

COOK'S SILENCE ADDS TO MYSTERY

Attorney for the Explorer Discusses Unusual Silence of His Client.

FEVERS BUSINESS RELATIONS

Doctor is Advised to Seek Legal Advice Elsewhere.

MORE ATTACKS ON VERACITY

Navigator Says He Compiled plate Set of Observations.

WILL BE SENT TO COPE.

Dr. Terp Says They Will Examine Along with Dr. Coe Records—Secretary Denies Any Collusion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Dr. Frederick Cook's personal lawyer, Henry Willington, says he has severed relations with his client. Mr. Cook refused tonight to confirm or deny his withdrawal, but it can be affirmed of competent authority that after a consultation with his partners, Mr. Cook wrote Dr. Cook so long ago as November 22 that he must see him to seek legal advice elsewhere.

"I have not the remotest idea," said Mr. Cook tonight, "where Dr. Cook is keeping himself, or why he persists in seclusion, when his presence is vital to his own interests and his friends. I read that he is in Brooklyn, in a sanitarium, in Maine, in a Philadelphia asylum, but personally I incline to the belief that he is abroad. One thing is certain: The agreement tonight for the first time among those who have always believed that Dr. Cook discovered the north pole, those who have never believed and those who have waited to be informed on disinterested authority.

"Partisans and skeptics alike now concede certain cardinal facts which admit of no argument, namely, Dr. Cook has sent his records to the University of Copenhagen for the inspection of a commission. Two men, one a broker who says he acted as go-between and one a navigator, are now at the university, supplied the doctor with a complete set of fabricated observations, covering his trip northward, step by step, to the pole, in agreement with his narrative as originally published. These sworn statements carry with themselves their own proof or disproof. That is to say, if the papers now in the hands of the University of Copenhagen contain any considerable portion of the boreal observations which Captain August Loose says he worked out by the reverse route, no farther north than the Greenland ice, in Brooklyn, New York, the deduction is that Dr. Cook felt no confidence in the accuracy of his own confessions. On the contrary, the Copenhagen records show that Dr. Cook made no efficient use of the deduction Captain Loose says he supplied it with a fair to assume that he accepted them only as checks on his own data. The inquiry will then revert to its first status—the original observations of Dr. Cook sufficient.

"Last night Dr. Cook's friend, Charles Wake, confessed to me that he had not the faintest idea where the doctor now is and that he had not heard from him since Tuesday, November 23.

"My very urgent letters to the doctor have remained unanswered, although they demanded a reply from any man solicited for his own affairs.

Mr. Cook, however, did receive a letter from Mr. Cook on December 4, dated December 4 and posted December 5, in Brooklyn, asking him to discontinue all expenses on the doctor's account and to forward certain papers which Mr. Cook, understood to be affidavits bearing on the doctor's disputed account of Mount McKinley. These affidavits the doctor had originally intended to take with him to Europe, where they could be available for the University of Copenhagen, if desired.

"Story of Captain Loose. Others of Dr. Cook's friends granted tonight that Captain Loose consulted freely with him and from a confidential relationship his at the Gramatan Inn. Whether this propinquity served as an opportunity for co-operation, merely, or for collusion, is a point on which not even Captain Loose cared to pronounce positively. The captain, however, went freely into his own confessions.

"I went to Dr. Cook's apartment, thinking that I might be of some assistance to him, but I never expected when I approached him to do such extended work as I have done. A short talk with Dr. Cook convinced me that he knew almost nothing about navigation. He was ignorant of some of the essential facts concerning the expedition.

"At first I considered it at least likely that Dr. Cook had got near the pole, say to 89 degrees or within fifty miles of the pole. Even his observations would have given him that accuracy. Later I was forced to change that opinion.

"A person not especially accurate might have thought himself at the pole when only within sixty miles of it; but as I got deeper into the matter I began to suspect that Dr. Cook was never out of sight of land.

