

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Foreign.
The pope appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and Rev. F. M. Fallon of the provincial oblates of Buffalo, N. Y., to the bishopric of London, Canada.

The Reichsrat at Vienna rose after a continuous sitting of eighty-six hours and after passing a bill modifying the rules of procedure which authorizes the president of the chamber to suspend from one to three sittings any deputy insulting him or disobeying the rules.

Commander Robert E. Peary smiled broadly when informed that a Copenhagen dispatch had been received quoting a paragraph of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of Dr. Cook's records, and falling to find proof that the physician had found the North pole.

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General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the army.

Severely attacking Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, the Guggenheim interests, and the administration of the land office in general, Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska urged upon the house the necessity of appointing a special committee to investigate "the notorious land frauds of recent years."

Conservation of all the timber lands lying within the bounds of the Yosemite National park in California is urged by Major Forsythe, acting superintendent of the park, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior.

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Personal.
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Horace H. Lurton has been appointed associate justice of the United States supreme court.

State Senator John Raines of New York, author of the Raines law, died a few days ago.

Senator Norris Brown believes that the Omaha Indians as well as the white people of Thurston county are in favor of the taxation of Indian lands.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company announced the adoption of a pension system for its veteran employees.

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Congress, before adjournment for the holidays, is doing some work at night sessions.

The District of Columbia bill, carrying about \$10,275,000, was passed by the house without opposition.

President Taft yielded to the demands of both Secretary Ballinger and his critics for a public investigation of the whole subject matter underlying the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Soldiers and sailors celebrated Christmas at government expense.

Richard Parr, the man who discovered the sugar frauds, is to be rewarded in the sum of nearly a million.

Incoming trans-Atlantic liners report terrific weather during the passage.

The next national encampment of the Grand Army will be held at Atlantic City, September 17 to 24.

Two aged splinter sisters, Frances and Isabel Richie, were found dead in their home at Newark, N. J. The sisters had lived alone for twenty years in the same house.

The Nicaraguan insurgents are growing tired of awaiting attack, according to advices received in Washington.

President Taft said at Hartford, Conn., that the time might come when a civil pension list will become a necessity.

Notwithstanding his unpopularity, there seems to be much mourning over the death of the king.

George A. Puckett, five years editor of the Roswell (N. M.) Daily Record, died from tuberculosis.

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CAPTURE OF PRIZES

NAMES OF WINNERS AT NATIONAL CORN SHOW.

NEBRASKA DONE VERY WELL

Other States Come in Also for Honor and Money Reward for Their Efforts.

Douglas county stands high in the Nebraska competition for prizes in the National Corn exposition. The county wins the Robinson trophy for the best county exhibit within the state. This trophy is a silver cup valued at \$500 given by the Robinson Seed company of Waterloo.

The best ear of corn grown in Nebraska came near being produced within the city limits of Omaha. Almost within gunshot of where the city ends and the country begins, on the farm of William Loneragan of Florence, a tall stalk of Reid's yellow dent produced a bushel and a half of ears of corn that Nebraska produced in 1910.

Henry Selts of De Sota took the first prize for the best ten ears of corn. Aye Bros. seed growers at Blair, took the second prize in the best ear competition.

The prizes for Nebraska follow: For best ten ears yellow dent corn, Nebraska only: Harry Selts, De Sota, first; 150 Roland Smith, De Sota, second; 130; Charles Gram, Bennington, third, \$15.

For best ten ears white dent corn, Nebraska only: Charles J. Brush, Auburn, first; 150; Roland Smith, De Sota, second, \$15; Roland Smith, De Sota, third, \$10.

For best ten ears of corn other than yellow or white dent, Nebraska only: Joseph C. Volk, Humphrey, first; 150; Charles J. Brush, Auburn, second, \$15; H. H. Rahlf, Falls City, third, \$10.

Winner for the sweepstakes for the best ten ears in Nebraska: Henry Selts, De Sota, \$155.

For best single ear dent corn, any color, Nebraska only: William Loneragan, Florence, first; 150; Charles Gram, Bennington, second, \$4; Ed Grimm, Blair, third, \$3.

For best twenty ears, any variety, Nebraska only: Francis Selts, De Sota, first, \$225.

