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BLOW TO DR. COOK

DANES FIND NO PROOF THAT HE REACHED THE POLE.

Causes an Excited Discussion Among Members of Consistory, but Details Are Not Allowed to Leak, Members Being Pledged to Secrecy.

Copenhagen: The Associated Press is informed by a high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen, in its preliminary examination of his records, failed to discover proof that Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached the north pole.

A preliminary report was made by the examining committee at a secret session of the consistory of the university Saturday. The consistory listened to the report, which provoked an animated discussion. It appears that the data so far submitted is not sufficient to establish the explorer's

The result of Saturday's discussion was a request on the part of the consistory that the committee continue its work. The university body will leave to the investigators proper the matter of making public later the results of their inquiries.

In the meantime, it is announced by the officials of the university, the consistory will not make public any communication based on information received orally from the committee at Saturday's meeting.

Popular opinion here appears to have undergone a gradual change. From the beginning of the controversy the populace of Copenhagen has been decidedly pro-Cook. Patriotism has strengthened this sentiment. Recent developments, however, have been disappointing, and today the general impression prevails that Dr. Cook's papers as submitted do not constitute proof that he discovered the north

CASUALTIES AT SEA.

Marine Disasters During Fiscal Year Number 1,376.

Washington, D. C.: The annual report of the superintendent of the United States life saving service shows that during the last fiscal year there were 1,376 marine disasters, involving the lives of 8,900 persons that called the life saving service into activity. Seventy-two vessels were totally lost, although only thirty people gave up their lives in consequence.

The total value of property involved In these disasters was \$16,106,086, the value of the property lost being \$2,-295,380. Of the 1,376 vessels meeting disaster, the life saving service ren--dered aid to 1,319 , valued, with their cargoes, at \$13,216,010.

Superintendent Kimball, of the service, comments in his annual report upon the remarkable scope of the life saving operations by the use of power

CZAR'S GRAND UNCLE DEAD.

Duke Nicholaievitch Passes Away in France.

Cannes, France: Grand Duke Michael Nicholaievitch, grand uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died here Sunday.

Grand Duke Nicholaievitch was the oldest representative of the imperial house, having been born in 1832, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself during his long military career, which, like those of other dukes under the and system, commenced at an early

He entered active service at the age of 14 as a lieutenant, and at 20 had attained the rank of general.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Illinois Farmer Killed and Three Persons Fatafly Injured.

Bloomington, Ill.: Walter Black, a farmer, his wife, their 2-year-old baby and James Sellman, a farmer, were struck by an Illinois Central train while driving across the tracks here Sunday night.

Black was instantly killed and the other three received injuries which may prove fatal.

Steal in Russian Army.

St. Petersburg: Cols. Zinovieff and Svatogoi, of the quartermaster's department, were arrested Sunday as a result of the recent investigation of the department when irregularities involving more than \$1,000,000 were discovered.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

' Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Choice corn-fed steers, \$6.50 @8.50. Top hogs, \$8.30.

Nove! Suit in Baseball.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.: That the sale of a baseball player from one club to another is a direct violation of the thirteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States, which prohibits slavery, is a point raised in the Luzerne county court into a suit involving the transfer of a player from one organization to another. The suit is expected to attract considerable attention among baseball club owners and players.

LOST PROSPECTORS TURN UP.

Vernon Howe and Companion Emerge

from British Columbia Woods. Van Couver, B. C.: Vernon Howe, of Minneapolis, former Yale athlete who entered the British Columbia wilderness with a companion, Jack Cunningham, of Kamlops, B. C., three months ago, and for whom deep anxiety was felt, emerged safely from the woods Thursday afternoon, when he arrived at the Hundred Mile house, Cariboo, and dispatched a telegram that his father received Sunday.

The two men set out to inspect the timber lands, in which Howe's father

is interested. Finding their guides and packers worthless, the two men made their way alone for three months through a rough and almost unknown country, which has been penetrated only by Indians and a few trappers, fur traders and prospectors.

