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EXPLORER COOK DINES WITH THE KING

Had a Very Busy Saturday—Danish Experts Credit His Story—Adds to Assurances of Success.

You sent me to Copenhagen to meet Dr. Cook. This is my report: Cook is all right—you can bank upon that—right, physically, and right geographically. He has been to the North Pole, and will prove it. Those casting doubt upon his veracity will look pretty mean when his records are published.—W. T. Stead in New York American.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 5.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook stepped from the steamer on the arm of the Crown Prince of Denmark, at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, unshorn and looking like a sailor before the mast. He sat down to dinner at 8 in the evening of the hall, the guest of a brilliant company of the capital's most distinguished men and women, arrayed in evening dress provided by the king's tailor.

The hours between these events were the busiest in his life—hours of speech-making, handshaking, bowing to clamoring crowds and then, after addressing the people, who almost tore him to pieces, in their eagerness to see him, he was the recipient of formal welcomes at the hotel where he is the government's guest.

For an hour he was at the mercy of a corps of journalists. Dr. Cook has impressed all who talked with him here as a modest, frank and able man. Dr. Cook dined this evening with King Frederick at the summer palace, a few miles outside of Copenhagen.

The king invited Dr. Cook to meet him yesterday, only after having the government's permission. The king's investigation into the merits of his story. Not until Danish explorers were asked to give their opinions of Dr. Cook's claims was the audience granted. Their verdict was unanimously in his favor. The dinner to-night was entirely the result of the king's personal opinion regarding the explorer, who had the seal on the king's right, an honor which Danes cannot remember having been accorded another private person.

One of the most exacting periods of the day was in an interview with Prof. Stromberg, the leading Scandinavian astronomer, who says that when he is permitted to examine Dr. Cook's observations, he can decide within half a day whether the explorer has been at the pole.

Was There or Close to It. "I do not claim to have my finger on the exact spot, I do not claim to have put my foot on it, but personally I think we were at the north pole," said Dr. Cook yesterday.

When observations have been figured out again, it is possible there will be found slight errors and differences, but I am certain that a gun shot fired from where we were would have passed over the pole.

"I did not do this thing for anything but sport, and because I took an interest in the problem. It would do me good to invent this thing. The only witnesses I had were two Eskimos, certainly, but in all polar expeditions observations have been made by one man. I regard these Eskimos as much more intelligent in finding positions than the white man in these Arctic regions. They know that the earth is round. They have a name for the point which they call the north pole. They appreciate the work of explorers when participating therein."

He said he regretted to hear that some newspapers had incorrectly reported him as claiming to have discovered 30,000 square miles of new land. What he had done was to settle the nature of the region at that point, and he was only able to see for an average of about 15 miles on each side of his route.

The Northwest Land. The most northerly land he saw was between 84 and 86 degrees. There were two bodies of land at that point east of his route. One is about 1000 feet high. He could not say whether they were islands or not.

Sawdust Yields A Cheap Alcohol Minus Fusel Oil

Chicagoans Announce a Discovery That Bids Fair to Revolutionize Industry—Fuel for Man and Machine.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Drinkable alcohol from sawdust. This is the latest triumph in chemistry, according to a statement made public yesterday by John M. Ewen, Chicago's harbor commissioner and widely known as an engineer. After five years of almost incessant experimenting a process for making an alcohol said to be as pure as that obtained from grain has been patented at Washington by Malcolm F. Ewen, brother of Mr. Ewen, and George H. Tomlinson, formerly one of the engineers for F. H. Clergue at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Ewens and Mr. Tomlinson are of the belief that their process will revolutionize fuel and illuminating conditions in several aspects. They declare that sawdust alcohol will not only become a competitor of grain alcohol for beverage and industrial purposes, but that it will drive gasoline out of use for automobiles, motorboats and lighting. They also believe that sawdust alcohol will be largely used instead of coal for engines and that it will sweep the market off the market as an illuminant. It will also allow all grain being devoted to purposes of food.

They state that the sawdust alcohol can be produced for about 7 cents a gallon, as against a cost for grain alcohol of approximately 35 cents per gallon. The patentees declare that chemical analysis proves their sawdust alcohol to be purer than grain alcohol and to contain no fusel.

No alcohol is now obtained from sawdust, but it is obtained from any kind of lumber waste from edgings, slabs, shavings and saw mill odds and ends. All this material is thrown into the machinery to undergo transformation into pure alcohol.

