

REPORT AGAINST  
DR. COOK'S CLAIM

Preliminary Examination of Records Does Not Show that He Reached the Pole.

DATA IS NOT SUFFICIENT

Popular Opinion at Copenhagen is Undergoing Change.

MEMBERS OF FACULTY ANGRY

Regret Expressed that Report Was Made Public.

PEARY HAS NOTHING TO SAY

Commander Smiles Broadly When Asked for a Statement and Remains Silent—Dr. Cook Still Missing.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—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 today.

The consistory listened to the report, which provoked an animated discussion. It appears that the data so far submitted is not held sufficient to establish the explorer's claims.

The result of today'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 the results of their inquiries.

In the meantime it is announced by an official of the university, the consistory will not make public any communication based on information received orally from the committee at today'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 pole.

Report is Kept Secret.

The report was presented by Rector Torp, but its nature was carefully guarded from other than members of the consistory. The latter are pledged to secrecy.

It was admitted, however, that the work thus far accomplished had provoked an animated debate among the university officials.

To the newspaper man Victor Torp said: "The committee's work is not yet finished. I can tell you nothing more at this time, but I hope the result will be made public before New Year's."

Both the members of the consistory and the committee have been forbidden strictly to make public anything regarding what has been accomplished thus far by the investigators.

It is learned that several members of the university consistory are exceedingly angry of the preliminary report, one of them expressing regret that the university had not waited until Dr. Cook's claim that he reached the pole had been proved before honoring him.

Peary Smiles, but is Silent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Commander Robert E. Peary smiled broadly today when informed that a Copenhagen dispatch had received quoting a paragraph of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of Dr. Cook's records, and failing to find proof that the physician had found the North pole.

Commander Peary

Efforts to locate Dr. Frederick A. Cook, renewed today, were fruitless. His former counsel, H. Wellington Week, declared he had neither seen nor heard anything of Dr. Cook since November 22.

Believe, as I have from the first, that Dr. Cook is in Europe," said Mr. Week.

Geographical Society to Act.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Intense interest was manifested here today by officials of the National Geographical society in the preliminary report of the committee of the University of Copenhagen that it had failed to find proof substantiating Dr. Cook's claim that he had found the North pole April 21, 1908. Note, however, would permit himself to be quoted.

As soon as official announcement is made of the conclusions of the university's committee, the National Geographical society will take prompt measures to bring to an end the world-wide controversy as to the finding of the North pole by demanding from Dr. Cook absolute proof of his claim.

Failing to receive convincing proof the society will proclaim Commander Peary as the discoverer of the pole.

Yuletide Cheer for Europeans

Over Seven Million Dollars in Postal Orders Sent Across Atlantic This Month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Never before has so much Yuletide merriment gone across the Atlantic to cheer the people of other lands as was sent this year, according to the figures compiled since December 1 by Postmaster E. M. Morgan. Outgoing steamers have carried away orders amounting to \$7,250,000, increase of \$2,300,000 over the sum sent last year.

Nearly \$2,000,000 went to Great Britain alone, while Italy's people were remembered with \$1,700,000, in gifts, letters and small in the number of money orders there was a gain of 28,625 over 1908.

MINDEN MAN IS BADLY HURT

L. M. Sussner Falls from Train at La Porte and Breaks a Leg.

Jury Indicts Both Doxeyes for Murder of Erdor

Columbus Doctor is Arrested on a Bench Warrant After True Bill is Voted.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the death last July of William J. Erdor, Dr. Loren B. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., and his wife, Dora E. Doxey, are tonight held in the city jail. No communication may pass between them except in writing and that only after the jailer has approved the messages.

They are charged with responsibility for the death here on July 26, last, of William J. Erdor, who died after a brief illness. Mrs. Doxey, it is charge was married to Erdor a few weeks before his death.

Analysis of Erdor's viscera revealed considerable arsenic therein. The information of the circuit attorney upon which Mrs. Doxey was brought here from Nebraska charged that Erdor was given poison in his food.

The court's action was taken on the application of Harry Rosekopf, assistant circuit attorney, who appeared in open court and announced that indictments had been found against Dr. and Mrs. Doxey.

Mr. Rosekopf asked that warrants be issued, adding that the indictments would be returned into court as soon as they had been drawn up and verified. This will take several days.

Both prisoners today asserted their innocence of the charges lodged against them. They added that their attorney had instructed them not to discuss the case.

As the Missouri statutes do not recognize accessories to crime as such, Dr. Doxey is charged with being a principal, although he was not in St. Louis when Erdor was taken ill.

