

LANDED RELIEF PARTY.

News from Bear's Expedition to Relieve Arctic Whalers.

On Account of the Ice Cape Nome Could Not Be Reached, and the Overland Party Was Started from Cape Vancouver.

The secretary of the treasury has received the following telegram dated Seattle, from Capt. Tuttle, commanding the Bear, which left Seattle on November 11, 1917, for the relief of the ice-bound whalers in the Arctic: "The Bear arrived at Unalaska at noon, December 9, coaled and watered ship and sailed for the north at 1:35 a. m. the 11th. Arrived off S. E. Cape St. Lawrence island at two p. m., 15th, where ice was met. At 6:40 a. m. December 14, ice was making rapidly. Cape Nome was 96 miles distant. Concluded the vessel would be frozen in long before the cape could be reached, therefore, turned and steamed southward for Cape Vancouver. The relief party, Lieuts. Jarvis and Berthoff, Dr. Call and Mr. Koltchikoff, with their outfits and mail, were landed on the 16th about five miles from the village of Tunnuk, Cape Vancouver. Lieut. Jarvis made arrangements with the trader of the village to guide and assist his party to St. Michael, which place the trader said could be reached in ten days, via Andreafski. On account of bad weather and running ice, the Bear could not remain to see the place started overland. Sailed from Cape Vancouver at 8:40 a. m., 17th. Called at the Seal island on the 20th and 21st insts. All well there. Arrived at Unalaska December 22. All well. The branded seals are returning to St. Paul island."

Capt. Shoemaker, chief of the revenue cutter service, said that owing to the advanced season of the year the Bear's landing of the overland expedition was effected at about the time and place anticipated by him, and that he feels that owing to the indomitable courage of the two officers who head this expedition, Jarvis and Berthoff, its success is practically assured. They probably reached St. Michael, he said, on December 26, a week thereafter they probably reached the Teller reindeer station on the north shore of Norton sound, and are now well on the road to Point Ilpe by way of Kotzebue sound on the Arctic shores of Alaska. From that point they will take the coast line route to Point Barrow, making such arrangements at stopping places on the route as may be possible for the care of the whalers, who may have left their ships.

HISTORIC LANDMARK GONE.

Gotham's Golden Hill Tavern of Revolutionary Fame Burned. There was a genuine feeling of sadness among New Yorkers when they heard the other morning that the old Golden Hill tavern had been destroyed by fire the night before, for the tavern was the oldest building in New York, and within its shadow was spilled the first blood for the cause of American independence.

Historic memories, innumerable crowded about the old weather-stained structure that had stood for over two centuries at 122 William street. It was there that Washington, La Fayette, Steuben, Putnam, Hamilton and Burr went to gather; it was there that a council of war was held just prior to the battle of Long Island; it was there that numerous secret meetings were held by the men who made for the first time of this first great republic.

CONVICTED AN INNOCENT MAN.

Confession of Frank Eggleston. A dispatch from Athens, a small town in northern Missouri, stated that Frank Eggleston, a former resident of that place, had made a confession, while in his cell, admitting that he was guilty of the crime of forgery committed at that place over 12 years ago and that Fred Blanchard, an intimate friend of his at that time, was arrested on the charge, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, where he served his term. Fred Blanchard was convicted at this place in 1887 of forging the name of his employer to a draft mainly on Eggleston's evidence, though he constantly asserted his innocence of the charge and claimed that some time the guilty party would be discovered. Upon his release from the penitentiary he went to Sioux City, where he now resides. At the time of the forgery Eggleston was a citizen of Osage, but soon after the trial he departed and his whereabouts were unknown until the other day.

Methodist Federation.

The joint commission on Methodist federation which recently met in Baltimore, recommends the use of a common catechism, hymn book, and order of public worship in the two churches. The official oversight of the Epworth league, a joint publication house for China and Japan, cooperative foreign missionary work, the discontinuance of rival churches in the same community, and the support of the American university at Washington by both churches.

Arts' Needs.

The green ants of Australia make nests by bending leaves together and uniting them with a kind of natural glue—hundreds having been seen on one drawing to the ground, while an equal number waited to receive, hold and fasten it.

She Paid the Penalty.

The author of "Sweet Marie" is said to have married the lady to whom the song was addressed.

