WORLD'S NEWS CONDENSED

A report from Labrador, states that Commander Peary and Capt. Bartlett also have settled on an expedition to the south pole. They have on board the Roosevelt, furs, sledges and other equipment necessary for such an expedition.

During the year of 1908, it is safely presumed from the nearest figures obtainable there was enough coffee drunk in the Uuited States alone to fill a cistern twenty miles long, one mile wide and two miles deep. Of the 78,000,000 people of the United States 84 per cent are coffee drinkers.

England's pride, stirred to its depths by the discovery of the North Pole by Americans, has taken material form and within a few hours from the time Captain Robert Scott, of the discovery expedition, announced that he would find the South Pole if $200,000 be subscribed to equip the expedition, the money had been found.

An alliance of American millions and Europeon royalty, was consummated Wednesday in the little Catholic church of Gingwall, Scotland. The bride was Miss Anita Stewart of New York, who several years ago came into possession of an immense fortune through the death of her stepfather, James Henry Smith. The bridegroom was Prince Miguel of Braganza, eldest son of the Duke of Braganza, pretender to the throne of Portugal.

An important archaeological discovery was announced in Mexico City, Friday, by Prof. Ramon Mena, who headed a government expedition to Utumba, in the state of Mexico, and has uncovered a buried city of great antiquity. A pyramid similar to that uncovered at San Juan de Teotihacan has been exposed. The pyramid is 60 feet in height and measures 200 feet squase at the base. The remains indicate that the city was built and occupied in the time of the Toltecs.

That peonage to the extent of slavery in its worst form exists in the Republic of Mexico and is fostered by the Mexican government officials is one of the sensational charges made in an article, the first of a series beginning in the current number of the American Magazine. The article outlines the slave system which, it is claimed, is existing on the Hennequin plantations in Yucatan, where it is charged five hundred Yaqui Indians are sold into slavery monthly. A tale of horrible cruelties is graphically portrayed.

Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, died at Rochester, that State, early Tuesday morning, following an operation for appendicitis performed last week. In his death the entire nation mourns, for he was undoubtedly one of the leading Democrats of the nation, and the most prominent candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1912. His tremendous influence with the people is amply demonstrated by the fact that he has twice been elected Governor in the solid Republican State of Minnesota.

Writing to The London Daily Mail, a correspondent who has spent several years in India, says of the cure there for snake bites: "It may interest you to know that common malt vinegar—the trade article—has been used in India for some years past as a certain cure for snake bite. The bite of the cobra is cured by it, and in every village all over the country the head man is now supplied with a bottle of it by the government. The method of application is to make a cut between the wound and the heart, about one inch long and one-fourth of an inch deep, close the bite, and to rub the vinegar into it with a sponge or piece of cotton rag."

A hundred brief words, weighted each with approximate y $1,000,000, and containing in their entirety the last testament of E. H. Harriman, make his widow, Mary Averell Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world. It is perhaps the briefest will on record for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All his property is left to Mrs. Harriman. Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between $75,000,000 and $100,000,000. Mr. Harriman's private fortune is supposed to have been greater than this by many millions, but there is reason to believe that his unmarried daughters, Mary and Carol, his married daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingstone Gerry, and his two sons, William Averell and Roland, a boy of fourteen, together with his surviving sister, Mrs. Simons, and other relatives, have all been substantially provided for in gifts out of hand and trust funds set aside by Mr. Harriman during his life time.

Glenn Curtiss flew this week at Frankfort, Germany and won a prize of $10,000 offered for making the trip in shortest time. He will return to New York Sept. 28th in order to fly at the Hndson-Fulton celebration and afterwards at St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis.

The largest grape vine in the world is 120 years old, and is at San Gabriel, Cal., planted by Franciscan friars. The stalk is 1 1-2 feet in diameter, 8 feet high, and the branches and foliage cover an area of 5,000 square feet. Its average crop of grapes is 2 1-2 tons yearly.

Natives arriving at Nairobi, British East Africa from the Roosevelt camp in Koma province reports that the ex-President has killed another huge bull elephant. Kermit brought down five lions and three buffalo. Colonel Roosevelt is now devoting more time to taking notes of African conditions rather than pursuing the hunt. He now has specimens of practically every African animal.

