

SCOFFS AT DR. COOK

WELLMAN PICKS FLAWS IN EXPLORER NO. 1'S STORY.

One Time Seeker After Pole Honors Takes Up Work of Both Travelers and Points Out What He Terms Weak Spots in Brooklyn Man's Tale.

Walter Wellman, whose preparations for a conquest of the north pole in an airship was abandoned upon the announcement of the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary, issued in Washington Sunday night a long statement in which he analyzed the narratives of the two explorers, declaring that of Peary "precise, workmanlike, consistent and credible in every particular," and denouncing that of Dr. Cook as a self-evident and even deliberate imposture.

"Cook's story is suspicious, both in what he does tell and what it does not tell," Mr. Wellman declares.

"He is generally vague and indefinite, but, like most men of his class, altogether too precise at the wrong place. Nowhere does his story ring true. It is always an approximation of reality itself. This is true of his figures, his descriptions of everything.

"Those of us who have had a share in arctic work and who have felt anxiety that no blot of fraud should stain the proud record of effort and sacrifice had a first hope that Dr. Cook would be able to demonstrate his good faith. This has been dissolved in the analysis of his own story.

"A second hope—that he was the victim of some hallucination or mental illness and himself believed he had been to the pole, though of course he has not, vanishes in the light of earlier and subsequent events. There remains, though one says it with keenest regret, only the wretched alternative that the journey which he did make and the report which he gave of it were deliberately planned from the outset."

The gist of Mr. Wellman's finding is that with his meager party and equipment Dr. Cook could not possibly have accomplished the feat for which he claims credit; that his astronomical data are too minutely and precisely made, under the climatic conditions in the field, and that the explorer's dash for the lecture platform and his acceptance of "crowns of flowers placed upon his head by innocent women and children" before submitting his field records to scientific examination all conspire to his discredit.

MISSING MAN IS LOCATED.

Dr. F. A. Cook Reported to Be Among the Living.

They found Dr. Frederick A. Cook; that is, an authoritative statement was issued by his brother, W. L. Cook, saying that the explorer, who mysteriously dropped from public view Saturday, was still in the vicinity of New York recuperating. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and his retirement was absolutely necessary.

The statement as issued by Mr. Cook follows:

"Dr. Cook is in the vicinity of New York trying to get a much needed rest. If he decides to go to Europe there will be no secrecy concerning his departure. I think that his friends and critics alike should be charitable enough to allow him to rest until his health is fully restored. He has not been reading the newspapers in the last few days and is not responsible for the statements that have been issued by those who are acting as his spokesmen.

"In sending his data to Copenhagen, Dr. Cook has fulfilled his obligations to the public."

The foregoing was issued by the explorer's brother in view of the fact that the doctor's apparent seclusion caused great anxiety among his friends, leaving even John R. Bradley, his financial backer, puzzled and exasperated. Mrs. Cook is also in New York, but her exact whereabouts, as in her husband's case, has not been announced.

Shoots Army Officer.

An individual, believed to be insane and having an imaginary grievance against the war department, shot and seriously wounded Gen. Verand, of the French army, Sunday.

Plans for an International Show.

Plans are under consideration for the holding of a great international exhibition at The Hague in 1913 in celebration of the opening of the palace of peace.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$6.50@7.50. Top hogs, \$8.10.

Many Lives in Peril.

Dynamite in coal is believed to have been the cause of an explosion Sunday night in the furnaces of the American hospital in Chicago in which the lives of patients, nurses and doctors of the institution were imperiled.

One hundred and forty horses were cremated Sunday night when the Blue-front livery stable at Kansas City, Mo., caught fire in some unexplained manner.

LIFE SAVING BOAT UPSETS.

Four Persons Meet Death Off Tillamook, Ore.

A life saving boat which had on board several passengers from the steamer Argo, which struck Tillamook bar late Friday, was overturned on Baribaldi beach and two children, an unidentified woman and a member of the life saving crew were drowned.

Miss Agnes Hunter, daughter of George Hunter, and Mrs. W. C. King, of Tillamook, were rescued. A high wind and heavy sea drove the Argo out of the narrow channel as the steamer was attempting to cross into Tillamook bay and she struck the bay proper. Distress signals were displayed and the Caribaldi beach life saving crew put out in a boat to the rescue.

In to the boat were taken Mrs. W. C. King, Nellie and Agnes Hunter, of Tillamook, and a woman who has not been identified.

