

CAPTAIN LOOSE READY TO CONFESS

Secy. Osbon of the Arctic Club
Intimates He Will Repudiate
His Recent Affidavit.

MAN WAS OUT FOR THE MONEY

And Did Not Care How He Got it, He
Says He Heard Him Say—
Sensations Coming Sure.

New York, Dec. 16.—There was another little polar flurry in New York tonight, which boiled down, resolved itself into a series of charges and countercharges such as have been frequent since Dr. Frederick A. Cook, now in mysterious seclusion, announced he had discovered the north pole.

B. S. Osbon, secretary of the Arctic club, came out first with a statement indicating that Capt. August W. Loose was prepared to repudiate a recent affidavit published in a New York newspaper that he had faked records for Dr. Cook.

After a hurried search, Loose was found with his associate, George Dunkle. He denied that he intended to

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retract anything, stood by his affidavit, and said, on the other hand, that attempts had been made to bribe him into a contradiction of his previous declarations. Dunkle confirmed him in this.

WHAT OSBON HEARD.

"In the presence of witnesses," said Osbon, "I heard Loose say: 'I was out for the money and did not care how I got it.'"

Capt. Osbon does not believe that Loose's narrative, as supported by his affidavits, was a part of any plot to discredit Dr. Cook.

"The idea originated with Loose and Dunkle," says Capt. Osbon.

"They had for sale matter in this controversy so explosive that nobody dared handle it. When they found that out, they cast about for something else. Dunkle is the promoter, Loose the workman."

"Also Dunkle got most of the money. That's what Loose says, and now he is casting around to see where he stands. He's got a conscience, and it aches."

"I wrote these facts in a private letter to Capt. Bernier and others and their premature publication is a mistake and may spoil what would have been complete documentary proof of my assertion, sworn to before a notary."

Loose had an appointment today to sign a confession which has already been drawn up. He did not appear and now he has just 24 hours' grace. If he does not sign tomorrow the substance of the confession then will be printed from notes and conversations on which it is based.

Capt. Osbon was not at liberty to name the person who had obtained and drafted the confession. "A shop-employer of Loose and a man who has personal influence with him."

"How did this man prevail on Loose to confess?" was asked.

"Loose told Loose straight out," said the captain, "that Loose was playing checkers with his own nose."

Capt. Osbon does not deny that Dr. Cook and Loose had business dealings and that money passed between them. But he said:

"I know enough shipmates of the doctor who went into the antarctic with him to be sure the doctor needed nobody to fabricate observations for him. No doubt he set problems for Loose by which to check his own calculations."

Neither Loose nor Dunkle could be found tonight.

DUNKLE'S STATEMENT.

George Dunkle made the following statement tonight:

"Yesterday Capt. Loose showed me a copy of a letter he had received, inviting him to make a clean breast of it. I told him that he ought to remember that he had already made one affidavit and that any contradiction of

that affidavit over his signature would make him out a liar in one instance or the other.

"He told me that he had never made any verbal confession, and therefore, of course, he did not intend to make a written one, although he had been informed that there was \$4,000 on deposit that would be turned over to him the minute he put his signature to a confession."

Dunkle gave the name of the man who, he said, had made this offer to Capt. Loose.

Capt. Loose, in his statement, said: "I have refused an offer of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to repudiate my affidavit with regard to the observations I furnished Dr. Cook. The offer was first made to me verbally on Dec. 16. I refused. On Dec. 17 I received a letter from the person who made me the offer, asking me to come to his office. I paid no attention to it, and on Dec. 18 I received a second letter, urging that I come forward with the whole truth, and make a clean breast of it. To this, also, I paid no attention. I understand, however, that Capt. Osbon has seen copies of these letters. They are the only basis for his accusation."

Capt. Loose volunteered further details of his dealings with Dr. Cook which were not published in his first narrative. "The observations I made for Dr. Cook," said Capt. Loose, "were calculated on the basis that they were taken at 9 o'clock in the morning. I told the doctor to take these records and figure out from them what the observations would be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day."

"In that way, I explained, it would be necessary for the doctor to submit to the Copenhagen commission the actual records that I had faked for him. I did this that I might, as far as possible, lay at rest any suspicion Dr. Cook might have of me and any fear of his that I might have too great a hold on him."

"You can use the observations you make from mine," I told him, "and so you can repudiate any statement I might possibly make at some time in the future about having furnished you with your observations."

EXAMINATION OF COOK'S RECORDS WELL ADVANCED

Copenhagen, Dec. 16.—Although members of the committee investigating polar records of Dr. Frederick A. Cook are sworn to secrecy until a decision has been submitted to the university, it is understood the work is well advanced. Meetings are held daily.

The method of procedure indicates a most painstaking investigation. Dr. Cook's records and diaries are first read aloud. They are then submitted in sections to members of the committee, each writing a report.

A general discussion will be held at the conclusion of the sitting and a common report will be signed by the whole committee and finally sent to the university.

It was reported today that the representatives of the New York Times had received the sworn statements of Dunkle and Loose, but he denies this. The committee has expressed a willingness to investigate the statements if they arrive.

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The plan is to suggest an amendment to the general law prohibiting hazing that will make the action of the war department final when cadets are dismissed for infractions of the rules. A sub-committee will consider the cases now pending, as well as the question of submitting amendments to the general law.

SUICIDE OR MURDER?

New York, Dec. 17.—Abraham S. Johnson, 32 years old, an elevator operator, and Jennie Johnson, his wife, were found dead in bed in their room in East Thirtieth street late last night. Death had evidently occurred several days ago. The cause has not yet been ascertained, and for this reason the police are unable to say whether it is a case of suicide or murder.

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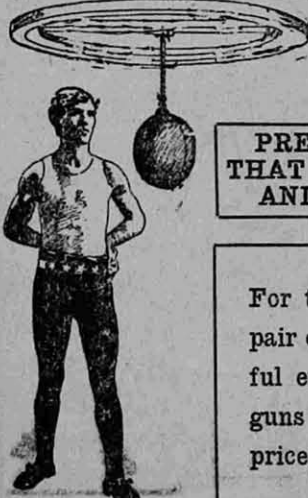
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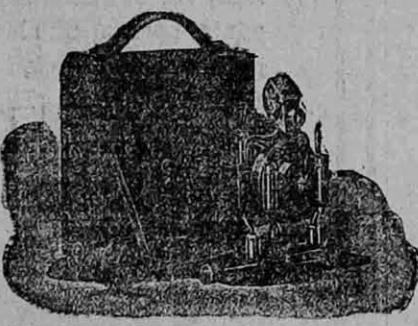
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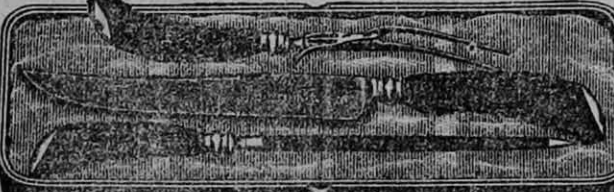
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