PREFERS VALETS TO MAIDS.

Young American Woman at New York.

Most women would think they had reached the highest sum of human good when they had taken unto themselves a maid. But Miss L. B. Freeman, a young American woman, now staying at the Cambridge hotel in New York city, will have none of her. Instead she has brought to this country with her a man servant, whom she calls a courier valet, and who is part of her establishment in Paris, where she makes her home. The young fellow is a sturdy German boy, and is learning to speak English, and a being who can do more things than a juggler, and has more of the virtues of service than any article in the advertising placards of the elevated train.

"How did I come to have a man instead of the time-honored maid?" said Miss Freeman. "That is easy enough to tell—he is a better servant—men make better servants in the duties that this one has to meet than the best maids that ever were born. Why? Well, they—or rather, he—can buy my tickets, run my errands, announce my carriage at receptions, and see me to and from the theater at night. No maid could do all this."

MARRIED AFTER HOT PURSUIT.

Jilted Virginia Lover's Chase Unavailing Against His Ohio Hiv. Occupying rooms at the Elvost hotel in Kokomo, Ind., are a bridal couple who were happily united after brief but romantic acquaintance and a sensational pursuit by the bride's jilted lover. Judson W. Hughes, of Mansfield, O., superintendent of construction for the Autman-Taylor Manufacturing company, is the groom. The bride was Miss Florence Chapman, of Saltville, Va. They became acquainted last month in Saltville, Hughes having been sent there to place some machinery. Miss Chapman was to have been married in a few days to William Akers, but her affections were transferred to Mr. Hughes and an elopement was planned and carried into execution.

Mr. Akers learned of the plan and determined to checkmate it. The young couple rode 30 miles, pursued by Mr. Akers and some friends, and finally, after one of the pursuing party was shot and another disabled in a hand to hand encounter, the runaways arrived at Bristol, Tenn., and were married by Rev. Mr. Burroughs, a Baptist minister. On giving up the chase Mr. Akers swore he would follow the fugitives to the end of the world and kill his successful rival on sight. Mr. Hughes is not much disturbed by the threats and declares that he will do some shooting himself if the disappointed lover continues to make trouble.

PHOSPHATE MINES A MYTH.

New Yorkers Claim to Have Been Swindled in Mexico. Another bold swindle has been brought to light at Mexico City, Mexico, by which New York business men have lost \$21,000. Last autumn Frederick P. Graham, an American, claiming to be a half brother to the criminal lawyer, John Graham, of New York, and married to a grandniece of Sir Robert Peel, persuaded three or four New Yorkers to go into phosphate mining in the state of Oaxaca, reporting that very rich phosphate deposits were on the market, and that he (Graham) could secure them. Graham further reported that he had organized here a company known as the Mexican Phosphate Mineral company, and when the new partners were taken into the concern Graham was made treasurer and president. Recently two persons from the New York end came to investigate their property, which they had put up money for. They find there is no phosphate and that Graham has fled, taking all available money, which had been deposited to his order in the bank of the City of Puebla. The police are sure Graham is one of the gang who swindled Frank in Chicago.

MADE THE DATE FEBRUARY 29.

Queer Mistake in Invitations for the Royal Drawing-Room.

That the best-informed of people may sometimes be caught tripping is strongly evidenced in the fact that invitations to a total of over 2,000 for the first drawing-room of the present season, to be held by the princess of Wales in behalf of the queen, have been issued under date of February 29. Announcement of the proposed drawing-room was also officially gazetted in the official gazette. Starting with the lord chamberlain and ending with the engravers, the invitations were presumably issued by half a dozen officials. It does not appear to have occurred to a single one of them that there are only 28 days in the present month. The mistake has necessitated the issue of new invitations. At the clubs and in aristocratic circles the error is regarded as an exceedingly amusing one, and it is suggested that some of the officials concerned who are eligible bachelors must have imagined that this was leap year and governed themselves accordingly.

A Large Egg.

Setti Leonard, of Shutesbury, Mass., reports a specimen of hen fruit 9 1/4 inches the larger way and 6 1/2 the small, that he found recently in his hen-house.

What a Ton of Gold is Worth.

A ton of pure gold is worth \$602,789.21.

COMING TOBACCO STATE.