A surgical operation recently performed at Indianapolis, which resulted in making a bad little boy good, is to be duplicated at the City Hospital in St. Louis with hope of making Cyrus Eaton honest. Eaton is 30 years old and married. He sustained a fracture of the skull several years ago and the depressed bones are resting on the part of the brain governing his moral sensibilities. By raising the bones it is believed Eaton's kelptomania will be removed. Eaton never showed a disposition to do wrong untill he was hurt. The injury came from falling from a horse.

"I have come from the pole. I have brought my story and my data with me. I have not come home to enter into arguments with one man or with fifty men, but I am here to present a clear record of a piece of work over which I have a right to display a certain amount of pride. I am willing to abide by the final verdict of competent judges. That alone can satisfy me and the public. Futhermore, not only will my record be before you in black and white, but I will also bring to America human witnesses to prove that I have been to the pole." Such is the substance of the first message Dr. Frederick A. Cook gave in person to America, Tuesday, as he stepped upon his native soil, answering his critics the world over.

The Canadian government checkmated Commander Robert E. Peary and involuntarily aided Dr. Cook in the North Pole controversy. It developed that the real reason of Lieutenant Peary's stay in Battle Harbor was the hope that Dr. Cook would reach New York and be interviewed at length while Peary was silent. Then, with the knowledge of all that Dr. Cook had said, Peary would be prepared to make out his cases. The Canadian government, however, sent eighteen newspaper men to Battle Harbor on the cable ship Tyr and interviewed Peary. They interviewed Peary. The interview developed the fact that Peary bases his claim that Dr. Cook did not reach the Pole chiefly on the fact that Harry Whitney hid not tell Peary of Cook's claim and that Cook's equipment was very meager when he reached Annotok camp.

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Though our product has depreciated in price, fertilizers, crate material and other supplies have increased in price.

Regarding market conditions this last season, I believe that the market condition was caused largely by speculators and buyers among the commission men who are organized. With the prospects of a large crop the speculator saw that gluts and overcrowded markets were sure to take place and by being at the markets that were overcrowded, were able to buy fruit at a very small figure and ship to markets that were not crowded at a fine profit to themselves. Frequently the speculator would make $200.00 per car by this way of dealing.

It has been claimed that distributors frequently make a sale of fruit and returns made to the grower show no profit to the grower and only the usual commission or brokerage taken out but the firm to whom the sale is made reships the car to another market at a decided advance in price and then the rake off is divided among themselves, and the grower pays, by not being in a position to inform himself of what is going on. Very pessimistic isn't it, being absolutely at the mercy of commission men?

But the grower realizes that ruin is staring him in the face and that something must be done, and something is being done.

You ask if the association is "doing us any good" by that, you of course refer to the East Coast Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association.

Since the 22nd of July our membership has increased to over 500 members. The objects of this association is to help us decrease our expenses by obtaining relief from the railroads in a decrease of rates. There is what we think, an unjust discrimination in rates by the Florida East Coast railway by their carrying foreign pines from Cuba through our fields at a much lower rate than they give us.

The association can also go in the market and help us buy crate material and supplies at a much lower figure, as no agents will have to be sent out to solicit the growers' business.

The business of one grower paying $2.00 per day for ordinary labor that his neighbor is paying $1.50 for, is another method of reducing not only his expence but trouble, for often a grower finds his former help working in some other grower's field at an increase of wages. If a laborer knows I am paying $2.00 per day and is only getting $1.50 he can readily find some way to get the boss to discharge him, and then get employment from the man paying $2.00 and the grower cheerfully pays the $2.00 because he does not know what the others are paying. The East Coast Association intends to affiliate with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Growers Protective Association, a state association, and can levy an assessment of one and a half cents per crate or 50 cents per acre to help support the Protective Association.

The Protective Association has already succeeded in having rates reduced to northern and western markets, a reduction of from four and one half cents to fifteen cents per crate. At an average saving of five cents per crate I have saved owing to that reduction, about $200.00 this last season.