"These notes that I have never said that Dr. Cook is about to submit my calculations to the University of Copenhagen as his own observations. Dr. Cook never intimated such to me. I was working for pay then and was indifferent on that point. Now I have not received my pay. I don't express an opinion about when or how Dr. Cook wrote up his record books.

"Dr. Cook never allowed me to inspect his original records or indeed, Frederick's, other than has been published in the newspapers."

Based on Pileston. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 9.—Dr. Terp, rector of the University of Copenhagen, said that the charges published in the New York Times against Dr. Frederick A. Cook are based on pure fiction. Nevertheless, he added, he would accept the offer to examine the documents prepared by Loose and Danab, which the Times has agreed to send to Copenhagen.

Walter Lomax, secretary to Dr. Cook, through the secretary of the University of Copenhagen, also declared that the accounts published in New York and London against Dr. Cook were totally unfounded. He said that the papers sent to the University of Copenhagen were Cook's during the expedition.

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Rumor Zelaya Will Retire is Not Believed

Washington Also Doubts Story He Has Ordered All Captured Americans Shot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The statement telegraphed from Nicaragua to London that the United States had demanded the resignation of President Zelaya and that he had indicated his purpose to retire by the end of the present month is declared at the State department to be without foundation.

The story from Panama via New Orleans that some time ago President Zelaya had issued a decree that all Americans captured while serving with the revolutionary army should be put to death is discarded here. The officials do not believe that Zelaya would thus court a hanging and the certain overthrow of his government by armed forces of the United States by issuing such an order.

Miller and T. J. O'Brien Guilty

Magistrate Crawford Declares These Two and Lewis Rentfrow Sold Liquor After 8 P. M.

Thomas J. O'Brien, proprietor of the Hotel Henshaw; Rome Miller of the Hotel Rome and Lewis Rentfrow of the Windsor hotel were found guilty yesterday afternoon by Police Magistrate Bryce Crawford of violating the 8 o'clock closing law and were fined \$50 and costs each. J. J. Sullivan, who conducts a saloon on North Twenty-fourth street, was found not guilty. All the cases were tried last week, but the closing arguments in the O'Brien case were not made until yesterday morning. At the afternoon session of court Judge Crawford said the evidence warranted his declaring the trio guilty, and his dismissing the case against Sullivan. Appeal bonds for the carrying of the case to the district court were set at \$200 each, the bonds being fixed in the sum of \$300 each. At the conclusion of the four cases the trial of the case against Charles M. Lentz, who runs a saloon at 1429 Parnassus, and who is accused by the Anti-Saloon league of the violation of the law October 4, was begun. A similar case against F. H. Phillips of the Sehlitz hotel is set for Thursday of next week.

JOE SLYCROD ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Young Man Living Near Grinnell Arrested for Crime in North Dakota.

GRINNELL, Ia., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Joe Slycrod was arrested on a farm near Grinnell, Iowa, December 4, by City Marshal Shaban of Grinnell for the murder of Frank Batesole near Carleton, N. D., on November 11. Slycrod confessed the crime but pleads that the blow was in self defense and without thought of murder. W. W. Batesole and L. F. Batesole, father and brother of the murdered boy, are the principals in the case. The prisoner, with them was J. A. Klempke, who knew Slycrod well, having worked near him in North Dakota. Slycrod is known to a number of people here as he worked in a lumber mill here last winter. Identity of the prisoner and confession of the crime are complete. Sheriff Adams of Foster county, North Dakota has wired that he will be here Saturday.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR HOGS

Eight Dollars and Forty Cents a Hundred for Sixty-Seven Head.

Sixty-seven hogs were sold at South Omaha Thursday morning at the highest price ever paid for hogs on the Missouri Valley. Jim Murphy, a hog buyer, bought from P. C. Peterson of Weston, Ia., hogs which averaged 25 pounds each. He paid at the rate of \$8.40 a hundred, which is the record price. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—Two car loads of steers from Market Hill, Kan., sold at \$12.50 a hundred pounds at the Kansas City stock yards today, the highest price ever paid on the open market here. The cattle were Herefords, 2 years old, and weighed an average of 1,400 pounds. ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 9.—The highest price ever paid for hogs at the St. Joseph market, probably the highest ever paid at a Missouri river market, is \$8.60 per hundred, paid today.