The circuit attorney's office asserts that evidence will be produced to show that he was in communication with Mrs. Doxey while she, according to the charges, was ministering to Erdor as the latter's wife.

Miss Kistler, sister of the dead man, asserted that her efforts to solve the mystery of her brother's death will not cease.

"I will do all in my power to furnish evidence needed by the prosecution," said Miss Erdor. "When I first reported the matter to the police I was told that the burden of proof was on me. I have produced the proof thus far and I will still take part in the case."

Howell Reported To Be Slated for Job Held by Goss

Present District Attorney Finds Nebraska Senators Lined Up for Another Omaha Man.

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CONGRESS MAKES GOOD PROGRESS

More Business Transacted Prior to Holiday Recess Than is Usual.

MANY BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Army Bill and District of Columbia Bill Pending in House.

TWO RAILROAD ACTS PASSED

Omnibus Pension Bills, Carrying 467 Claims, Go Through House.

OPPOSITION TO MANN BILL

Minority Will File Vigorous Report Condemning the "White Slave" Measure as Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Far better progress is being made with legislation in the house than was anticipated. Before congress convened, it was predicted that there would be little or no activity prior to the holiday adjournment and that the disposition to do but a small amount of business would probably characterize the entire session.

Since the house convened on December 14, however, a great number of important bills and resolutions have been introduced. Two important measures have been passed and a number of others have been reported and are under consideration in the house.

In all a total of 1,936 house bills, 188 house resolutions, ninety-five joint resolutions and twenty-eight concurrent resolutions have been introduced. The names of Representative Enoch of Wisconsin have passed the house. Two omnibus pension bills, carrying a total of 467 claims, have also passed.

Two important pieces of legislation are now pending, the District of Columbia appropriation bill and the Panama canal government reorganization measure. The army appropriation bill, carrying upwards of \$100,000,000, is out of the military committee and the immigration committee is preparing to report its bill regulating the "white slave" traffic.

There will be a vigorous minority report by four democratic members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce on the Mann "white slave" bill which was practically acted on by a majority of that committee today.

The minority report, which will be written by Representative Richardson of Alabama, will state that the whole matter is one to be handled by the immigration committee, and that the interstate commerce commission has no jurisdiction whatever and that the Mann bill, which aims at the suppression of the traffic by means of regulation of interstate commerce, is unconstitutional and a gross violation of the right of states to regulate the morals of their own inhabitants.

The minority report will be signed by Representatives Richardson of Alabama, Bartlett of Georgia, Ahanson of Georgia and Pettibone of Massachusetts.

"This piece of legislation," said Representative Richardson today, "is characterized as the worst piece of cant and hypocrisy that has lately been perpetrated by the republican party. Because the majority believes that it is in relation to a subject upon which we dare not offer objection to any kind of regulation, they purpose to enact a law that lets down the bars for as invading the rights of states are concerned. If this bill becomes a law, the federal government can go to any extent in enforcing the regulation of the morals and health of any state."

Car Service Code Endorsed. Recognizing the great benefits to be derived from uniformity in car service regulations, the Interstate Commerce commission today added its influence to the code of rules recently adopted by the National Association of Railroad Commissioners.

In a statement issued, the commission says: "We endorse the rules adopted by the national association and recommend that they be made effective on interstate transportation throughout the country. This action is, of course, subject to the right and duty of the commission to inquire into the legality or reasonableness of any rule or rules which may be made the subject of complaint."

WALSH ATTACKS VERDICT Chicago Banker Files Application for Writ of Certiorari from Supreme Court.

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From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BILL TO TAX INDIAN LAND

Senator Brown Will Soon Introduce Measure Fully Approved.

RED MEN THEMSELVES FOR IT

Senator Gamble Interviews Secretary Ballinger on Disposition of Unallotted Lands in Dakota Reservations.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Special Telegram—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. On Monday he will introduce a bill, which, if enacted, will place all those lands on the tax list of 1910. Taxes to be paid out of the proceeds from lands if the Indians themselves neglect or refuse to pay them. The bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to pay these taxes out of moneys in his hands or subject to his order which has come from rentals.

The bill has the approval of Senator Clapp, chairman of the senate committee on Indian affairs, as well as the approval of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Pierce John Gammon of Pender and H. L. Keefe of Washburn, now in Washington, have also approved it.

While at the Omaha reservation last summer, Assistant Commissioner Fred H. Abbott attended a council at which many members of the reservation spoke and were unanimous in favoring taxation of their lands. They declared that the increase in value that would come in the development and opening up of the reservations would more than compensate them for taxes to be levied.

Protest Against Consolidation. The Commercial club of Washburn today protested against the consolidation of the Omaha and Winnebago agencies and the appointment of but one superintendent. However, the department has fully decided to have but one administrative office after January 1.