The boat upset in water not sufficiently deep for it to right itself. The two Hunter children, the unidentified woman and Henry Wickham, of the crew, were pinned underneath. Capt. Farley and other members of the crew escaped. Farley got Agnes Hunter clear, but the others were swept out to sea.

DEATH RIDES IN BALLOON.

Two Daring German Aeronauts Are Killed.

Dr. Brechnmann and Hugo Francke, the two most daring members of the Aero club of Berlin, have been killed through the collapse of their balloon "Kolmar." Their bodies were found Friday near Flume, Austria-Hungary. Nearby was their balloon, a huge rent in the envelope telling the story of their death.

Brenckmann had been the third person to insure his life with the newly formed company which takes air navigation risks. He was connected with the Charity hospital of Berlin. Francke was an architect. Their aerial exploits in the past have attracted much attention and no little alarm on the part of intimate friends.

They ascended on Monday from Schmargendorf, a suburb of Berlin. The point at which the bodies were found is on the northern edge of the gulf of Quarenero, at the northeast extremity of the Adriatic sea and in an almost direct line south 500 miles from Berlin.

BANKER ALLEN PLEADS GUILTY.

Big Embezzler Receives a Ten-Year Sentence.

Phil Allen, Jr., former vice president of the First National bank at Mineral Point, Wis., appeared Friday before the United States district court and pleaded guilty to four out of twenty-six counts in the indictment against him and was sentenced to ten years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Allen was charged with embezzling \$168,000 from the Mineral Point bank.

Allen, who is in his 63d year, has been in jail for several weeks, having pleaded not guilty at La Crosse to the indictment rendered against him by the grand jury in that city, and has been unable to furnish \$50,000 bail. He came into court Friday morning quite unexpectedly and with bowed head and in an almost inaudible voice pleaded guilty.

Buying Up Independents.

Attorney General Major, of Missouri, has received complaints from various parts of the state that the Bell telephone interests are purchasing the control of many independent companies in Missouri. Friday night he said such purchases are violations of the state's anti-trust laws.

After Milk Combine.

Attorney General O'Malley announced Friday that he had appointed John B. Coleman, of New York City, to investigate the charges in regard to the existence of a combination to control or advance the prices of milk in greater New York.

Cuban Envoy to Mexico.

The nomination of Manueto Garcia Kohly as Cuban minister to Mexico was confirmed Friday by the Cuban senate.

Throne Approves Sessions.

The sessions of the recently constituted provincial assemblies in China, on being brought to a close Thursday, received the approval of the throne based upon government reports of the progress made in opening of the two years' constitutional program. An imperial edict urged all government officials to co-operate with the throne at the present critical moment for the purpose of realizing the success of the constitutional plan.

Referred to Canada.

The invitation from the United States for Great Britain to participate in an international conference was with a view to regulating the killing of seals in the international waters of North America, and has been referred through the colonial office to Canada, as it is considered that the Dominion is more interested in this question than is the mother country.

Kerens to Vienna.

Richard C. Kerens, of Missouri, according to a report current in Washington, D. C., probably will be appointed ambassador to Vienna upon the assembling of congress on December 6.

Was Veteran of Two Wars.

Samuel F. Garrett, a retired merchant and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at the home of his daughter in St. Joseph Mo., Friday, aged 78 years.

REVOLT SPREADS OUT.

Situation in Nicaragua is Growing Worse Daily.

Groce and Cannon, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, last week, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to private advices received in Washington Thursday night from Bluefields, where the revolutionist government is located. This dispatch stated that the state department of the United States had been notified to this effect.

The state department has been anxious to clear up the point whether the two men held commissions or were merely acting in their individual capacities, for in the former event they would have been entitled to treatment as prisoners of war.

Groce and Cannon were volunteers in the revolutionary army. This information came Thursday to Salvador Christillo, the representative of the revolutionists in Washington. The cablegram follows:

"Groce, ex-superintendent of the Laluz and Los Angeles Mining company, and Cannon, a most esteemed person, were serving as volunteers with the rank of colonels in the revolutionary army, and consequently did not deserve the penalty of death, among other powerful persons, because they were not military personages in the actual service of Zelaya. A similar crime of Zelaya has never been witnessed in the history of Central America."

The revolution in Nicaragua is spreading, in the opinion of Capt. Shipley, commander of the United States cruiser Des Moines, which is off the east coast of Nicaragua. The revolutionary forces are reported to be maintaining an effective blockade and are patrolling off Greyton with two gunboats. Assurance was given that American and foreign interests are being protected.