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CURTAIN DOWN ON HARRY ORCHARD

Popular and Successful Playwright Dies in France After an Operation. Other Prisoners Shun Him, But He Has Been Baptized and Leads a "Praying Band."

PARIS, Sept. 5.—Clyde Fitch, the American playwright, died at 9:30 Saturday evening of a cerebral aneurism. Mr. Fitch was operated on for appendicitis at Chalons several days ago. He had been on a motor tour and had been compelled to give it up.

Mr. Fitch was born in New York on May 2, 1865. His father, Capt. William Gowens, was an officer in the Union army in the civil war. His mother, Alice Clarke, was a member of an old Hagerstown, Md., family. The meeting of the two, this union often and the daughter of the confederacy, in the war and their romantic courtship and marriage furnished their only theme for some of his plays.

Mr. Fitch went abroad and studied the French stage and French playwrights, and was successful in his pen with a rapidity that often brought him criticism. The justice of this, however, he denied.

He thought of it for two years, he once said, "who I may write them in five weeks. An idea for a play comes to me usually from reflection upon some character I have observed." His income from plays has been estimated as high as \$150,000 a year.

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Coroner Letts of Colborne has ordered an inquest, which will be opened to-morrow morning. It is believed the man was murdered and the body placed on the track. Beyond the hole in the head there was no mark on the body to indicate that the man had been hit by a train, and it seems to be outside the range of possibility that the wound could have been self-inflicted.

Provincial Detective Rogers was notified by Grand Trunk trainmen, but the authorities will await instructions from the local police before action is taken.

Ottawa Woman Left Bathhouse by the Wrong Door. The police had the river in the vicinity of the bathhouse dragged, with the result that the body was found. Balster and Brisbols claim not to know the name of the girl, saying that they met her on the street. They first expressed the belief that she had escaped the police, but when the body was found they said that she left the bathhouse thru a door nearest the river, and must have fallen in.

WOMEN IN HARVEST FIELD. Manitoba Farmers Unable to Secure Sufficient Help. BRANDON, Man., Sept. 5.—(Special.) Travelers on the Arcola and Regina branch of the C.N.R. declare that many women are driving binders or stooking the fields owing to the scarcity of labor. Farmers are offering as high as \$4 per day in cash. Thousands of acres of grain are lying on the ground with no immediate hope of being stooked, and a wet spell would cause a loss of thousands of dollars.

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HUNDREDS PRAY AT TOP OF VOICE

And Many in Religious Frenzy Throw Aside Their Jewelry—Strange Scenes at Hornerites' Camp.

IVANHOE, Ont., Sept. 5.—(Special.)—A large portion of the inhabitants of Hastings County are being stripped of their watches, rings, jewelry and other worldly vanities.

The jewels are thrown into heaps under the trees in Tanner's Grove, near this village of Ivanhoe, which is about 25 miles north of Belleville, the camp meeting ground of the sect known as Hornerites, who opened their annual meeting to-day.

The ground under the main tent, where the meetings are held, is covered by a couple of feet of hay, into which the devotees sink after they work themselves into a sort of trance. Here they lie for hours, or until their friends carry them out.

The chief characteristic to the initiated is the amount of noise made. People with skittish horses are afraid to drive within several miles of the camp meeting because of the shrieking and shouting of the worshippers.

The young people of the district flock to the meetings as they would to a circus. The fact that they are the more liable to come under the influence of the speakers, and many a young chap who has taken his best girl with the idea of scoffing remains to see her attempting to climb the sides of the tent, which is regarded as one of the manifestations of grace.

TRAIN STRIKES AN AUTO THREE DEAD, ONE DYING. Mrs. H. E. Tremain of Bay City, Who Was About to Remove to Toronto, and Daughter Among Victims.

BAY CITY, Mich., Sept. 5.—Three persons were killed, one perhaps fatally injured, and one slightly injured this afternoon, when a Michigan Central train struck an auto at the south city limits crossing.

NEVER RAINS ON HER. Apostle of New Thought Always Leaves Umbrella at Home. The first meeting of the autumn of the Friends' Association took place yesterday afternoon in Zion Congregational Church, with a large attendance.

Fire Near Vatican. ROME, Sept. 5.—A fire which broke out in a wood-sawyer's yard near the Vatican this morning threatened to spread to the Church of St. Anne.