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Rear Admiral Converse Presents Report Showing Needs of American Navy.

ment for battleships, which Converse regards as the mainstay of any navy. He says:

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"To wage successful warfare with a naval force requires now, as it has required in all ages, a type of vessel which shall combine in the most effective manner the qualities of offense, mobility, defense, endurance, self-maintensnee. Such vessels are battleships and they constitute the main strength and reliance of a navy."

## TRAPPER FINDS LAST MESSAGE FROM HEMING

(Journal Special Service.)
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Nov. 24.—Worn
to a shadow by the want of food and
trayel, William Shepherd, an old trapper,
arrived from the north today by dog
train. He bore a message which he
found in an Indian caphe in the arctic
circle.

found in an Indian carrier.

While hunting polar bear he came upon a cache in a log hut, supposed to have been built by Indians. In the cache he found a piece of birch bark. Close scrutiny revealed the fact that it bore faint scratches, which had apparently been made with a highly colored herb.

On it were these words: "Food is finished; our suffering terrible. We have expect to again reach."

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The rest is unreadable and is supposed to have been the last words of some dying explorer. The suggestion is made that it may be the last words of Arthur Heming, the "Outing" explorer, who periabed in the porth, as it was found near where he was known to have been.

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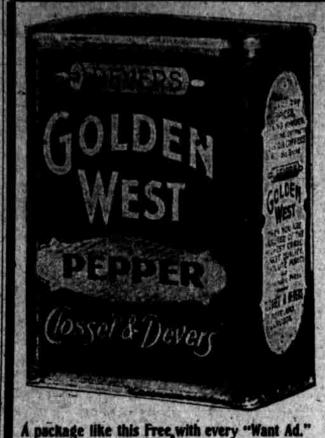
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