Senator Gamble today had a conference with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger regarding his bills authorizing the sale and disposition of the surplus and unallotted lands in the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River Indian reservations in South Dakota. Senator Gamble suggested that Major McLaughlin be assigned to treat with the Indians at these reservations looking to gaining their consent in the terms of several bills, and Secretary Ballinger will doubtless accept the suggestion and assign Major McLaughlin to the task.

The following fourth-class post-offices became presidential offices on January 1 next, with salaries of postmasters as indicated: Nebraska—Arapahoe, Campbell, Clarkson, Elmore.

Bethany, Bradshaw, Crofton, Decatur, Dillon, Giltner, Hay Springs, Hemingford, Rising City, Shelby, Silver Creek, Wall-hill, Waverly, Western, Elm, Delta, Earlville, Early, Gilman, Elmore, South Dakota—Frederick, Marion, Tripp, Elmore.

Burke, Canastota, Frankfort, Garrison, Hecla, Henry, Mohrville, Willow Lake, Willmot, Elmore.

Alvena, Kennebec, Leola, Osceola, Elmore. Lemuel B. Barclay was today appointed postmaster at Arden, Boone county, Nebraska, vice M. E. Kunkle, resigned.

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The want ad pages are particularly interesting to Christmas shoppers

Before you start out on your shopping tour look over the classification "Christmas Hints," on the first want ad page. There you will find a large number of Omaha merchants, who are offering suggestions of things, which they have, which are appropriate for Christmas presents. Many little things, out of the ordinary, are mentioned there.

Have you read the want ads, yet, today?

Roosevelt and Party Leave for Hunt in Uganda

Trip Will Take Them Into Wildest and Most Dangerous Field of Exploration.

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Dec. 18.—Today the American Hunting and Scientific expedition began what may be termed as the second stage of its journey into the interior of Africa. The objective point is Gushodokera, Uganda, which, it is expected will be reached on February 12.

Colonel Roosevelt and his associates were given a cordial send off as they boarded the train at noon for Kisumu. Arriving at that port tomorrow the party will board the steamer Clement Hill and cross Victoria Nyansa to Entebbe.

With the passage of the lake, the Americans will have left behind them British East Africa and enter the Uganda protectorate the wildest and most beautiful, perhaps the most dangerous and certainly the most interesting field of their explorations.

All were in the best of health when they set forth today in search of new conquests. At Entebbe, Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit will be entertained at the home of the governor, proceeding on Thursday by motor car to Kampala, at the head of the lake, where they will remain the others of the party, who in the meantime will have arrived at that place by steamer.

At Kampala the invasion that will bring them into the province of the Nile will be begun.

Her Oldest Grandchild is Seventy

Jewish Woman Who Was Born in Russia 115 Years Ago Dies in New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Born in the eighteenth century in the province of Kiev, Russia, Mrs. Yvonne Makedenski died at the Jewish Shelter Home last night at the age of 115 years.

Mrs. Makedenski had nineteen children, several of whom are still living, and is survived by about 150 descendants, scattered over the world, but most of them living in the United States. The oldest grandchild is 76. He is Abraham Makedenski of New York.

Mrs. Makedenski often spoke of an honor bestowed upon her by Czar Nicholas I of Russia, when he gave her a sovereign seventy-five years ago when her parents kept an inn. The Czar stopped at the inn for a few hours one day and was so pleased with his treatment that he gave Mrs. Makedenski a medal.

Mrs. Makedenski and her family moved to America twenty years ago.

POET WATSON IS IN HIDING

Said to Have Disappeared with Bride Because of Asquith Attack.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Okey Sneed, created a scene in the Tombs police court when she was arraigned today on a charge of murder.

Denied permission to make a statement, Mrs. Martin, who was not represented by counsel, declared she meant to have her rights, and resisted the court officers' efforts to quiet her. She was led screaming out of the room.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Mary Sneed, mother and aunt, respectively, of the East Orange bathtub victim, were both arraigned.

The prisoners both manifestly dreaded the ordeal. It was known that recent revelations have convinced Prosecutor Mott these letters were not.

SALOON LICENSES REVOKED

Henshaw, Rome and Windsor Bars Closed by Police Board.

ACTION FOLLOWS COURT DECISION Judge Redick Denies Injunction and Commission Shuts Up Saloons—Chief Donnan Called Before Governor.

Sitting as a license board Saturday afternoon, Mayor Dahlman and Police Commissioners Hunter and Wappich revoked the saloon licenses of Rome Miller, T. J. O'Brien, Lents & Williams and Louis Rentfrow, as the consequence of Judge Redick's decision.

