

COOK DROPPED FROM ROLLS OF EXPLORERS CLUB BY GOVERNORS

Frauds Practiced Upon It And the General Public Reasons Given.

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND WITH BOWED HEADS THE BOARD TAKES THIS ACTION—RECEIVED REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MT. MCKINLEY CLIMB, WHICH NOT ONLY REPORTED ADVERSELY ON HIS CLAIMS, BUT ALSO THAT NO CREDENCE CAN BE PUT IN STATEMENTS BY HIM.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—The governors of the Explorers Club, in executive session, today voted with bowed heads that Dr. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club for frauds practiced on it and on the public. Following the crushing verdict of the University of Copenhagen, action of the club was the result of independent investigations which in no way touch upon the polar controversy. Preliminary to its vote of expulsion the board met to pass on the report of its committee which was investigating the Mount McKinley climb. This committee recommended that Cook's claim to having ascended to the summit of the mountain be rejected as unworthy of credence. The committee's recommendation was based on the finding that Dr. Cook had "repeatedly made statements that had not been in accordance with the facts and that he made agreements which he failed to keep and that his statements and broken agreements deal not only with matters pertaining to the discovery, but to ordinary financial transactions, so that no credence can be given to statements made by him."

MISS CLEMENS IS FOUND DEAD

DAUGHTER OF MARK TWAIN SUFFERED ATTACK OF EPILEPSY WHILE IN BATH TUB AND WAS DROWNED.

By Associated Press. Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Miss Jean Clemmens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemmens (Mark Twain) was found drowned in a bath tub in Mr. Clemmens's home here today. It is believed that Miss Clemmens suffered an attack of epilepsy while in the bath tub and was drowned while in a convulsion. She had suffered from epilepsy for a number of years. Speaking of his daughter's death, Mr. Clemmens said: "My daughter, Jean Clemmens, passed from this life suddenly this morning at half past seven o'clock. "All the last half of her life she was an epileptic, but she grew better latterly. For the past two years we considered her practically well, but she was not allowed to be entirely free. Her maid, who has served us 28 years, was always with her when she went to New York on shopping excursions and such things. She had very few convulsions in the past two years and those she had were not violent. At 7:30 this morning a maid went to her room to see why she did not come down to her breakfast and found her in her bath tub, drowned. It means that she had a convulsion and could not get out."

NOT FAVORABLE TO EARLY PEACE

STRIKE CONDITIONS NOT AS BRIGHT FOR SETTLEMENT AS BEFORE CONFERENCE, THOUGH GOV. EBERHART IS HOPEFUL.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Strike conditions today are not so favorably inclined to peace as they were before the conference was held yesterday afternoon between the Northwestern railroads and a committee representing the switchmen. Governor Eberhart, however, was hopeful that the contending factions would get closer together at the continuance of the conference today. "I look for a favorable outcome of the conference," said Gov. Eberhart, "but the roads must make more concessions and so must the men. As the matter now stands they are far from getting together on any basis that will lead to immediate settlement."

PRAIRIE TO HURRY TO BLUEFIELDS WITH FOOD FOR STARVING SOLDIERS

Christmas Weather Will Be Varied For American Celebrants

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—Christmas weather for American celebrants of the greatest holiday of the year is to be varied, according to wherever the celebrants happen to be. In the Northwest there will be snow and nipping cold, although there will be no extreme temperature. From the Mississippi river to the Rocky Mountains snow will fall in the North, and in the central portion there will be a combination of snow and rain that will quickly turn to sleet. In the South rains will dampen the Christmas enthusiasm. The same rains probably will sweep over the upper lake region, the Ohio valley and the East gulf states on Christmas. In the Atlantic states the day will be cloudy, but, it is believed, there will be no precipitation. The Pacific slope, according to the long distance view of the weather bureau, will be practically the only section of the country that will enjoy fair weather. It will be fair there, so prophecy runs, but the ground on the Western slope of the mountains will wear a covering of white.

Gets Orders to Take On \$5,000 Worth of Supplies at Colon.

