wright, although Wright claims that he gave private flights at the time Farman was giving exhibitions. For that matter I was working along the same lines hundreds of miles away from the Wrights. I did not know what they were doing, neither did they know what I was doing. We were all working independently along lines laid down by Langley, Dr. Chanute, Lilienthal, Hiram Maxim and other men who did the pioneer work and who unselfishly gave us the benefits of their experiments, through splendidly written books on aeronautics."

Curtis then went into details, technical in character, claiming that each and every one of the Wright contentions had been disproved by actual experiments. He dwelt particularly upon his flight last week when the vertical rudder was tried while his biplane was in flight.

to defeat Jacksonville by a score of 19 to 18 in a hard-fought game. The game is said to have been one of the best yet played in the county seat, and drew a good crowd.

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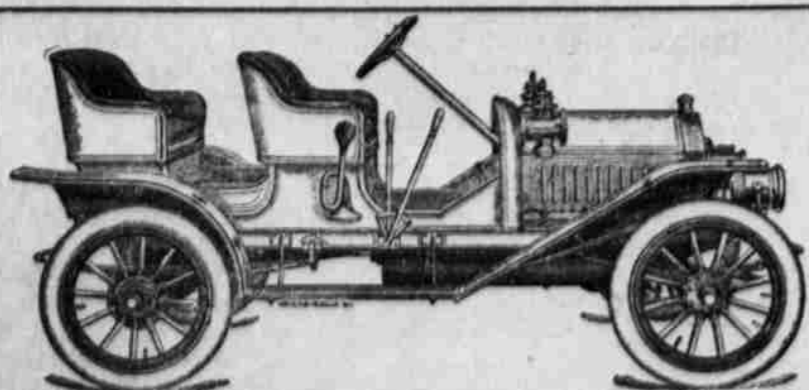
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