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State Department Takes Action Looking to Investigation of Case of Conductor Cook.

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American Embassy at City of Mexico Sharply Directed to Make Inquiry Into Case.

Washington, Dec. 27 .- Acting under the demands of labor unions, the state department has called upon the American embassy at Mexico City to inves tigate sharply the incarceration of Con-ductor James A. Cook, an American, arrested and imprisoned for alleged complicity in the robbery of freight trains on a Mexican railroad.

Cook has been imprisoned for some time without trial, and friends in this country requested the White House that he be given a trial or released on

that he be given a trial or released on bonds. In a case of the kind, the later alternative is never resorted to under Mexican law. The text of the note addressed to the embassy is not made public, although what purports to be a copy of the note was published in an afternoon paper today. State department officials de-clined to say whether it was authentic, but they acknowledged that the Ameri-can diplomatic representative in the Mexican capital had been instructed to begin an immediate and thorough in-vestigation of the matter and bring the request of the United States govern-ment to the attention of the Mexican officials.

ment to the attention of the Mexican "The department deplores the sensa-tional stories based on this act." said a high official of the department to-night. "The United States has taken steps to safeguard the rights of an American citizen because friends of that citizen believe these rights are not being recognized. "Personally, I know that the man in the case has not been imprisoned much longer, if as long, as many suspected persons under the same charge have been incarcerated in this country awaiting trial. It is entirely natural that friends of Cook should be anxious about him and should likewise exert every effort to have him brought to a speedy trial. The idea of an American





pictured as helpless and subjected to persecution, languishing in a foreign-fall, always will appeal to the tender hearted. It is altogether likely, how-ever, that the Mexican law is taking its course."

tis course." Cook, it is said here, was a member of the Brotherhood of Raliway Train-men before he went to Mexico to work on raliroads there. This organization is powerful and is closely allied with other raliway labor organizations equally powerful. These labor bodies have brought pressure to bear, not only on the White House and on the state department, but also on Congress. The delegation from Kansas, the state from which Cook halls, has taken up the matter.

delegation from Kansas, the state from which Cook halls, has taken up the matter. At present the exchanges between the United States and Mexico are pure-ly friendly and are being conducted through regular channels, with a com-plete recognition of the laws govern-ing the operation of rallways in Mexi-co. Not the slightest friction, officials of the department insist, has arlsen as a result of the interchange, and a satis-factory solution of the problem is a matter of a few hours or days. The delay in the matter of giving Cook a hearing is well known here. Under the Mexican law the conductor of a train which kills or maims a citi-zen, or is looted, is heid without ball until he can be heard and his case which corresponds with the American grand Jury. Cook was arrested last August and has been in prison since, all attempts to obtain his release on ball having been refused.

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AGED AND WEALTHY COUPLE MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED

Washington, Ind., Dec. 27.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ritter, both aged about 70, and wealthy, were found at their home in Elmore township late today.

at their home in Elmore township late today. Mrs. Ritter's body was discovered in the living room. Her clothes, with the exception of a light undergarment, had been torn from her, and there were marks on her neck that indicated that she had been strangled. Furniture was scattered about the room and the draw-ers of the dresser were rifled and the contents strewn over the floor. Ritter's body was found in a milk-house. It was in a stooping position, as if Ritter had been ill when he died. It is believed the crime was commit-ted Friday night, as there were no footprints in the snow about the Ritter home.

home. The Ritters, who were quite wealthy, were said to have kept considerable money in their house. While the officers have advanced the theory that the Ritters were mur-dered, there is some evidence to show that Ritter choked his wife to death and then took poison to end his own life. This theory is supported by the fact that Ritter was sick before he died.

HASKELL INDIAN SCHOOL TO BE OFFERED TO KANSAS

Lawrence, Kan., Dec. 27.—Haskell institute, valued at three-guarters of a million dollars, the second largest Indian school in the United States, is to be offered to the state of Kansas as a site for the establishment of a day trade school, according to an an-nouncement made by Superintendent H. B. Peairs today. Mr. Peairs, who has just been ap-pointed supervisor of Indian schools, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., said that he has discussed the mat-ter of giving the institution to the state with B. G. Valentine, United States commissioner of Indian af-fairs, had the latter official looked with favor upon the proposition. The Kansas legislature, it is said, will be asked to appropriate money for maintenance and not to allow white students to enter the institution with-out tuition.