PLEASED WITH THE CANAL.

Congressional Committee Coming Home from Inspection Tour.

The American congressional appropriation committee, which has been inspecting the Panama canal, arrived at Havana Thursday morning from Colon.

Members of the committee said they were pleased with the progress of the canal and believed the channel would be open for traffic in advance of the estimated date. Senator Coe I. Crawford, of South Dakota, said all the members of the committee were impressed with the splendid work of Col. Goethals, chairman of the canal commission and chief engineer of the work. They were convinced, he said, of the desirability of the passage of the bill designed to reduce the number of canal commissioners and simplify the administration, which would give Col. Goethals a freer hand. It is also probable that the committee will recommend a reduction of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in the estimate of the canal commission.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN LAKE.

Gasoline Explosion on a Boat Causes Panic.

Five persons were drowned in Muskegon lake in Michigan Thursday afternoon when the pleasure launch Olga, carrying a party of nine young people, capsized as a result of a panic following a gasoline explosion. Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family. The party started out to attend a wedding on the north side of the lake and decided to take a short cruise before going to the festivities. They circled the lake and were within 150 feet of the north landing when the gasoline exploded. The girls became panic stricken and all rushed to the stern of the boat, capsizing it.

NEW NAVAL ORDER.

Midshipmen Will Have Use of Battleship for Future Practice.

For the first time in the history of the United States naval academy midshipmen will have the use next summer of three battleships for their annual practice cruise. Acting Secretary Winthrop of the navy department, Friday assigned the Iowa, the Indiana and the Massachusetts to this service. The use of the battleships in place of much smaller craft usually assigned to the midshipmen will enable the officers to take an extended trip. Mediterranean ports will probably be visited in the next cruise, which will take place in the three months following graduating exercises in June.

London Wool Auction.

The offerings of the wool auction sales in London Thursday amounted to 13,685 bales. There was a brisk demand and animated bidding for the large supply of merinos. Americans bought a few lots of medium and also fine, cross-breeds.

Philadelphia Ball Team Sold.

The Philadelphia National league baseball club was sold Friday to a syndicate of which Charles W. Murphy, of the Chicago National league club, is a member.

Stock Exchange in San Juan.

The stock exchange and produce exchange, the first institution of its kind in Porto Rico, was inaugurated at San Juan Thursday. Gov. Colton made an address to the members.

Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion Thursday in a coal mine at Onoira, Eukuoka province, Japan. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 228 miners are entombed in the workings.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

U. P. MAY BUILD DEPOT.

Restraining Order Dissolved Which Blocked Progress on Structure.

Judge Paul Wednesday evening dissolved the temporary injunction granted W. E. Rownds restraining the Union Pacific company from building its freight depot at Grand Island. It found that the city council had exercised a rightful discretion, that from the evidence it was not shown Rownds was damaged and that if he had been the injunction was not proper remedy at law.

The defense showed, through the local agent of the Union Pacific, the leading shippers of the city and the city officials, that the company has for years had inadequate facilities, that there have been efforts of long duration by the commercial interests of the city to provide the company more room for such facilities, that an agreement was finally reached with the main objectors to the closing of the street, through the payment by the company of those damaged and the opening of the next street east, which had heretofore been closed for the taking care of the traffic across the Union Pacific right of way in that section of the city.

SORENSEN A BENEDICT.

Berwyn Inventor Decides to Quit Conquering the Air.

The ranks of inventors devoted to the conquest of the air lost one of their members Thursday when Ulrich Sorensen, of Berwyn, ten miles east of Broken Bow, was married to the daughter of a wealthy farmer of that vicinity. Sorensen won fame on June 15 last by going up 3,500 feet in a balloon and coming down in an aeroplane of his own construction. Instead of gliding gently to earth, the aeroplane descended in a series of somersaults and was demolished, although the aviator was not seriously hurt.

Sorensen has since that time been at work trying to perfect his invention, but he now declares that at the request of his bride he has renounced his ambition and will devote his energies to less spectacular pursuits.

PAROLED TO DIE.

Gov. Shallenberger Releases Victim of Consumption.

Anton Christiansen, of Omaha, a life prisoner in the penitentiary for the murder of his wife in 1902, has been paroled by Gov. Shallenberger to his brother, C. Christiansen, of South Omaha.

Christiansen is a victim of consumption and has been confined to a bed for some time. Dr. Lowrie, prison physician, reported that his presence in the penitentiary was a menace to the other convicts. He recommended that he be allowed to leave the prison. He has served about seven years of his term.