TAFT GOES TO INDIANAPOLIS

President Promises to Attend Meeting of Conservation Convention in February.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—President Taft today accepted invitation to attend the conservation convention to be held in Indianapolis some time in February. When the president goes to the Indiana city, he will likewise make brief visits to Louisville, Cincinnati and Nashville.

Hook Worm Does Not Affect Work of Army

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In spite of its vast economic importance in the southern states, the hook worm disease is believed not to affect greatly the health and efficiency of the army.

That is the conclusion Surgeon General Torney of the army has reached after an investigation into the prevalence and severity of the disease, as it appears in the subject of conscripts in his annual report, submitted to the secretary of war today.

All the observers have noted, says General Torney, that in many cases the affection has not evident effect on the health or appearance of the individual. Microscopic examinations are necessary to reveal the disease in mild cases. The duration of the disease was one of the features which the military investigators sought to bring out. Observations made by Major Chamberlain at Jackson Barracks, Miss., showed that out of forty-four conscript recruits 18 per cent were infected, out of fifty-seven southern bred soldiers in first enlistment 54 per cent were infected and 60 of thirty-four southern bred soldiers in second or sub-

RIVER MEN AT WHITE HOUSE

Committees from Ohio and Mississippi Deep Channel Associations Call on President.

FORMER PROPOSITION ENDORSED

Promoters Are Told They Are in Condition to Show Congress.

OTHERS TOLD TO KEEP BUSY

Men from Mississippi Association Given Encouragement.

CALL ON CANNON AND SHERMAN

Speaker is Not Enthusiastic, but Says Project Will Receive Careful Consideration from Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Assurances that steps of an important character toward the development of a system of waterway improvement in the heart of the country would be taken by the present congress were given by President Taft to delegates from the Ohio and Mississippi deep channel associations which he received in the east room of the White House this afternoon. To perhaps 300 congressmen, representing the Ohio Valley improvement association, the president promised to bring what influence he could in favor of the improvement of the Ohio river and later to the committee of 500 from the New Orleans "talks" on deep waterways convention, he said that "Something is doing," and that the interest of those in congress who heretofore have turned a cold shoulder to the entire subject of waterway improvement had been aroused.

Ohio Proposition Good. Mr. Taft expressed to the Ohio delegation regret that his remarks before the rivers and harbors congress yesterday had cast a "wet blanket" over the convention and said that he had only intended to help the gathering along by pointing out the practical method of accomplishing the object desired.

"When you approach congress with a proposal for the issuing of bonds," argued the president "you are going to arouse great opposition, which rises up and demands why, and they will demand an answer not in general expressions, not in resounding oratory, but they will want facts and estimates and a statement of something definitely useful into which they are going to put the money, which they may even have to borrow in order to carry through the enterprise. You in the Ohio valley have an enterprise in respect to which you can give the sufficient answers."

The object of the visit of the Ohio valley delegation to the White House was to enlist the president's support for a nine-foot channel from Pittsburg to Cairo all the year round. Its spokesman was Alexander Dupper of Pittsburg. The president's support for these in the delegation met with encouragement.

Mississippi River Committee. Four governors and two ex-governors headed the committee of 500 which had been charged by the New Orleans convention to present to the president resolutions asking for a fourteen-foot channel for the Mississippi river.

They were Governor Abel of South Carolina, Sanders of Louisiana, Densen of Illinois and Hadley of Missouri, and former Governors Francis of Missouri and McMullan of Tennessee, and for each one the president had a hearty greeting. Governor Densen presented the resolutions, and the president replied, saying, in part:

"I hope that we are all engaged in a work in which we stand shoulder to shoulder, without respect to a particular locality, and that if you gentlemen who are interested in a particular improvement find that your view may be entirely met and that your particular project may not be the first one taken up in a substantial way, it will not prevent your welcoming a step by congress that, when taken, means the embracing of every improvement that may be commended itself to those who are familiar with congress."