FUNDS FURNISHED BY THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SOCIETY—ACTION TAKEN AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF CAPTAIN SHIPLEY, OF THE CRUISER DES MOINES, WHO SAYS THAT ZELAYA'S TROOPS ARE ACTUALLY IN A STATE OF STARVATION.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—To relieve the starvation of the captured soldiers of the Zelayan army at Rama and furnish much-needed aid to soldiers both of the Nicaraguan government forces and the insurgents, who were injured in the battle near Rama, the United States government today ordered the cruiser Prairie, now at Colon, to take on board \$5,000 worth of staple supplies, secured by funds of the American Red Cross society, and proceed with all possible haste to Bluefields. This action on the part of the American government was taken at the urgent request of Captain Shipley, of the United States cruiser Des Moines, now in Bluefields, who reports that troops in the Zelayan army are actually in a state of starvation. As soon as Captain Shipley's dispatch reaches Bluefields, the supplies will be forwarded to the troops. (Continued on Page Two.)

HON. W. A. BLOUNT WITHDRAWS FROM SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Millionaire Brokaw Denies Charges Made By His Wife

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—W. Gould Brokaw's social story of negation was continued on the witness stand at Mineola today with testimony of the defendant in his wife's suit for a separation and alimony. Broadly speaking, Mr. Brokaw's story has been a succession of "did not," "it is not so" and "I have never been" in reply to Mrs. Brokaw's charges of abuse, unreasonable manifestations of jealousy and other actions that made life miserable for the couple. Mr. Brokaw, however, has varied his narrative with introduction of new matter that served late yesterday to keep interest in his testimony at high pitch. Whether he would or not, it was expected that fields which he avoided in his direct examination would be opened for his exploration today in the cross-examination in which Mrs. Brokaw's attorney had in store for him. Mr. Brokaw appeared unusually agitated today as the time approached for the cross-questioning. He scanned his notes carefully through his pearl lorgnette, peeping over nervously once in a while to the table where Lawyer Baldwin was going through the bulky record of the trial in preparation for the grueling. The defendant carefully avoided his wife's eyes, however, as she sat, pale and worn looking, by her attorney's side.

Issues Statement to the Public Giving His Reasons For So Doing.

HAS BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, AND TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN WOULD NOT IMPROVE HIS CONDITION, HE SAYS, WHILE ANOTHER REASON IS THAT IT IS REPUGNANT TO HIM TO MAKE A PERSONAL SOLICITATION OF VOTES BY DIRECT REQUEST OR AN EXHIBITION OF HIMSELF.

Hon. W. A. Blount, one of the leading candidates for the United States senate, has withdrawn from the race. This announcement was made by Mr. Blount yesterday, and in the following he sets forth his reasons for taking this step: "To those of the public whom it may interest: "I have concluded to discontinue the race for the United States senatorship from Florida, for the term beginning March 4th, 1911. My reasons for this are two-fold. "First, I believe that no man, not heretofore holding public office, and thereby largely known to the public, has any chance of election without an extended personal canvass of the state, extending as far as possible into each hamlet and village. I have been making such a canvass since the first of October, nearly three months. During nearly all of that time I have been suffering with rheumatism of the muscles of the shoulder and back, and inflammation of the throat and chest, and twice have had to come home because of suffering with these ailments and fever, and to these have been added in the last week neuralgia and grippe. It has become evident to me and my family that these have occurred because of the campaigning which I have done, and because of the difference between the exposure and irregularity of that life and the protectedness and regularity of my normal life, and that a continuance of the campaigning would result in the continuance of these troubles, and a possible permanent impairment of health. And it might happen readily that at a pivotal period of the campaign there would be a protracted illness which would defeat all chance of success, because of an enforced absence from the field of action, and the production of a belief with the voters that I would not be physically able to perform the duties of a senator. "ANOTHER REASON. "Second. There is another reason, less tangible, but to me no less real—my repugnance to the personal solicitation of votes, either by a direct request or an exhibition of myself. (Continued on Page Two.)