OVERCOME BY GAS.

Occupant of a Kansas City Lodging

House Have Narrow Escape. Kansas City: Eighteen persons were overcome by gas in a lodging house in Armourdale, across the line from here, early Sunday. Fred Schlingman narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation. The other seventeen persons were in varying stages of suffocation when found, but all recovered.

The escaping gas, which came from a furnace in the basement and penetrated to every corner of the house, was discovered by three women residents, who, after summoning aid on the telephone, began the work of rescue by carrying out the unconscious inmates. They had rescued five men and one woman before the fire department arrived and completed the work.

Panic is Averted.

New York: While a matinee was going at the Murray Hill theater near actors. The audience was inclined to | though for a time every residence in be panicky, but 'Dixie" by the orches- the town was threatened. tra and the assurance of cool heads prevented a general rush for the exits.

Accused Swindler Resigns.

St. Joseph, Mo.: E. H. Loyd, supervisor of the census for the Fourth congressional district, has resigned. Mr. Loyd was recently arrested together dying almost instantly. The police bewomen charged with defrauding a woman out of \$1,100 for treatment for a malady. Wilke was found guilty and given four years in the penitentiary. The others are to be tried in January.

Steinheil's Effects Sold.

Paris: An enormous crowd of curious ones from all classes of society besieged the Steinheil house in the Impasse Ronsin, where an auction of household effects was held Saturday. The prices obtained were low, the murdered artist's paintings bringing from \$4 to \$40.

League Deadlock Broken.

New York: The deadlock in the National League of Professional Baseball clubs, over the election of a president, was unexpectedly broken Saturday afternoon by the unanimous selection of Thomas J. Lynch, whose name had not been considered or publicly mentioned for the position.

Cotton Mills Shut Down.

Lowell, Mass.: In accordance with the curtailment policy adopted by the cotton mills of New England, the Tremont and Suffolk mills, of this city, closed Saturday. They will reopen on December 27. The shutting down throws 3,500 operatives out of employment for the week.

Monster Ore Theft.

Toronto, Ont.: It is estimated by the authorities that the theft of high grade ore from the cobalt mines will exceed \$1,500,000. It is alleged that the ore was collected from miners in the cobalt mines by agents of a syndicate, who disposed of it in Toronto and other points.

Jewish Educator Dead.

Cincinnati, O.: Rev. Sigmund Mannheimer, professor and librarian for many years of the Hebrew Union college here, and one of the best known figures in Jewish educational circles throughout the country, dropped dead of heart disease Saturday, aged 74

Too Much High Finance.

Columbus, O.: The annual report of the Ohio railroad commission was submitted to the governor Monday. The commission says that there is too much high finance methods in present day railroad management.

Federal Building at LeMars. Washington, D. C.: Congressman

Hubbard has introduced a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a postoffice buildpointing the receiver for the 1906 and ing at LeMars., Ia. 1907 pools of the Burley Tobacco society.

Banquet to Peary.

.New York: Waiters dressed as polar bears served Commander Peary Saturday night at a banquet given in his honor by his fellows of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Gen. Raum is Dead.

Chicago: Gen. Green Berry Raum. former commissioner of pensions, died at his home here after an illness of several weeks. He was 80 years of

Hogs Sell at \$8.60.

St. Joseph, Mo .: The highest price ever paid for hogs at a Missouri river market was paid at the South St. Joseph stock yards Saturday, when the top was \$8.60 per hundred

HELD ON BIGAMY CHARGE.

Burlington Man Arrested and Taken to Plainfield, III.