For best peck hard winter wheat, Nebraska only: Edward West, Greta, first; 150; Charles Gram, Bennington, second, \$10; Charles Gram, Bennington, third, \$4.

For best peck red winter wheat, Nebraska only: S. M. Arnold, Aurora, first; \$7; Edward West, Greta, second, \$4; C. W. Francisco, Blair, third, \$4.

For best peck wheat, other than hard or red winter, Nebraska only: A. E. Hines, Lincoln, first; \$4; H. H. Rahlf, Falls City, second, \$3; Dallas Stelk, Grand Island, third, \$4.

For best peck white oats, Nebraska only: W. C. H. Hines, Lincoln, first; \$4; F. G. Fenestler, Leasara, second, \$3; F. G. Sloup, Sprague, third, \$4.

For best peck black oat, Nebraska only: Arnold Martin, DuBois, first; \$4; R. W. Hopkins, Tilden, second, \$5.

For best peck oats, other than white and black, Nebraska only: Dallas Stelk, Grand Island, first; \$5; Austin Taylor, Omaha, second, \$5; R. W. Hopkins, Tilden, third, \$4.

For best single ear corn grown in Nebraska: Charles J. Brush, Auburn, first, \$10.

For best single ear corn grown in any state other than Nebraska: J. M. Gillman, Leavenworth, Kan., first, \$10.

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Fond du Lac, Wis., first, \$100; D. G. Clute, Manchester, Ia., second, \$10; H. P. West, Ripon, Wis., third, \$5.

Best four-inch sheaf (timothy): William Loneragan, Florence, Neb., first, \$20; Miss Anna Martin, Du Bois, Neb., second, \$5; Rev. O. Homan, Eastern, Mo., third, \$5.

Best four-inch sheaf alfalfa: John Laker, Burley, S. D., first, \$20; John Henderson, Colorado, second, \$10; Arnold Martin, Du Bois, Neb., third, \$5.

Best four-inch sheaf timothy: H. P. Stevens, Maxwell, Neb., first, \$20; C. N. Schmale, Emerald, Neb., second, \$10; J. D. Ziller, Emawatha, Kan., third, \$5.

Best four-inch sheaf upland wild hay: H. Zerbil, Madison, Wis., first, \$10; J. H. Hartlow, Lawrence, Mo., second, \$5; J. M. Croft, Stamford, Mont., third, \$3.

Best four-inch sheaf upland hay: J. T. Lough, Hartford, Mont., first, \$10; John Denker, Phillips, Neb., second, \$10; William Steink, Sr., Grand Island, Neb., third, \$5.

Best four-inch sheaf millet: R. H. Miller, III, first, \$60; Paul Blumhaff, Stillwater, Minn., second, \$10; H. T. Lapt, Roseville, Ill., third, \$2.

Best four-inch sheaf millet: J. H. Taylor, Waterloo, Neb., first, \$12.50; William Loneragan, Florence, Neb., second, \$4; Brunner Bros., Hurley, S. D., third, \$3.

Winners of Corn Sweepstakes in Zones: A. C. Linder, Fox Lake, Ill., first, \$100; Logan, Shelby and Marcer and all counties north in Ohio; Joy, Blackford, Grant, Howard, Carroll, Wayne, Jackson, Newton and all counties north in Indiana; Illinois, all territory north of T. P. & W. Ry., east of Peoria and north of the following counties: Fulton, McDonough, Bond, Madison, all of Iowa and all of Nebraska east of the western zone.

F. C. Paine, Newton, Ind., for the best single ear dent corn, any color, in northern central zone. Competition limited to all of Kansas east of western zone, Missouri, Kentucky, and all of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio south of northern central zone. U. H. Hesterly, Villa Rica, Ga., for the best single ear, any color, in the southern zone. Competition limited to all states south of West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

Leo Brueckner, Ft. Atkinson, Wis., for the best ten ears dent corn, any color, in northern zone. Competition limited to the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Frank Sar, Essex, Ia., for best ten ears corn, any variety, in the north central zone. Competition limited to Columbia, Stark, Wayne, Ashland, Richmond, Delaware, Logan, Shelby and Marcer and all counties north in Ohio; Blackford, Grant, Howard, Carroll, Wayne, Jackson, Newton and all counties north in Indiana; Illinois, all territory north of the following counties: Peoria and McDonough and Hancock, all of Iowa and all of Nebraska east of the western zone.