Cannon and Sherman. Earlier in the day the committee invaded the capitol and paid visits to Vice President Sherman, Speaker Cannon, Senator Frye of the senate committee on commerce and Representative Alexander of New York, chairman of the house rivers and harbors committee. From none of these leaders did the committee receive much encouragement.

Vice President Sherman contented himself with shaking hands with the committee. Speaker Cannon said rather pointedly that it was one thing to propose and find that your view may be entirely met and legislate for their improvement, at the same time he said he had no doubt that the project represented by the committee of middle west business men would receive careful consideration from the committee on rivers and harbors. When he had visited for every river and harbor bill since 1883, whether his party was in power or not.

While the temperature in Omaha has descended to 3 degrees below zero—reaching that point this morning at 7 o'clock—that registration has been beaten in other parts in Nebraska.

Lincoln has had it 12 below and Norfolk 15.

Weather forecaster Welsh gives that same sweet consolation that "it will begin to moderate tomorrow." The absence of wind during this cold spell has been a redeeming element and has taken the keenest edge off the cold.

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On the Anxious Seat. From the New York World.

CREW ADRIFT IN OPEN BOAT

Thirteen Men Abandon Vessel During Lake Storm.

SIX RESCUED, TWO ARE DEAD

Part of Men Taken Off Blazing Boat, but Efforts to Rescue the Others in Lifeline.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of thirteen others is unknown as a result of the burning of the steamer Clarion near Point Pelee, in Lake Erie, early today.

Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hanna and brought here. They were rushed to a train and sent to Buffalo headquarters of the Anchor Line company, which owns the Clarion.

According to the statement of the sailors, all attempted to leave the Clarion as soon as it was ascertained that she could not be saved. Captain E. J. Bell of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and twelve other members of the crew took to the life boat.

It is feared they may starve or freeze before rescued. High seas are running owing to the recent storm.

The mats were frozen to death. A vain effort was made by the six survivors to enter another lifeboat. One sailor fell overboard and was drowned in his efforts to launch the lifeboat. The men were forced to remain on the Clarion. Later they were picked up by the steamer Hanna and brought here.

The Clarion is a 1,700-ton steel boat. It was bound from Detroit to Erie, Pa., to lay up, when fire broke out. During the night a burning ship was reported by wireless by the steamer E. P. Bopp, but no definite information could be obtained until the survivors reached here. The cause of the fire is not known.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 9.—The tug Packard left Amherst last night to go to the relief of the steamer reported afloat on Lake Erie, but returned this morning, the storm having prevented it from making progress beyond Colchester.

Freighter Sinks, Five Drowned. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The W. C. Richardson, a big steel freighter, sank early today at a point five miles up the lake from Buffalo harbor and five members of the crew were drowned.

Captain Orinier and the life-saving crew went to the rescue and saved the other members of the crew.

Corn Exposition visitors will find The Bee advertising pages a handy guide for their shopping while in the city.

Do not overlook the advertisements on the want ad pages under the classification of "Christmas Hints". Our Omaha merchants are offering many suggestions to help you with the problem of what to buy. You will always find something worth while if you read the want ad pages of The Bee.

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Independents Hope to Enter Chicago

Woods of Lincoln and Day of Council Bluffs Directors of Telephone Organization.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—With the closing last night of the convention here of the International Independent Telephone association, arrangements had been completed for securing entrance into Chicago for an independent company so they can compete for Chicago business.

An independent company with \$500,000 capital is to be organized. The capital has already been subscribed and the Illinois tunnel company's underground system will be used for carrying its wires. F. H. Woods, Lincoln, Neb., and E. F. Day, Council Bluffs, were elected directors of international associations.