The Protective Association also saved what tariff we had and by their influence increased it two cents per crate on foreign pines when everything apparently was in favor of the Cuban duty being removed entirely. The growers of the entire East Coast contributed only about $150.00 to the support of the Protective Association. I contributed $10.00 and saved $190.00.

What these associations will do for us is going to be a big help but it does not spell Salvation.

There is another association in the State that is going to be the Moses to lead us out of the Wilderness and it is going to be our savior.

If I did not have full faith in the Florida Citrus Exchange I would not plant another pineapple, neither would I fertilize what I already have planted, so after all you see I am an Optimist.

The Florida Citrus Exchange offers a plan that is without a flaw. It offers a plan that California has had in operation for sixteen years and it has brought the California growers from poverty to wealth. It has given orange groves a standard of value in that State and the grower is absolutely assurred of a profit on his fruit over a living. In Florida, groves have no standahd value, neither have the pineapple plantations, but as soon as it is demonstrated that the Exchange is on the right track in the way of co-operation, values will be fixed.

The past week I have been in Tampa, and have interviewed every one whom I could get to talk about the system, till I have a working knowledge of the plan and am now busy at work getting the growers in line to market their crops through the Exchange. There is not a shadow of doubt that 80 per cent. of the pineapple growers will market their crops this coming season by this method.

I have not talked to a man who is not heartily in favor of the plan and he will back me up to the extent of his ability. Union packing houses, uniform pack and grade, distribution, salaried salesmen and managers under bonds, proper distribution at cost.

Information daily through bulletins from the Central Exchange, showing every sale, price, condition of fruit on arrival, claims, etc., and prompt returns to the grower through the local Association, makes us wonder why we have deen dumb and blind so long.

You need not stay up there in the ice and snow this winter, come on down just the same, our climate will keep your feet warm and the association will save us, rest assurred of that.

The Florida East Coast railway company is not owned by a set of crazy men nor of fools; they know our predicament and I believe as well as my neighbors that they already have something up their sleeve to help us out, that they are ready and willing to cooperate with us to the fullest extent in putting our business on a solid footing again.

They are only waiting the psychological moment and the East Coast association has already asked the officials to appoint a time, and rest assured the railroad officials are as eager for a meeting as are the growers.

Now that we are organized and know what we want I think the railroad will meet us more than half way.

The next few weeks will tell the tale; there are a few careful, cautious diplomatic heads on this committee to meet the officials and something will be accomplished to help save an industry that means the upbuilding of the Florida East Coast.

Regarding the canning industry, the railroads can make it entirely a paying business if they will and I think they will.

As far as advertising is concerned it is a bit early to talk about that but the growers of pineapples are almost solidly former business men, and after one years success through the Citrus Exchange, I believe that our growers will contribute an amount of money for advertising that will make the Hawaiian growers sick.

If I have not answered all your questions satisfactorily, come back again at me. Trusting you will look upon the proposed Florida deal favorably and trust to the Exchange to bring us Salvation in the disposal of our fruit, and the associations to so formulate data to influence the railroads to help us, and to our own good sense,

I remain, Sincerely yours,
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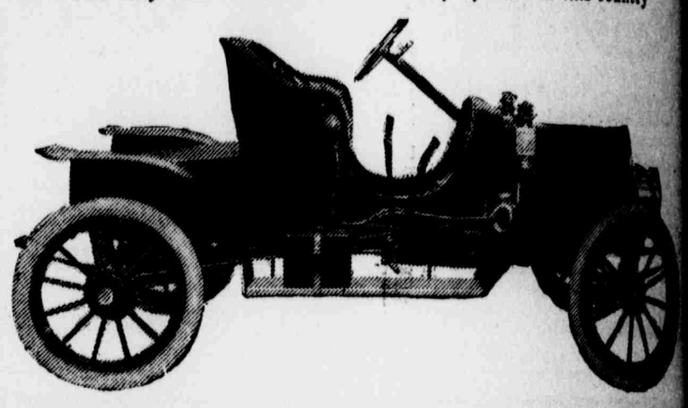

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