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Congressman Hawley has done something of merit by refusing to take the recent lands grant conference seriously.

George Carrothers, responsible for the Charley Chaplin pictures appearing in this and other newspapers, fell out of a window in Chicago Monday and was killed. His death will be a relief to many and a misfortune to others.

The murder of Hooker, the escaped convict, may be excusable, tho many doubt it, as he was a bad one and his captors feared to take chances, but the treatment he received after being mortally wounded was brutal.

NEW LAND IN ARCTIC REGIONS

Stefansson, Thought to Be Lost, Announces Discovery.

THE resourcefulness of Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the American explorer, who headed the Canadian government expedition to the arctic, has filled the world with wonder. Considered a lost man and given up by most of those interested in the expedition, he recently was able to announce to the world the discovery of new land in the Beaufort sea. His means of communication was a little power schooner, the Ruby, which, after trying for two years to get through the ice to Herschel Island, finally accomplished its object, which was to land supplies for the Hudson Bay company. Stefansson and his two companions had made their way southward to Herschel Island after discovering new land in the north. This may be a section of the arctic continent which many scientists believe to exist. To establish this theory is one of the main objects of the Canadian expedition.

It will be recalled that Stefansson's main ship, the Karluk, was crushed by the ice after Stefansson and some of his party had left the ship and that the survivors of the ship's party were finally rescued from Wrangell Island. Eight of the ship's party disappeared while on the way to Wrangell Island and in all probability perished. Three of the party died on Wrangell Island before the rescue was accomplished.

Stefansson and two companions left Herschel Island with a dog team, provisions and ammunition on March 22, 1914. From that time up to the other day no news was received from him, and he and his companions were believed to have been lost. Many rescue



Photo by American Press Association.
VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON.

expeditions have been made for him, but they all returned to civilization without news of the explorer.

Stefansson related to Captain S. E. Cottle, the skipper of the Ruby, his adventures for the year and a half in which he had been lost to the civilized world.

Stefansson told him that when he and his two companions left Martin point, on Herschel Island, on March 22, 1914, they traveled northward over the ice three months. When their provisions began to run low they decided to return to the mainland at a place near which the Mary E. Sachs, a power boat and one of the vessels of the expedition reported as lost in November, 1913, was wintering. There they took on a fresh supply of provisions and started again, this time going north and west.

"It was then that they discovered new land. He described it as a continental shelf several degrees west of Banks Land," Captain Cottle said.

Stefansson and his companions followed this land southward and determined its southern limits.

"He told me that he was unable to explore the country northward or westward at that time and was forced to turn back for more provisions," said Captain Cottle.

Stefansson and his two companions during this trip managed to stay on the ice for seven months before they had to turn back.

With less than half rations for his men and with his dogs almost starving, the explorer made his way back to Banks Land, which is without human habitation, and to Bailey Island, where whaling vessels frequently call. At Bailey Island he found Captain Louis Lane in his power schooner, the Polar Bear.

"Stefansson was anxious to get in touch with the southern end of his expedition and to supply himself with the necessary food and equipment to enable him to continue his exploration work in the region where he had found new land," Cottle said. "He chartered the Polar Bear and started northward in the hope of succeeding in this undertaking, but owing to the lateness of the season he was obliged to turn back and again head for Herschel Island."

"Stefansson was making all his preparations to continue his exploration work where he had stopped it," Captain Cottle continued. "He had bought the Polar Bear from Captain Lane and a small power boat, the Gladiator, which was in the coastwise trade, and was fully equipping them to make the trip back to Banks Land."

REMARKABLE CAREER OF BARON READING

Lord Chief Justice and England's Premier Financier.

Baron Reading, formerly Sir Rufus Isaacs, lord chief justice of England, heads that country's mission for arranging a huge war loan for the allies. Of the leading financiers of England and France appointed to arrange the loan the most remarkable personality is that of Baron Reading, and he has had a most remarkable career.

The son of a London Jewish family, he has mounted to a position never before held by a Jew. He made a false start in life by running away to sea and so greatly disappointing his family, with whom for some time he was in disgrace. Soon tiring of the sea, he



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BARON READING.

attempted stockbroking and at twenty-six years of age was officially declared a bankrupt, and the pathway of finance was closed to him. He then

studied law and quickly rose to a high place in that profession. He soon became a master of intricate figures and details, a characteristic which has distinguished him ever since. As an advocate and cross examiner he became famous.

In 1898 he became queen's counsel and was recognized as the actual leader of the English bar. Honors fell on him thick and fast. After serving in parliament he was made solicitor general in 1900, and the following year he became attorney general and was knighted. He was also made a member of the cabinet, the first attorney general in the history of England to be so honored. In October, 1913, Sir Rufus became lord chief justice of England and Baron Reading. And because since the beginning of the war he has been the government's chief adviser in fiscal matters, being regarded as the ablest financier in the service of the crown, he was placed at the head of the mission sent to New York to arrange if possible a credit of a billion dollars. Thus he was entrusted by England with the task of putting through the most stupendous monetary deal in all her history.

SIRES AND SONS.

General Von Hindenburg is a great chess player.

Dr. Joseph Ledy is leading a movement for military instruction in Philadelphia public schools.

General Roger A. Pryor, ex-justice of the supreme court and a leading figure in the Confederacy, recently celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday in New York city.

George D. Pratt, whom Governor Whitman selected to supervise the conservation of the natural resources of New York state, is a very wealthy man who has made a study of forest preservation and wild animal life.

Sir Clements Robert Markham, explorer, traveler, archaeologist, who introduced the cultivation of the quinine yielding cinchona trees from Peru into British India, an act of incalculable value to the world at large, is now eighty-five years of age.

Max Bruch, the German composer, who, on his seventieth birthday in 1908, declared, "I shall write no more, for the source of my inspiration has dried up," has just completed, in his seventy-eighth year, a new work, a concerto for two pianos and an orchestra. It is the only composition of this kind which has ever emanated from his pen.

What a fine opportunity the old pirates of the Atlantic missed in not waiting for these modern gold ships!

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