Burlington, Ia.: Joseph B. Bergen, manager of the Jewell Tea company in this city, with a wife and two interesting little daughters, was arrested and taken to Plainfield, Ill., on a charge of bigamy preferred by a woman named Olive Lord, who claims that while Bergen was maintaining his home here he met and married her, and since has maintained the two establishments. Bergen states that he had left his first wife after trouble over another woman, and supposed she had se cured a divorce. When he found she had not done so he returned to her, giving up the other woman. The latter discovered Bergen's dual life by accident, and came here with her father and confronted the Burlington family. causing Bergen's arrest, and throwing the wife and children into the deepest grief. Bergen and his first wife lived for a time in La Crosse, Wis.

CHINAMAN CO-RESPONDENT.

Cashier in a Curio Shop Breaks U Home of a White Man.

New York: Sun Chann, a saffron hued cashier in a Chinese curio shop, broke up the family of a white man. Frank B. Paulsen, cashier in the auditor's office of the Mutual Life Insurance company, obtained a divorce Sat-

Chann was named as co-respondent. agreement a year ago, and Mrs. Paulsen went to her former home at New Paltz, N. Y. Her alleged infatuation with Sun Chann dated from that time. her husband said. Mrs. Paulsen de nied the charges.

Big Fire Checked.

Peoria, Ill.: The little town of Dun lap, eighteen miles north of here, suf fered a disastrous fire Friday night in Forty-second street, Sunday afternoon | which the Jackson opera house, a bara fire started in one of the dressing ber shop, harness shop and three resirooms and did slight damage before it dences were consumed. The total was extinguished by stage hands and losses will not be more than \$25,000,

Triple Philadelphia Tragedy.

Philadelphia, Pa.: An unknown man from New York shot Mrs. Minnie B. Carey, 23 years old, and William Bostick, aged 39, in a boarding house here Saturday and then shot himself, with O. W. Wilke, a masseaur, and two lieve the shooting was the result of jealousy.

Girls' Bodies Found.

Philadelphia, Pa.: All doubt as to the fate of the five girls who were reported missing Friday night after fire at Shrack & Sherwood's factory was removed late Friday when the five bodies were found on the third floor of the damaged building.

Bank Swindler Caught.

New Orleans: John L. Collins was arrested here Sunday after attempting to cash a check at a local bank. He is charged with swindling banks at Salt Lake City, Denver, Portland, Ore. San Francisco, Kansas City and Reno, Nev. The amounts are small.

Fireman Loses Life.

St. Paul, Minn.: The northbound Winnipeg flyer on the Great Northern railway went into the ditch four miles o'clock Sunday night. Fireman Robertson was killed by being crushed beneath his engine.

Nebraska Not to Go to Isthmus. Washington, D. C.: The only orders ssued by the navy department to the

Vebraska are for her to rejoin the battleship fleet. In no event, it is said, will the Nebraska be sent to Nicaragua as a result of the present trouble there. Drops 415 Feet.

Pittsburg, Pa.: Slipping off a snow covered beam over the elevator on the roof of the new twenty-four-story Oliver building Saturday, John McNally, 48 years old, a rigger, plunged 415 feet into the basement. He lived forty-five minutes after the accident.

Killed by Insane Man.

El Paso, Tex.: William Fee, an aged American, who is said to have wealthy relatives at Albany, N. Y., was killed and several Mexican patients were injured by an insane patient at the Porifirio Diaz hospital at Chihuahua, Mex.,

York State Judge Found Dead. Kingsten, N. Y.: Supreme Court fustice George H. Fitts, of Albany, was found dead in bed in his room in the Eagle hotel here Friday. He had suffered from heart disease and acute in digestion for several months.

Eurley Tobacco Case. Frankfort, Ky .: The court of appeals reversed the action of Circuit Judge Benton, of Winchester, in ap-

Marriage is Confirmed. Paris: A dispatch from Rome says that the vatican confirms the marriage of King Leopold and Baroness

Danger of Trouble.

Vaughn at San Remo, Italy, last year.