BABE BECOMES BROTHER OF HIS OWN FATHER

Legal Adoption by Grandparents Puts Chicago Child in Queer Position.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Joseph Waldo Dux, Jr., 7 months old, legally became the brother of his father here today, when Judge Pettit in the circuit court signed a decree of adoption, giving the child to its grand parents, Joseph Dux and his wife.

The child's mother is dead and his father lives with the other Dux, who is now the legal father of his son's son.

GENERAL CONDITIONS IN OHIO

This is What Charles P. Taft is Discussing in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Charles P. Taft, who is here as a guest of the president, said today:

"I have been exceedingly busy since coming here, but the question of the relationship with Ohio has not been touched upon in any way. I am just letting that drift. We have discussed generally the political situation in Ohio, but that is all."

Forty-Four Miles in Biplane

Maurice Farman Makes Record Cross-Country Flight in Quick Time.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Maurice Farman, the aviator, made what is claimed to be a cross-country flight in a straight line of record length today. Ascending at a suburb of Versailles to a biplane of his own construction, Farman flew to Chartres a distance of forty-four miles, in 52 minutes. He maintained a height averaging 50 feet.

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Eighteen Below at Norfolk, River Frozen Over at Ponca

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DURAND MEETS CENSUS MEN

Director Plans to Give Personal Instructions to Supervisors.

ONE MEETING HELD IN OMAHA

Party of Thirty Indians Act as Hosts for Indian Commissioner Valentine and Assistant Abbott.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—Census Director Durand will bring nearly all the 30 census supervisors in personal relation with himself and his chief officers through series of conferences which he has arranged to hold here and in several other cities during this month and January. It is believed these meetings will give the supervisors clearer comprehension of their duties and will result in closer cooperation between them and the census bureau.

The supervisors for the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Tenth districts of Iowa have been instructed to meet Director Durand and William C. Hunt, census chief statistician for population at Chicago, Monday, December 13.

The Nebraska and South Dakota supervisors are to be requested to confer with Director Durand some time in January, the date not yet having been determined.

Indian Act as Hosts. Indian Commissioner Valentine and Assistant Commissioner Abbott tonight were guests of some thirty Indian school superintendents, who have been in Washington several days in conference with their chiefs, on Indian school matters, at an oyster roast at one of Washington's most noted restaurants for "seafood," and subsequently attended one of the capital's most noted playhouses in a party. Participating were Superintendent Davis of Genoa, Mr. McIntire of Santee, Major Beerman of Pine Ridge, House of Rapo'd City, Rastall of Pierre, Campbell of Pipestone.

Dr. James W. Goetz of Omaha is in Washington on a sight-seeing tour.

Rural Carriers. Rural carriers appointed: For Nebraska, Berwyn, route No. 1, John R. Mitchell, carrier; David W. Crowther, substitute. Litchfield, route No. 5, William Garnett, carrier; W. C. Harris, substitute.

South Dakota: Postmasters appointed, Lynn, Day county, Nels O. Munson, vice J. Syversten, resigned; Wakpala, Corson county, Floss Godfrey vice E. Lease, resigned.

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Mr. Hill's Message of the Farm. In the exposition auditorium Mr. Hill was introduced by President Wailes of the National Corn exposition. He had a large, animated audience in face and he was given much applause. His address was given clearly and with that fell from his lips. For he said "After all I am just a farmer," and the audience apparently kept that in mind. In the course of his address Mr. Hill said:

"It is less than 40 years since our continent which is no more appropriate object of activity of the middle west and an assemblage of its representative thought and intelligent purpose than the grain which stands first among its staple products. Corn is one of the great gifts of this continent to the world. In quality and quantity the yield of the United States of our central valley surpasses that of any other section or any other country. Within the last generation this has become the most valuable staple food product of the United States.