MASON'S NOTE TO EMPLOYER.

Former Hired Man of Nebraska City Farmer Says He is Desperate.

A note was found in the home of Karl Klagle, which was entered and robbed of \$105 last Sunday, signed by his hired man, who has been missing since the home was broken open in the absence of the family. The note was signed by Floy Mason and said: "Say, Karl, I am crazy. Will not be taken alive. Will kill myself."

The note was written in a scrawly hand and stuck under a dish in the sideboard. The officers have been unable to find any trace of the missing man and a reward is offered for his capture.

Wreck on Missouri Pacific.

A wreck occurred on the Missouri Pacific near La Platte Wednesday night and the track was blocked all day Thursday. Several freight cars were derailed, but the cause of the derailing of the cars could not be learned nor the amount of damage done.

Bank Increases Capital.

The Taylor bank, known as the Bank of Taylor, Robert Rusho, cashier, recently increased its capital from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This is one of the very best small banks in the state and was one of those in the state which paid cash for all of its own checks during the flurry.

Corn Stalk Disease.

Cattle are still dying in the corn-stalks around Sargent. Several horses have died and in one instance a team that was only in the field with a husking wagon died. In some cases the cattle were only in the field a few hours.

Nicholas M. Farness, who was found guilty of killing Lester Ball at Decatur, was sentenced by Judge Troup to two years in the penitentiary, the sentence to commence on the day the verdict was returned by the jury.

Owing to the moist condition of the streets and generally threatening weather, the first annual Modern Woodmen log rolling at Broken Bow Monday and Tuesday was not as well attended as it might have been.

CORN SHOW AT CEDAR BLUFFS.

Fred Engel Wins First Place in Class One.

The corn show held at Cedar Bluffs Saturday was a success so far as a good display of corn could make it. The interest was very great, but the misfortune of speakers in missing their train was a great disappointment to the exhibitors.

Val Keyser, superintendent of farmers' institutes, and Prof. Chase were the judges and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Class 1—Fred Engel, first; J. S. Wilcox second; J. M. Winslow, third. Class 2, White; F. B. Romans, second; Robert Engel, third; W. R. Ackers, fourth; N. P. Paulson, fifth; Roy Weidenhaft, sixth; J. M. Winslow, seventh.

Class 2—Yellow—Robert Engel, first; H. J. Behrens, second; John Sohl, third; Andrew Sohl, fourth; Frank Schneider, fifth; E. Olsen, sixth. The display was exceptionally fine and was an object lesson, showing the reason that the land around here sells for \$150 to \$200 per acre.

AGED COUPLE ARE IN COURT.

Woman of 74 Sues Man of 81 for Breach of Promise.

Judge Redick, of Omaha, held district court at Blair last week and several jury trials were on the docket, of which one of the most interesting was the breach of promise suit brought by Mrs. Hannah J. Loosing, aged 74 years, against Henry Monke, aged 81 year, both old, wealthy and respected residents of that county. Mrs. Loosing is the owner of 840 acres of the best land in the county and Mr. Monke is about as well fixed in worldly goods. Over a year ago the suit was first filed and damages asked in the sum of \$20,000, which was compromised without coming to trial, Mrs. Loosing receiving \$2,000. She now claims that Mr. Monke again promises marriage and the suit was brought in court, the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of Mr. Monke.

Mr. Monke claimed that he had only visited the plaintiff twice during the year and conversed with her only about twenty minutes. Both parties have large families of grown and married children.

PROMOTER PATTERSON GONE.

Investors in Employees' Protective Association Holding Sack.

The Employees' Protective association of Nebraska, launched something over a month ago at Omaha by H. J. Patterson, as president, is believed to be no longer in existence. President Patterson has disappeared and members of the association who paid \$3 each to be provided not only with positions, but also against sickness and accident, are anxious to know where he is.

The police have a little claim against Mr. Patterson for an overcoat secured from the Guarantee Clothing company, and several young and older men who paid good money for winter jobs failed to get them.

At the offices of the Employees' Protective association on the third floor of the Paxton block nothing as to Mr. Patterson's whereabouts could be learned. His desk is locked, although the police effected entrance a few days ago while in search of the president.

VERDICT IN HERALD CASE.

Plattsmouth Man Given Judgment for \$5,000 for Malicious Prosecution.