Results of Secretary Wilson's Study of Productions of Florida.

As Fine Tobacco Raised There as in Cuba—The Orange Industry Uncertain—Dairying Would Prove Profitable.

Secretary Wilson, of the agriculture department, has returned to Washington from a few weeks' visit to Florida, where he went at the suggestion of the president to study the productions of that country. In an interview concerning his observations there, the secretary spoke as follows: "The most striking development I found in Florida was the growth of the tobacco interest. Within the past few years 40,000 Cubans have come over from their native country, many of whom had been life-long tobacco growers and cigar makers, and who understand the art from the planting of the seed to the marketing of the cigar. The Cubans recognize the hummock lands of Florida as being very similar to that of the best tobacco land in Cuba. The American 'caught on' to the business very rapidly. The state statistics show that the Cubans sold last year 100,000,000 cigars, and the sales of tobacco in all its forms brought Cubans \$13,000,000. The United States still pays, to Cuba, Sumatra, Mexico and other countries \$17,000,000 for tobacco. This, the Floridian is reaching out for. Notwithstanding the people get 100,000,000 cigars annually from Florida, scarcely such a thing is to be found on the market as a Florida cigar. They all come north under the Havana name. I found very much the same condition of affairs in the north regarding the Florida cigar as I found in London regarding American butter. The consumer in London is well satisfied that the American butter is the finest that ever went on his table. The northern epicure, after smoking his cigar, will testify very readily that nothing equals his fine Havana. Then if you have evidence to prove that it was grown, cured and manufactured in Florida, you will convince him, but not otherwise. I made efforts to buy a box of Cuban cigars grown, cured and manufactured in Florida, but only in one instance was able to do so."

The secretary looked also into the orange industry, and expresses the belief that there is no tropical belt in Florida. Frost will come occasionally and injure the fruit, but he believed that protection might be had for the Florida orange, as it is sold very high compared with fruit from any other country. The pineapple industry was prospering, and was very profitable and the small fruit industry was quite important. The ribbon sugar cane, he thought, would also succeed in Florida whenever the culture of it was undertaken systematically. Mr. Wilson believed there were certain openings for industrial people in Florida. Jacksonville people had to pay ten cents a quart for their milk, and it would be a very fair speculation, he said, for northern people to take the cows there to furnish the milk at that price.

MOON'S SISTER DISCOVERED.

Dr. George Waltemath, of Germany, Gives Its Exact Location. The cuber of light in George Waltemath, of Hamburg, Germany, has discovered the long sought second satellite of the earth will be received with great interest by all astronomers. For centuries the idea that there might be a second moon attending the earth has been entertained by some astronomers. Various observations of circular spots seen crossing the surface of the sun and unknown luminous planets in the sky have been thought to lend probability to the theory that there is such a second moon attending our planet. Of the position of this planet Dr. Waltemath, in a statement in a local paper, says: "The following data will accurately describe and locate the new moon to all astronomers: Average period, 177.02563 days; sidereal period, 119.227434 days; daily movement, 3.0194393012 degrees; nearest the earth, April 3, at noon, Greenwich time; farthest from the earth, February 3, at 6:22 hours; diameter, 700 kilometers (91.4 miles); volume, 1-123 of the large moon; mass, (about) 1-80 of the large moon."

ATE THE FAMILY HORSE.

Singular Case of Dementia Discovered in an Indian Town. Truancy Officer Cunningham ran into a singular case of dementia at Kokomo, Ind., the other day while on his rounds hunting up school children. In the extreme suburbs was found a family entirely without food and furniture. A short time ago they killed the family horse, skinned it and ate the meat. The discovery of the horse eating was made by a physician who was called to treat the children for flux, caused by eating the meat. The family refused to inform the trustee or charity organizations of their condition.

Boston Public Works.

The Boston subway work is nearly completed. According to present prospects the total cost of improvement will fall considerably within the engineer's estimates. The total cost of the subway to date is \$1,043,313.17, the original estimate being \$5,000,000. A tunnel under the harbor to East Boston is again being discussed, at an estimate of \$2,400,000.

Horseshes for Chicken Feed.

Petaluma, Cal., has a horse abattoir, the product of which is used for chicken feed.

Bulletin Financier.

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COMPTOIR D'ECHANGES (CLEARING-HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

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