"It is less than forty years since our corn crop reached 1,000,000 bushels, and now we are producing 1,000,000,000 annually, and should shortly maintain itself at 1,000,000,000 bushels or more. The United States furnishes nearly 80 per cent of the corn crop of the world. While its yield has been multiplied by three, the average farm price

HILL GOES FOR BEST PRIZE EAR

Northwest Magnate, Who Speaks at Exposition, Says He Will Raise it Next Year.

FRAISES DOMESTIC SCIENCE WORK

Tells Miss Besack Her's is Most Important Part of Show.

BRINGS MESSAGE TO THE FARMER

Cannot Support Coming Population of Present Acreage Yield.

MUST INCREASE SOIL'S POWER

Mr. Hill Guest of City, and Magnate Concludes Busy Day with a Banquet at the Commercial Club.

James J. Hill, railroad builder and farmer, stood looking at the best ear of corn in the world, grown in Indiana. "So that is the best ear of corn in the world," murmured the father of the Great Northern. "Well you can know right now that I am going after that next year."

With this decision the grim old ruler of the great northwest announced his position and began to inquire about the details of the making of this the world's best ear of corn.

"It will probably take a better ear than this to win next year," chuckled the farmer-railroadier. "It is fine corn, too," he added fondling that \$1,000 prize winner.

Mr. Hill was the center of an interested throng at the National Corn exposition, after his arrival Thursday morning. He had arrived on his special accompanied by his son, L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, L. C. Gilman and J. H. Beck, assistants to the president's staff, at the Burlington station at 11:30 o'clock. Mr. Hill's party was met at the station by G. W. Holdrege and other Burlington officials, by General Mansfield and W. I. Kierstead, chairman Omaha's standing reception committee.

Mr. Hill was bundled into an automobile and rushed to the corn show, the real object of his visit to Omaha. A luncheon at the Omaha club followed and then the party returned to the exposition, where Mr. Hill was to make his address.

It was in the domestic science department that Mr. Hill especially distinguished himself in his hasty look about the show.

Strong with the Ladies. Miss Jessica Besack, who has charge of this department, called forth on seeing the railroad magnate near her establishment.

"You must see our part of the show," she intimated.

"Most certainly, Miss Besack," replied Mr. Hill, offering his arm with the grace of a younger suitor.

"I want to remark that you are really the best part of all the show," asserted Mr. Hill, pausing at the entrance to the "muffin factory." "There have been more homes ruined by bad bread and the lack of domestic science than by all the wars the world has known."

In and about the domestic science department Mr. Hill spent a large part of his time asking questions here and there that denoted real interest. He even passed to take a generous bite out of a fluffy corn muffin.

Mr. Hill spent some interested minutes looking over the exhibit of his road, the Great Northern, and the "alfalfa palace." "Some fine tall grass," he remarked, sipping up the exhibit with the calculating eye of a good farmer.

At the end of the hurried journey about the exposition grounds Mr. Hill was taken to the Omaha club for a luncheon, where he was entertained by the officials of the Burlington and the Commercial club last night.

President Hill Interested. L. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern and son of the illustrious James J. Hill, spent most of his time in the morning at the exhibit of his road.

"We must have a good share of the prizes in the open to the world class with entries from the Hill zone," he said proudly, displaying a schedule sheet bearing the names of the prize winners. "You see I have checked them off here. We have pulled down about 70 per cent of the prizes offered for wheat grain."

"We have all level demonstrated that corn can be raised in the northern tier of states by our entry in this show. Why, see here," he urged, almost excitedly. "Here is corn from way up at Sweet Grass, a station right against the northern boundary. Of course it is not prize-winning corn, but it is good corn just the same."

"Last year I dropped in to see this show and they made remarks at me about not being in line. I replied at that time that I'd show the folks here some corn, and I proceeded to take it up with everybody on the line. Now, here is the corn to show for it. We furnished the seed for a lot of this."

"The 'Dry Farming' exhibits have been brought down here from Billings, congress and exposition to show more of what is being done up our way. That dry farm exhibition was too small for us and we had two amokos there. We would have had an amok here, too, if it had worked out just as we wanted it to."

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