Ludlow, Mass.: The 1,800 Poles who have been on a strike at the bagging mills of the Ludlow Manufacturing association in this town for several weeks, returned to work Friday, and shortly afterward all walked out again on a second strike. The strikers claim they reurned to work under a misapprehension of the terms

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

News of the Week in Concise Form

FALLS FROM TRAIN.

Old Man is Lost from Car and Search-

ers Fail to Find Him. The Union Pacific officials at Grand Island and detective officials are completely baffled over the disappearance of a passenger from train No. 3, westbound, Tuesday night. An aged man, a stranger in Grand Island, it is believed, bought a ticket for Sidney, Neb. From the description given of him by the passengers and Conductor Peterson, he appears to have been under the influence of liquor, a fact not noticeable when he boarded the train, he having been in the open air. But the warm air of the car seemed to affect him after the train started. After the conductor had passed him and got to the third car back, he was notified by the passengers that the old man had got up from his seat, wandered back, had gone out into the vesurday from his wife Sarah. Sun tibule of the car, and had not returned, and that the vestibule door was open. The Paulsens separated by mutual Conductor Peterson instigated a thorough search of the train, but no trace of the man could be found. At Gibson he filed a message to the dispatchers at Grand Island, relating the incident, and it was decided to send a switch engine, caboose and crew up the track. Not a trace, even of blood, could be found along the track anywhere. Inquiry was made all night at the houses along the way, but no trace of the man

could be found. It is believed that in his condition he fell from the train, was uninjured and possibly still in a dazed condition wandered to some farm house further away from the track. At all events, not a trace has been found of him and it is stated as positively certain that the old man opened the vestibule by mistake and fell or jumped off the fast moving train. Even his name was not learned.

DIMMICK KILLS HIMSELF.

Superintendent of Public Schools Sterling Commits Suicide.

Prof. J. A. Dimmick, superintendent of the public schools at Sterling, committed suicide Thursday evening by Fred C. Hall were married in this shooting himself through the temple with a rifle. He died instantly. The cause has not been ascertained. He was 32 years old and leaves a widow and a son 5 years old. He carried a life certificate and was popular as an educator and a citizen ..

since his name had been mentioned in connection with the case of Miss Lora Neff, who had accused her father of misconduct. The case was to be heard next week in court. Miss Neff had, however, made affidavit exonerating Prof. Dimmick, and the school board had given him a vote of confidence.

Grand Assessment Roll.

Henry Seymour, secretary of the state board of assessment has completest of Monticello, Minn., at 7:30 ed the work og compiling the grand assessment rolls and the figures have been entered on the permanent records in the office of the state auditor. The assessment of the state for 1909 is \$398,985,819, against \$391,735,464 for 1908. The assessment is one-fifth of the actual value of the property of the state.

Sues the Rock Island. Mrs. Elsie Drinkall, of Chapman, has filed suit against the Rock Island railroad for \$2,000 damages. She alleges in her petition that she was getting off a train at the Union depot in Omaha on October 9 she was allowed to fall into a mud hole through the lack of the attention of a porter and sustained a seriously sprained ankle.

Falls Dead on the Street.

Dean Stewart, a former Crete boy and a graduate of Doane college last spring, fell dead in the streets of Ogalalla Thursday night. The cause was probably heart disease. He was a popular student while in Doane and his many friends regret his sudden death. He was filling the position of principal of the Ogallala schools.

Nebraska Man Missing.

John Carson, of Auburn, left home on the 26th of November to work for a farmer about three miles from town and he has never been heard from since. The doctor says that he has heart trouble, and as he had neither overcoat or overshoes when he went away, it is most likely that he has dropped dead.

Stout Arranges his Affairs.

Ernest E. Stout, of Grand Island, sentenced to nine years imprisonment in the penitentiary, will be taken to Lincoln in a few days, in the meantime arranging his affairs so that his wife and child will be provided for.

Senator Dietrich is Better.

Former Senator C. H. Dietrich, who is at the Methodist hospital in Omaha, was slightly improved in health Friday. His condition is, however, serious and absolute rest is imperative.