PROMINENT MEN AT FUNERAL OF LATE SENATOR M'LAURIN

By Associated Press. Brandon, Miss., Dec. 24.—The funeral of the late Senator J. J. McLaurin occurred here this morning. Despite a steady downpour of rain, hundreds of prominent Missisippians took part in the ceremony. Services were held in the Brandon Methodist church and were conducted by Rev. C. F. Emery. Floral tributes were numerous, six wagon loads being conveyed from the railroad station to the family residence and church during the morning.

KING ALFONSO ILL.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Gil Blas today prints a private communication from Madrid stating that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

TAFT GOES ON A SHOPPING TOUR

AFOOT THE PRESIDENT WANDERED FROM SHOP TO SHOP, TAKING A HEARTY INTEREST IN THE WINDOW DISPLAYS AND CROWDS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft went shopping afoot this afternoon. He wandered from shop to shop, taking a hearty interest in the store windows and good naturedly returning the jestings of the crowds which jammed the sidewalks. Captain Butt, his military aide, walked with him, while behind trailed two secret service men.

20 ARE KILLED AND 40 INJURED

LOCOMOTIVE IN REPAIR SHOPS OF ROCK ISLAND EXPLODES, CARRYING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION WITH IT.

By Associated Press. Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 20.—About twenty men were killed and forty persons injured when a large locomotive in the Rock Island railroad repair shops exploded here today. Many of the dead are still under the wreckage and rescuers are working trying to recover the bodies. The explosion, the cause of which is unknown, jarred the entire city, damaging a number of buildings to a minor extent. The shops were damaged considerably.

FAMILY FEUD STARTS AGAIN

BAD FEELING OF LONG STANDING BETWEEN CLARK AND CRANE FAMILIES BREAKS OUT AFRESH AT CHURCH SOCIAL.

By Associated Press. Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 24.—A family feud of long standing between the Clark and Crane families broke out afresh at a church social at Nimble church, Lumpkin county, last night, in which Homer Clark was killed outright and his brother, Henry, shot through the head and fatally wounded, according to reports brought here today. Mark Crane, who is alleged to have done the shooting, made his escape.

WM. J. BRYAN NOT VERY SICK

WHILE HE IS HOARSE FROM A BAD COLD, HE LEAVES JACKSONVILLE FOR MIAMI TO WITNESS DREDGEBOT OPERATIONS.

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—William Jennings Bryan, who has suffered with a severe cold, which threatened pneumonia, for the last three days, is greatly improved today. He left here this afternoon for Miami and will go from there to Cuba and South American countries, where he will join Mrs. Bryan. Mr. Bryan is still very hoarse and suffers with pains in his chest, but if his condition warrants he will go out from Miami to witness dredgeboat operations in the Everglades tomorrow. His physician here stated today that reports of Mr. Bryan's illness have been greatly exaggerated.

Was Habitual Use of Hypodermic Needle Cause of Ocey's Death?

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 24.—Was her own habitual use of a hypodermic needle the cause of Ocey Sneed's death? Colonel Robert J. Haire, counsel for Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bath tub victim's mother, brought this question to the fore today as he was preparing to appear in court here for the third hearing on the cases of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Sneed, whom the New York authorities are holding pending extradition. Colonel Haire declares that he has evidence to show that the young woman was what is known in the popular vernacular as a "dope fiend." "By that I mean," said the attorney, "that she used drugs, chiefly mor-

phine, for nearly two years before she died. I have learned this from talking with her mother about the cause. "The hypodermic needle was used upon her when she was seriously ill," continued Colonel Haire, "and after that its employment was constant. She tried to stop the habit and would resist for long periods. Then would come another period of illness, and the temptation to obtain relief was too great for her to resist. She would go for days without food, living on morphine. I am convinced that it was in this condition that she destroyed herself." Colonel Haire said that this would be Mrs. Martin's defense against the charges of murdering her daughter.



HERALDING THE ARRIVAL OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS