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Costly Curios Gathered by His
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SOUVENIR OF THE ARCTICS

Captain John Backlund of Schooner
Volante Brings Real Kyak For Native
Boy at Tacoma—Whalebone Shafts
For Roosevelt.

SEATTLE, Oct. 11.—From the icy
retreats of the Arctic circle a tribute to
the friendship of the nation's chief ex-
ecutive in the shape of two costly shafts
of polished whalebone reached Seattle
on the schooner Volante, in charge of
Captain John Backlund. The shafts
come from C. H. Hawsworth, a boyhood
friend of President Roosevelt. Aside
from the distinction of being the most
northerly curios ever sent the president,
they are of such a character, and around
each is entwined such weird legends that
it is probable they will occupy a unique
position in his collection.

Mr. Hawsworth secured the whalebone
shafts from the old-fashioned grave of
an Eskimo chief. The grave in keep-
ing with ancient custom, stands several
feet above the stretch of ice and snow
near Point Barrow. Mingled with the
bones of the dead chief the whalebone
shafts were found, turned to a deep
brown from years of burial and the
action of storms. Mr. Hawsworth se-
cured the relics for a few yards of
bright calico cloth. He then employed
an expert scraper and polisher to work
the shafts into presentable shape.

When burnished and carved the shafts
were sewed into canvas bags. Haw-
sworth then turned the presents over to
Captain Backlund, with the parting in-
junction to guard them until they
could be entrusted to a reliable expres-

company. Captain Backlund, whose
home is in Fremont, brings some other
interesting curios from the land of the
Eskimos. As he watched one of his sail-
ors pile \$3500 worth of whalebone on
a truck at Pier 6 yesterday he exhibited
several ivory implements and wild ani-
mal skins of enormous value.

"This," said Captain Backlund, exhib-
iting a watch chain carved from ivory,
"took two months of hard work. The
Eskimo who wrought it from a solid
piece of ivory used to sit for hours pol-
ishing and whittling. Throughout the
Arctic day of six months the workman
often slept as he sat. Awakening to his
task, he would take a mouthful of seal
blubber and renew his polishing and
carving. Hours at a stretch the stolid
fellow labored. It took him many
months to finish the chain, and then I
bought it for a small sack of sugar. I
tried hard to find a silver-tip fox, but
this species is fast disappearing.

"A feature of Eskimo life which has
been inaugurated by the missionaries
is the Christian burial of Eskimo. No
longer are the bodies raised above ice
and snow, according to the ancient cus-
tom. All are now interred.

"This Kyak, or canoe, of sealskin,"
continued Captain Backlund, "has an in-
teresting story behind it. The kyak
will be shipped to Tacoma, where an
Eskimo boy may paddle in it to his
hearts content upon the waters of Puget
sound. Away up north this little fellow
who is now down here for an education,
was born 14 years ago. His father and
mother wrote to him as often as slug-
gish mails allow. Each letter from the
little fellow brought a plea for a
kyak. He would not entrust himself
to the supposed perils of canoe or row-
boat. He wanted a kyak. So with in-
finite pains the father and mother con-
structed one. I should like to see the
little fellow's face when his kyak ar-
rives.

"These two white foxes," resumed
Captain Backlund, "were captured at
Point Hope. They are three months old.
They will be shipped to John Hackman
and Hans Konag, who live on a farm
near Tacoma."

Captain Backlund's personal collection
of curios secured on the trip is price-
less. Fantastically carved ivory buttons,
each having a history; petrified mas-
todon teeth, crude native implements of
material which can not now be found
in the Arctic regions, and an experience
of a lifetime were brought from the
frozen Arctic by Captain Backlund.

CITRUS CROP LARGEST EVER.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 11.—Accord-
ing to estimates prepared by the Santa
Fe Railroad Company, Southern Califor-
nia will this year harvest the largest
citrus fruit crop in the history of the
industry. Early estimates of the crop
prize the figures at 31,000 cars, of which
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QUEEN OF THE SEAS

Lusitania Accorded Ovation by
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STORY OF HOW TRICK WAS DONE

Each Fireman Gets Bottle of Beer and
Next Day They Break All Records
by Shoveling the Bloomin' British
Coal into the Bunkahs.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—All New York
welcomed the record breaking Lusitania
as she swung into her dock bearing the
title of Queen of the Seas, wrested from
her German rivals. Three hundred and
twenty-three firemen under orders to
work to their limit, fed the furnaces
with between 950 and 1000 tons of pick-
ed British navy Welsh coal each day,
in order that this result might be ob-
tained.

On Tuesday night the officers gave
each fireman a bottle of ale in apprecia-
tion of their efforts.

Next day the Lusitania broke all rec-
ords by reeling off 617 knots and made
an hourly record of 24.76 knots.

JAMES WHALEY SELLS FARM.

He Intends to Move to Seattle in Short
Time.

PLAZA, Wash., Oct. 11.—Mrs. Newell
Patterson has purchased 240 acres and
the improvements from James Whaley
for \$12,000, \$50 an acre. Mr. Whaley is
to move to Seattle soon. Also W. E.
Dickey, who is now occupying the place,
is selling out his effects and will move
his family to Seattle, where he will
engage in the drug business. Messrs. O.
and H. Wills have rented the O. B. Gal-
laway place here of 240 acres and are
moving on it. This fine weather enables
the threshers to make a dry cleanup of
their season's work, which is very nearly
done. More than half of the outfits have
moved to their homes, having finished
for this year, and those outfits that con-
tinue in the business are running short-
handed owing to the scarcity of labor.

BROOM CORN IS A SUCCESS.

Portland Firm Has Started a Factory
at Gardena.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 11.—
What is thought to be the first attempt
to raise broomcorn in the Walla Walla
district has been a success this season,
and the product will be worked up into
brooms within a very few days. The
broomcorn was raised at Gardena, an
irrigated district about 15 miles from
this city which was opened up nearly
two years ago.

The product is of an exceptionally
good quality and makes the best com-
mercial brooms manufactured in the
west. Early last spring a Portland firm
experimented with the article. After a
sufficient growth part of the product
was taken to Portland and made into
brooms, with the result the company has
purchased a small manufacturing plant
and installed it at Gardena and will
turn out several hundred brooms this
year. Several hundred acres will be
planted by the company and land own-
ers next year and a larger factory will
be installed.

MUCH WHEAT IS COMING IN.

FAIRCHILD, Wash., Oct. 11.—Grain
has been coming into the warehouses in
Fairchild so rapidly that the warehouses
are becoming congested. The Centennial
Company of Spokane, of which D. C.
Saylor is the manager, has been com-
pelled to build a platform adjoining
the warehouse as a temporary shelter
for the grain. A good idea of the amount
of grain that is being handled daily at
this point can be had when it is known
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