Joseph Overstreet, Franklin, Ind., for the best ten ears corn, any variety, in the southern central zone. Competition limited to all of Kansas east of western zone, Missouri, Kentucky, and all of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio south of northern central zone.

R. S. Brandon, Normandy, Tenn., for the best ten ears corn, any variety, in states south of West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas.

D. M. Walter Funk, Wray, Colo., for the best ten ears corn, any variety, in the western zone. Competition limited to all states west of Texas, Oklahoma, the Dakotas and northern part of Kansas, and the following counties: Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Rice, Reno, Kingman and Harper; and Nebraska west of the following counties: Box Elder, DeWard, Custer, Dawson, Gosper and Furnas.

South Dakota Prize Winners. Winners of prizes offered for South Dakota grown corn wheat, oat, barley and rye at the National Corn exposition are:

For best ten ears yellow dent corn: J. P. Thompson, Elkhart, first, \$20; George H. Whiting, Yankton, second, \$18.

For best ten ears dent corn, other than yellow: Hugh C. Pierce, Fairfax, first, \$2; Brunner Bros., Hurley, S. D., second, \$1; for best ten ears flint corn, any variety: L. H. Krueger, Orient, first, \$20; George H. Whiting, Yankton, second, \$15.50; Peter Newberg, Sioux Falls, third, \$2.

For best single ear dent corn, any color: J. P. Thompson, Elkhart, first, \$5; John C. Hurler, second, \$4; George H. Whiting, Yankton, third, \$3.

For best peck six-rowed barley: Jacob Mees, Alpena, first, \$35; J. L. Jones, Clark, second, \$4.

For best peck blue stem wheat: Charles P. Schultz, Cavour, first, \$32; Neil Johnson, Mount Vernon, second, \$5; Jess Johnson, third, \$4.

For best peck wheat, other than six-rowed barley: Charles A. Schultz, Cavour, first, \$13.

For best peck white oats: Jess Johnson, Beresford, first, \$25; J. L. Jones, Clark, second, \$5.00; Brunner Bros., Hurley, third, \$4.

For best peck oats, other than white: William Scissons, Bonesteel, first, \$15; Jacob Mees, Alpena, second, \$5.

For best peck six-rowed barley: William Scissons, Bonesteel, first, \$15; Neil Johnson, Mount Vernon, second, \$5.

When the prize grains were put on sale at the National Corn exposition farmers, publishers of agricultural papers and plant breeders paid higher prices for the prize-winners than has ever been known, and for such samples of grain. E. E. Favilla, editor of Successful Farming, takes home to his home the prize grain and seed, having paid \$35 for them. The corn was grown by J. R. Overstreet of Franklin, Ind., and won more than \$1,000. These are known as the "champion sweepstakes ears," and brought almost \$100 more than the ten ears last year.

Arthur Caper of Topeka, of the Capers newspapers, paid \$20 for the best bushel of corn in the world, receiving seventy ears and at the rate Favilla paid the bushel would have cost him \$24.50.

H. E. Krueger of Beaver Dam, Wis., who won the sweepstakes on wheat, producing the best peck the world has ever seen, according to the judges, paid \$100 for the peck that he might retain it and take it back to Wisconsin for seed.

Mr. James Hill's pride peck of wheat, to which he gave a speed blue ribbon and grand first premium, sold for \$10.54 at auction. The prize Hill went was grown by H. Garfus at Acton, N. D., and was brought down to W. A. Wheeler, a Mitchell seed dealer. Mr. Hill had declared that this wheat was superior in quality to the grand sweepstakes champion wheat of the show, grown by H. E. Krueger of Beaver Dam, Wis., which was sold for \$104.

Arbuckles "Put It Back."
New York.—Arbuckle brothers, generally credited with being the largest independent rivals of the American Sugar Refining company, have acknowledged that from 1893 to 1907 they, too, failed to pay the government all the money due as customs charges on imported sugar. In settlement of all civil claims against them, the Arbuckles have offered and the treasury department, with the concurrence of the attorney general, has accepted payment of \$695,573 for transgressions.