Otoe County Teachers.

The Otoe county teachers' association held its regular meeting at Palmyra, some eighty teachers being enrolled. Prof. George Martin of the Nebraska City schools presided.

STOUT GETS NINE YEARS.

Judge Sentences Man to Serve One

Year Less Than Maximum. That he was sorry for what had happened, sorry for his wife and child, sorry for the Richeson family and that the blow Richeson struck him was a Island when asked why he should not be sentenced for the crime to which he had pleaded guilty-manslaughter. Judge J. N. Paul commented upon the duties of the court in the matter. The plea of self defense could not be made as the witness had himself, the testimony showed, admitted that he could have overpowered the old man. Instead he had brutally mauled and beaten him to death. The court always was pained to separate man from wife and parent from child, but there were other things that needs must be taken into consideration. The poor orphaned children of Richeson, un represented at this hour, had as mucl right to be considered, and the de fendant should have considered them along with his own wife and child, in stead of permitting his passion to conquer him. The court thereupon sen tenced the defendant to one year les than the maximum, nine years.

HAS WOMAN ARRESTED.

County Attorney W. C. Ramsey, of

Scott's Bluff Ranchman Charges Wife with Wedding Again.

Plattsmouth, on the complaint Charles R. Meyer, has filed in County Judge Beason's court a complaint charging Florence I. Meyer, alias Florence I. Smith, alias Florence I. Hendrix, alias Florence I. Wayes, with having committed the crime of bigamy. He also filed a complaint against Fred C. Hall charging him with a statutory offense. The complaint sets forth that Meyer and the woman were married in Scott's Bluff county, in this state, April 14, 1906, and that she and county on October 30, 1909, and that both men are living and that Florence has not received a divorce from Meyer The complaint against Hall charges him with living with the woman fron October 30, 1909, to December 11 1909. At the preliminary hearing eacl Prof. Dimmick had been despondent | defendant waived examination and were bound over to the district court The bond of Meyer was fixed at \$300 while that of Mrs. Meyer was \$200 Meyer and his wife formerly resided on a ranch in Wyoming and the husband said if she would return home with him all would be forgiven, bu the woman much prefers to remain

with Hall. GAINS HIS LIBERTY.

Nebraskan Charged with Murder o

a Shelton Man. Andrew M. Treat, charged with the murder of Thos. Graftus at Shelton has been accorded his freedom by a jury in the county court at Kearney and as long as he lives, within the bounds of the law he can run at large. The case grew out of a divorce, a marriage and a feud. Treat and his wife were separated last spring and she married Thomas Graftus. Treat brought suit and secured judgment against Graftus. The feeling between the two men grew more acute and at last terminated in the shooting of Gratus on July 5. Later he died. The coroner's jury pronounced his death due to liver trouble and not to the gun

Prisoner Becomes Insane. Mrs. Jennie Geiger, serving a 39year term in the state penitentiary for murder, has been ordered transferred to the insane asylum. Mrs. Geiger was sent from Keith county. With a traveling companion she had picked up they planned to murder a man who had joined them on a long tramp with his team. Since being placed in prison the woman has displayed unmistakable signs of a broken down mental-

Lyons Boy Promoted.

A well earned promotion has came to a former Lyons boy, now of Des Moines, Ia. Harry Durrie, who has been working for the last three years with the Bankers' Accident Insurance company, has been placed at the head of a branch department that will be opened up soon in the Brandeis building at Omaha.

The supreme court has filed an opinion declaring valid the state occupation tax law passed by the legislature. It will afford revenue to the state this year to the amount of \$60,000.

Mother and Baby Burned.

Mrs. Jennie Matilda Buick, of Omaha, and her 1-year-old baby were fatally burned following the explosion of a gasoline stove. Mrs. A. E. Coryell, a neighbor, was seriously burned in rescuing the woman and child from the flames.

Farmer Drops Dead.

