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MERRY CHRISTMAS

COOK'S WIFE GONE

Sailed to Meet Explorer In a French Port.

DOCTOR TO REMAIN AWAY.

His Former Friend and Counsel Says Discredited Polar Traveler Will End His Days In Greenland or Norway.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Frederick A. Cook, wife of the once honored arctic explorer, has disappeared from her home in Brooklyn, and H. Wellington Wack, legal adviser and former intimate friend of Dr. Cook, says she is in Europe.

"Mrs. Cook sailed for Europe nineteen days ago," said Mr. Wack today. "She sailed under an assumed name on board a steamer for Naples and was to meet her husband in a French port."

"He had sailed two days ahead of her on a faster ship, and her understanding with him was that within forty-eight hours after her arrival at Naples she would receive a telegram from him telling her where he would meet her in France."

"I have every reason to believe that Dr. Cook is now in Norway and that



MRS. FREDERICK A. COOK.

he and Mrs. Cook are together. I am convinced that Dr. Cook will never dare to face the public here after his exposure. He will probably end his days in Norway or Greenland. He said that if the verdict of the Copenhagen university should be against him he would go to Greenland."

Dr. Cook also told another friend, Charles Wake, that if he was not supported by the university at Copenhagen he would not appeal to any other tribunal. To Mr. Wake he confided his determination in case of the refusal of the Danish scientists to accept his contentions to spend the rest of his life among the Eskimos in Greenland, doing work such as Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, does for the fisher folk of that coast.

"There would be no other place in the world for me," Mr. Wake quotes Dr. Cook as having said.

Mr. Wake, who is still loyal to Dr. Cook, puts forward the remarkable theory that Dr. Cook did not present his "original records" for examination by the committee of the Copenhagen university at the same time that he offered through Secretary Lonsdale his 30,000 word analysis of the hypothetical trip to the pole because of an unfortunate conjunction of circumstances in London. This prevented Cook's secretary from connecting with the precious originals, even though they had been carried across the water by a person who was not shadowed by detectives.

This person, Mr. Wake said, was no less than Mrs. Cook, who insisted upon remaining in anonymity, and she sailed from New York on Dec. 4 with the original diary and original observations that her husband had written by the aid of a magnifying glass in the lonely igloo at Jones sound secure in her possession.

From the time that Cook had finished his exhaustive preparation of the Copenhagen data in the Gramatan inn until after he had sailed from New

FORT INDIGNANT

Governor's Son Denounces Snead Indictments.

SAYS WOMEN ARE INNOCENT.

Prosecution, He Declares, Has Been Pushed by Hysterical Authorities, Utterly Lacking In Chivalry and Decency.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—Franklin W. Fort, son of the governor of New Jersey and counsel for Miss Virginia Wardlaw, is indignant at the action of the grand jury of Essex county in indicting Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, Mrs. Mary W. Snead and Miss Wardlaw, the sisters accused of having to do with the death of Mrs. Osey W. M. Snead in East Orange.

The inquisitors returned two indictments, which consisted of nine counts, against the three. One indictment charged all three with having murdered Osey Snead by drowning her in the half filled bathtub in the East Orange cottage. In the same true bill the three women are charged as accessories. The second document holds all three as having abetted and aided Osey Snead in committing suicide.

Mr. Fort can hardly find words strong enough to characterize the action of the grand jury and the prosecuting authorities here. He says the charge of murder is utterly baseless, as Mrs. Snead was clearly a suicide, the prosecution's own expert, William J. Kinsley, having reported that the suicide notes are in her handwriting. Mr. Fort says the women are victims of persecution incited by the yellow press of New York city.

As counsel for Miss Wardlaw, Mr. Fort has sent an appeal to members of many prominent families in the south in the form of a circular letter in which he asks those who receive them to aid in helping his client to clear herself of the crime she is accused of. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir—Your name has been suggested to me as that of an old friend of Miss Wardlaw, formerly head of Soule college, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Whether you have been informed of the utterly and despicable groundless charge of murder made against Miss Wardlaw growing out of the suicide of her niece, Mrs. Osey Snead, on Monday, Nov. 29, I do not know. If not I can only inform you that the charge has been made without even a decent basis of suspicion and is ridiculously absurd in view of the known facts.