"Go Naked, Be Strong."
Philadelphia, Pa.—"Go naked and you will be pure in mind and strong of body. I would not be surprised to see the men and the women walking hand in hand down Chestnut street wearing nothing but the unconscious innocence that clean mind brings." This is what Mrs. Raymond Duncan, Grecian wife of Raymond Duncan, musician and scholar, said. Mrs. Duncan and her husband and their 4-year-old son Menalkas walked the streets, followed by a curious crowd. The temperature was 99.

COOK AN IMPOSTOR

EVIDENCE IS CLEAR THAT HE NEVER REACHED THE POLE.

CHILDISH ATTEMPT TO CHEAT

Copenhagen University Will Cancel Degree Conferred Upon Him Some Time Ago.

Copenhagen.—The report of the special committee of scientists, which the University of Copenhagen appointed to scrutinize Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claims that he had discovered the north pole, was submitted to the consistency of the university this morning, indorsed by that body and given to the public.

The report shatters completely, almost contemptuously, the American explorer's title to such discovery and fills the officials and people of Denmark with chagrin at the figure Denmark is made to assume in the eyes of the scientific world. The public was prepared for a verdict of "not proven," but did not expect its recent hero to be branded as an impostor.

Many still cling to the belief that Cook acted in good faith, but harbored a delusion. Explorers and scientists almost entirely have lost faith in Cook's honesty, while one of his warmest supporters, Knud Rasmussen, helped to frame the report. The evening papers attack Cook and severely reproach him for hiding, which they regard as a sign of a guilty conscience.

Commodore Gustav Holm, the arctic explorer and a member of the committee, said:

"Cook's claim that he made the observation 89 degrees 59 minutes 46 seconds near the pole proved immediately that he was a bad observer, but nothing indicated that he was a swindler. Now his papers convict him of being a swindler. We examined Cook's observations first and agreed unanimously that they were worthless.

Prof. Oulsson, secretary of the Danish Geographical society, said:

"It is the saddest event in my life. As an explorer, there seems to be no doubt that Cook is absolutely unreliable."

The National Tidende, while deploring that the university conferred the degree in a moment of enthusiasm, finds consolation in the fact that others honored Cook when he returned to civilization.

"The president of his own county and its envoy at Copenhagen," says the paper, "were the guarantors for him. Denmark did not blunder alone. Our country must now leave this sad affair to America and Cook."

In his letter to Prof. Torp, Cook states that not only were his instruments left at Etah as indicated in his cable to the university of October 2, but most of his astronomical observations also were left at the northern point and he adds without these it seems unwise and impossible to pass a final judgment upon his expedition.

After obtaining all available information the committee finds as follows:

"First: The report of the expedition sent to the university by Dr. Cook is the same as that printed in the New York Herald, during the months of September and October last.

"Second: The copy of Cook's notebooks does not contain any original astronomical observations whatsoever, but only results.

"Third: The documents presented are inexcusably lacking in information which would prove that the astronomical observations therein referred to were really made; and also contain no details regarding the practical work of the expedition and the sledge journey which would enable the committee to determine their reliability."

The committee therefore is of the opinion the material transmitted for examination containing no proof that Dr. Cook reached the pole.

New Naval Gun Tested.
Washington.—The new 14-inch naval gun was tested at the government proving grounds at Indian Head, Md. The big rifle was pointed down the Potomac and five shots were fired. The projectiles traveled about nine miles with the gun elevated about seven feet.

Voliva Will Go to Jail.
Chicago.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, successor to John Alexander Dowle, at Zion City, Ill., will go to jail in commitment for contempt of court for refusal to pay judgment of \$10,000.

Paying Depositors.
Keifer, Okla.—Ninety per cent of the deposits of the First State bank of Keifer, which was recently closed by the state bank commissioner, have been paid to depositors, according to the deputy bank commissioner.

A FIERCE BATTLE FOUGHT.
Zelaya Troops Routed by Nicaraguan Revolutionists.

Washington.—Zelaya's troops were routed by the Nicaraguan revolutionists in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received here. General Estrada, in command of the revolutionary army, is reported to have been successful all along the line. The battle is to be renewed