The revocation is to be enforced "at once," according to the resolution adopted, which further provides that the chief of police is at once to proceed to notify the parties concerned. The chief said he would at once serve the notice so close and this was done.

Miller's license was for the bar in Hotel Rome, O'Brien's for Hotel Henshaw, Rentfrow's for the Windsor hotel, on Tenth street, and Lents & Williams for 145 Farmington street.

Before the resolution for revocation was offered Mayor Dahlman said all parties had agreed that the decision in one case should govern in all. The board had at that time expressed its determination to act immediately on the court's decision being rendered, and was now prepared to do so.

"As men of honor, we have but one course to pursue," said Commissioner Wappich, and Commissioner Hunter agreed. Thereupon Commissioner Wappich offered the formal resolution and it prevailed by the votes of the three members of the board present.

Commissioners Hope and Karbach were detained from the special meeting by business, it is understood.

Redick Denies Injunction. Judge Redick handed down his decision in the morning, dissolving the order previously issued to restrain the police board from carrying a new order that would prevent the board from taking action.

Briefly stated Judge Redick's decision is as follows: The only question involved is that of the jurisdiction of the police court and this on the point that the statute orders penalties greater than the amount provided for by the police court to impose, or the sum of \$500.

It is argued by attorneys for the defendant that revocation of the license, which is ordered to issue, is a penalty and is punishment additional to the fine of \$500.

Judge Redick declared that the police court does not revoke the license and that the license is not revoked until the board acts.

"Furthermore," said the court, "it was not the intention of the legislature to revoke the license as part of the penalty and punishment, but as a measure of protection to the public in the future."

Court Reads Decision. Judge Redick read from a written decision in announcing his decision. In addition to the points stated he referred to the arguments of the defendants that the supreme court and other courts have frequently used the word "penalty" in a colloquial sense and implied that the consequences of a conviction are part of the "penalty" or punishment therefore.

"This is not, nevertheless," said the court, "an exact and precise use of the word and the consequences are not necessarily the legal penalty which the court may impose. The actual penalty which the police court does and did impose in these particular cases was the fine of \$500."

While the C. M. Lents case was the one really argued before Judge Redick, his ruling was on the Rome Miller case, for this case had already been argued.

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SUCCESS CROWNS OLD KING CORN

Gates Close on Third National Exposition, Ending Two Weeks of Activity.

PEOPLE'S VERDICT IS WELL DONE

Five Governors and Other Notables Voice Words of Approval.

JACK FROST FOE OF KING CORN

Frigid Weather Kept Down Attendance to Certain Degree.

MANY IMPORTANT CONVENTIONS

Breeders, Implement Dealers, River Boatmen Hold Sessions—Visitors from Wide Range of Territory Come to Omaha.

Corn is still King. The third National Corn exposition is over and the big building is being dismantled of all the beautiful products of the soil which have adorned the Auditorium and annex for the last two weeks. All who saw the show regard it as the greatest.

During the two weeks of the corn show Omaha has been called upon to entertain a host of people, and although there has been no congestion on the streets, the crowds have been steady and all the hotels have been overtaxed for the two weeks of the show. Not only has the corn exposition been an attraction, but three large conventions have been held during the progress of the show. First came the American Breeders' association, with learned men from all over the country, then the Mid-West Implement Dealers' association and the Missouri River Navigation congress with large followings. All these combined to make Omaha a busy spot for two weeks.

Great men have been attracted to Omaha by the National Corn exposition. And all have said the show was great.

Notable Men Say "Well Done." James J. Hill, head of the great transportation lines of the northwest and his son, E. W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, spent a great part of the show and were loud in their praise of its merits and the good it was doing for the tillers of the soil.

Willett M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture, stayed in Omaha nearly a week in attendance at the corn show and the American River navigation congress, and said that he never saw a show so well attended by so highly educated men. He said that it was really a short course which no farmer who could possibly reach Omaha could afford to miss.

Governors of five states have been to the Corn show and each was liberal in the measure of praise expressed for the work that had been done by the directors of the show in gathering a splendid array of the products of the soil and of the special work being done by the universities and the agricultural colleges and experimental farms to better yields and the conditions of the farmers.

Five Governors Praise Show. Governor John Burke of North Dakota said he was glad he had come and that he marveled at the wonderful exhibits that have been collected.

Governor Yates of South Dakota said he never dreamed such an educational exhibit could be gathered together under the head of an agricultural display.

Governor Shafer of Colorado was pleased and was not afraid to say so, and he went back home and hunted up a \$1,000 gold trophy which his state had promised for the best display of oats.