The charge is, however, being strongly pushed by the press and some of the public authorities, who have worked themselves into a hysterical condition unprecedented so far as I can recall, and the life and character of Miss Wardlaw, the utter lack of decency, chivalry and consideration for a defenseless woman which is being exhibited.

Every circumstance of her life, upon which her natural pride and reticence have refused information, has been treated as though it was the covering of a disgraceful scandal, and insinuation and brutal deduction have followed until a northerner such as I am is ashamed of the utter lack of decency, chivalry and consideration for a defenseless woman which is being exhibited.

May I ask you to add your tribute to the many beautiful letters I have received from those who have known, admired and loved Miss Wardlaw?

This letter is written, it is true, by Miss Wardlaw's counsel, but every statement made herein comes from a sincere and utter confidence in her innocence and loftiest admiration for her beautiful and wonderful character.

I have no doubt that those who have been favored and blessed with the friendship of Miss Wardlaw longer than I will welcome any chance to assist in vindicating a reputation which, if based upon character, should be of the highest.

The indictment charging the women with abetting and aiding a suicide is significant, inasmuch as it led to the belief that the prosecutor is without positive evidence as to how the bathtub victim met her fate. So far as the three women are concerned, it places some credence in the theory that Mrs. Osey Snead was driven to suicide by the treatment of her relatives.

The drawing up of the extra indictment in the case is looked upon as a precautionary move by Prosecutor Mott, who is desirous that no one of the three aged women shall have any loophole through which to escape responsibility for the mysterious death.

WESTERVELT GETS 15 YEARS.

State Accepts Plea of Second Degree Murder In Killing Wife.

SENATOR M'Laurin DEAD.

Falls Forward In Chair In Library of His Mississippi Home.

Brandon, Miss., Dec. 23.—While seated in an easy chair in his library at his home here United States Senator A. J. McLaurin fell forward and died. Physicians say death was due to heart failure. He had been ill as a result of eating fried oysters, which brought on protracted poisoning. Only a few minutes before his death he said he was feeling fine.

Anselm Joseph McLaurin was one of the most popular men in the United States senate. His good humor was constant, and his executive session stories were a cause of great joy to those who served with him. Senator McLaurin was born March 26, 1848, at Brandon, Miss. At the age of sixteen he joined the Confederate army and served throughout the war as a private. He began to practice law in 1868, was elected district attorney in 1871, went to the legislature in 1879 and became governor of Mississippi in 1895. In 1900, the year after his term as governor expired, he was elected to the United States senate. He was elected for another term of six years in 1907.

Mr. McLaurin was one of the most industrious members of the senate. He was a member of eleven committees and attended to his duties on all of them. In the last tariff debate his hobby was to put agricultural implements and mechanical instruments on the free list, and his persistence in offering appropriate amendments caused much amusement in the senate.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

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Money on call was 5 per cent; time money and mercantile paper unchanged in rates. Closing prices of stocks were: Amal. Copper... 85 1/2; Norfolk & West... 9 1/2; Atchafalaya... 13 1/2; Northwestern... 18 1/2; B. & O... 11 1/2; Penn. R. R... 15 1/2; Brooklyn R. T. E... 17 1/2; Ches. & Ohio... 24; Rock Island... 4 1/2; C. C. & St. L... 2 1/2; St. Paul... 18 1/2; D. & N... 15 1/2; Southern Pac... 13 1/2; Erie... 12 1/2; Southern Ry... 11 1/2; Gen. Electric... 15 1/2; Sugar... 17 1/2; Ill. Central... 14; Texas Pacific... 12 1/2; Int.-Mer... 14; Union Pacific... 23; Louis. & Nash... 15 1/2; U. S. Steel... 5 1/2; Manhattan... 18; U. S. Steel... 5 1/2; Missouri Pac... 11 1/2; U. S. Steel... 5 1/2; N. Y. Central... 15 1/2; West. Union... 7 1/2.