Joseph Sampson, a wealthy land owner living near Seward, dropped dead from heart failure Thursday,



Before many weeks Lincoln will know whether Mayor Don L. Love is a "usurper." The supreme court has overruled a motion for a rehearing in a case in which it held that County Judge Cosgrove had the authority to hear the election contest brought by Robert Malone, Mr. Love's opponent in the recent election. When Malone brought his contest the attorneys for Love attacked the right of the county surprise, that he had borne a good court to hear the case. The district reputation, had never betrayed a man court held with the county court and and never would, and that he threw the case was appealed to the supreme himself upon the clemency of the court, where again Love lost out. Now court, was the statement Ernest E. for a second time he has lost. In the Stout made to Judge Paul at Grand meantime Mayor Love has served some eight months and for that same length of time Robert Malone has not been able to bid on city work for fear he is the mayor of the city. According to the count which seated Mr. Love, he defeated Malone by 46 votes. Malone alleges that on a recount he will be declared elected, as several errors were made in the count. Mayor Love has always insisted he was anxious for a recount, yet his lawyers have staved off action for several months. It is expected the recount will begin within the next ten days.

> Since the state railway commission has gone after the Lincoln Traction company to see why it does not furnish the people of Lincoln adequate street car service, the company has appealed to the Lincoln Gas company to help it out by furnishing power to run the Citizens' street railway, which it recently took over. As the gas company is engaged in lighting only it agreed to take care of the lighting of the traction company, but it does not seem to care about placing the traction company in position to cut in on its own business. When the traction company absorbed the Citizens' line the gas company had the contract to furnish power for the latter company. The traction company at once cancelled that contract and when the first snow came the company had more business than it could handle.

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. . . The supreme court directed mandamus to issue to compel the board of regents of the university to locate and maintain two experimental stations in the sand hills, according to the provisions of an act of the late legislature. The law provided that the money should be paid out of the university temporary fund, and the regents alleged this money could not be spent for that purpose. The court holds that it is the duty of the board of regents to obey the will of the legislature as expressed in these acts and that experimental stations may be lawfully maintained in connection with the college of agriculture in the university. Judge Root wrote the opinion.

Ex-Senator Bressler, representing the trustees of Wayne normal school, and the attorney general have prepared the contract by which the state takes over Wayne normal school for \$70,000. The trustees of the school agree to transfer the insurance now on the property to the state, the state to pay the unearned premium. The warrant for the school will be delivered to the trustees after the normal board holds its meeting at Alliance January 3. The school will be managed as now until the close of the biennium, by which thime the legislature will have met and appropriated money for its maintenance.

The resignation of Second Lieutenant Andrew Holt, of Company G. First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, which was asked for by Adjt. Gen. Hartigan, has been received and accepted. Lieut. Holt failed to be present at the company inspection recently and therefore his resignation was demanded. Mr. Holt gave as a reason for his absence that he had company as his home that night and did not care to leave. The business committee of the company at Geneva has asked the adjutant general to rescind his order, but Gen. Hartigan insists that it will stand.

* * * The first prosecution under the full tarin crew law will be started shortly against the Rock Island railroad. The state railway commission has certified to the attorney general that this road. on trains 7 and 8, has used the porter as a flagman, and also caused the brakeman to act as flagman. The penalty for a violation of this law is a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000, and it runs not only against the company, but against the officials who are re-

Judge Cornish has modified his injunction against Lincoln officers searching rooms of the various social clubs in quest of liquor so they may go if equipped with a warrant and after putting up a \$100 bond. The request probably means local war on dispensing refreshments by this

Mrs. Jennie Geiger, a prisoner in the penitentiary, who attempted to assault Mrs. Smith, wife of the warden, with a piece of board, has been transferred to the asylum. The insanity board reported to the governor that the woman was insane."

means.

Mayor Love plans to organize a state league of municipalities and is planning to issue a call to the mayors of the several cities of the state to meet and organize.