CARNEGIE HAS BAD FALL AND HURTS KNEE

New York, Dec. 27.-Andrew Car-negle slipped on an icy spot when walk-ing around the reservoir in Central park today and suffered a pairful injury to his left knee. He was unable to be pres-ent at a dinner at his home tonight, which he gave to Gov. Hughes, President Butler of Columbia university and others; and he also was unable to attend a meeting of the American His-torical association and the American Economic association at Carnegie hall tonight. Economic association at Carnegie hall tonight. Mr. Carnegie was taking one of his usual constitutionals in the park when the accident occurred. He fell heavily on his knee and was unable to regain his feet. For several minutes he lay prostrate, as the walk was almost de-serted at the time. Finally a park em-ploye assisted him to an old tower A man who said he was a friend of Mr. Carnegle, but withheld his name, sum-moned a cabman. The two then made a pack saddle" with their hands, and Mr. Carnegle was carried to a cab and taken home. At the Carnegie home it was said that his condition was not serious, but that he had rémained in his room on the ad-vice of physicians.

reach the Christmas celebration of the little Baptist church, Yorkville. The attending physician at Yorkville says there is but slight chance of sav-ing the victim's feet. A pathetic feature of the minister's misfortune lies in the fact that he might have been saved great suffering had he not been turned away from the doors of a farmer's house at which he had applied for shelter and assistance after he had been exhausted in the deep snow and felt that he was freezing.

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SURPLUSAGE VITIATED THIS INDICTMENT

Chicago, Dec. 23.-Two superfluous words written in an indictment charg-ing forgery have freed William D. Til-den and Chauncey L. Graham from convictions secured against them two years ago in a decision of the state su-preme court that will serve as an ex-ample for years to come. Copies of the decision which were re-rectived in Chicago yesterday find the in-dictment valueless on account of the words "in substance" which were used in descirbing a copy of an alleged forged note. The supreme court held that the indictment must contain an ex-ast copy and that the words "in sub-stance" cast doubt on the accuracy of the case were not considered, but the indictment was declared valueless.

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FIVE WOMEN SNOWBOUND FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

New York, Dec. 28.—Five women pas-sengers and the motorman and con-ductor on a trolley car of the Long Is-land Traction company had the un-pleasant experience of being imprisoned for nearly 24 hours in a snow drift on Long Island during the storm. They were without food from early evening until late the next day. They were rescued by the police and sent to their homes last night. Fortunately the power remained on and the heaters kept the cars warm.

NAMED BOY FOR COOK.

New York, Dec. 28.—John H. Thirey, a New York philanthropist and edu-cator will ask the courts to permit the renaming of his youngest son who was born on Sept. 14, and named in honor of Dr. Frederick Cook. Since the re-jection of Cook's claim by the Uni-versity of Copenhagen. Thirey has de-cided that he wants the child to bear his father's name.

TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH. TWO MEN BURNED TO DEATH. St. Louis, Dec. 28.-J B. Jobe and George Cook of this city were burned to death in a fire that destroyed a farm house near Bush, Ill., 40 miles distant Christinas day. Their charred bodies were found in the ruins of the home of J. R. Hamby yesterday when the latter and his family returned from a holiday visit. It is believed the men entered the untenanted house and built a fire, fell asloep and died when the building burned. Mrs. Jobe received a telegram notify-ing her of her husband's death as she was reading a Christmas card from him, mailed the day of his death.

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MISSOURI'S OLDEST WOMAN.

MISSOURI'S OLDEST WOMAN. St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Catherine Cleary, Missouri's oldest woman, will celebrate her ninety-ninth birthday an-niversary New Year's day. She has drawn up a list of resolutions to com-memorate the event and among them is a vow to live until Ireland is free. She is in excellent health and swears she will never use glasses or consult a physician. Another of her vows is that she wills live to be at least 120 years old. She came to St. Louis 75 years ago from Tipperary.

Chicago, Dec. 28.-Rev. W. F. Bos-tick, a post graduate divinity student at the University of Chicago, probably will suffer the amputation of both feet as the result of his courageous effort to walk 12 miles through a driving snow-storm last Sunday night in order to

MAY LOSE BOTH FEET

REV. W. F. BOSTICK



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