The Herald-Coates damage case at Plattsmouth was given to the jury at 5 o'clock Saturday evening. Henry Herald sued W. W. Coates for \$50,000 damages and received a judgment for \$5,000 for slander and \$7,500 for malicious prosecution. Judge H. D. Travis set aside the judgment for \$7,500 which was the cause of this trial. At 11 o'clock Saturday night the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$5,000. It is understood that this case will be appealed to the supreme court as the other one was.

New Depot Completed.

The last of the fixtures for the new Union Pacific depot at Columbus arrived Friday, and that evening and Saturday the moving into the new building was completed. This depot is said to be the finest and best one on the Union Pacific between Omaha and Cheyenne.

Memoristic Conference at Henderson.

The annual conference of the Memoristic Brethren of the United States began at Henderson Sunday in the local church of the denomination. Nearly 400 delegates, largely from Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma, but with representatives from all over the United States, are present.

Osmond Man Injured.

Henry Tupper, of Osmond, who operates a corn husking machine southwest of town, had his right hand caught in the snapper rolls of the machine, resulting in a bad laceration.

Fire Starts from Furnace.

An early morning fire totally destroyed Otto Pohl's wholesale and retail drug store at Fremont, causing the loss of \$25,000. Fire started from a furnace in the basement.



CHICAGO.

The weekly review of Chicago trade by R. G. Dun & Co. says: Trade developments sustain optimistic views as to the future, and further testimony to the progress made is furnished by the bank reports, which reflect gratifying expansion in both deposits and discounts. Credits generally are strengthened by the improved condition of collections throughout the western territory, although the trading defaults yet show more than normal. Seasonable weather stimulated wider demand for necessities and the leading branches of the distribution exhibit increasing activity in current shipments and forward bookings. Retail trade here and at the interior equals the best expectations. Heavy absorption is noted of winter clothing, blankets, worsteds footwear and food supplies, most stocks undergoing gratifying reductions. Supplementary orders are numerous in wholesale dry goods and other staples, many requiring immediate forwarding and indicating that consumption exceeds that for which provision was previously made by many country dealers. Another rise in costs of cotton fabrics has also induced urgent buying against future needs.

Prices of food products and other needs average unusually high and cause enforced economies, but increased population and purchasing power assure prospects for very encouraging results in Christmas trade.

Bank clearings, \$277,816,907, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1908 by 4.2 per cent and compare with \$196,856,633 in 1907.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number twenty-seven, against thirty-three last week, eighteen in 1908 and thirty-six in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number six against eleven last week, five in 1904 and fourteen in 1907.

NEW YORK.

With the arrival of cold weather this week, retail trade hitherto inclined to lag, has taken on the appearance of activity, and distributive trade reports are more uniformly encouraging than for some time past. In some sections, particularly the Northwest the temporary effect of heavy snow interrupting transportation to some extent has been to dull some lines of wholesale trade, but the general effect of the winter visitant has been helpful.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Nov. 11 were 232, against 221 last week, 271 in the like week of 1908, 265 in 1907 and 212 in 1906 and 224 in 1905.

Business failures in Canada for the week number 26, which compares with 29 last week and 33 in the corresponding week of 1908.—Bradstreet's.



Chicago—Cattle, common to prime \$4.00 to \$9.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$8.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.19 to \$1.20; corn, No. 2, 6c to 6c; oats, standard 37c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 72c to 74c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$15.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$13.50; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 30c; eggs, fresh, 25c to 28c; potato, per bushel, 30c to 50c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$8.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$8.15; sheep, good to choice \$2.15 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.15 to \$1.17; corn, No. 2 white, 57c to 59c; oats, No. 2 white, 39c to 41c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$8.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2, 59c to 61c; oats, No. 2, 38c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 72c to 73c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.15; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.22; corn, No. 2 yellow, 60c to 62c; oats, standard, 40c to 42c; rye, No. 1, 75c to 76c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.06 to \$1.09; corn, No. 3, 58c to 60c; oats, standard, 40c to 42c; rye, No. 1, 73c to 75c; barley, standard, 65c to 67c; pork, mess, \$23.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$5.50; lamb, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$7.00.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.20 to \$1.21; corn, No. 2 mixed, 65c to 66c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 40c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 74c to 76c; clover seed, \$8.55.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.20; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.24 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2 mixed, 58c to 59c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 2, 76c to 78c.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.80; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2, 70c to 72c; oats, natural white, 43c to 46c; butter, creamery 27c to 31c; eggs, western, 30c to 33c.