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WHALING SHIPS SEEK EXPLORER

Search For Stefansson In Arctic Vigorously Continued.

FROZEN IN TWO YEARS AGO

Secretary McConnell Thinks His Chief, Who Is a Dead Shot, Can Kill Game Enough For Many Months—Explorer Had With Him More Than 400 Pounds of Ammunition.

New York.—With the second anniversary of the freezing in of the Kariuk, Vilhjalmur Stefansson's exploring ship, and the end of a year and several months since Stefansson himself was seen last by men who afterward returned to civilization survivors of the expedition and the friends of Stefansson are hanging to a slender thread of hope that he may have been rescued or that his rescue may soon be effected when two whaling ships go to Wrangel Island, north of Siberia, in the hope of finding that he and his companions have reached land there.

One of these ships is the Belvedere, commanded by Olaf Swenson, who on Sept. 7, 1914, reached Wrangel Island on the power boat King and Winge and rescued sixteen members of the party under Captain Bartlett. Captain Lane of the Polar Bear, another whaler, also will make Wrangel Island shortly when ice conditions are most favorable and will seek the explorer.

Stefansson and five members of his party left Martin Point, on the north coast of Alaska, on March 22, 1914, on

he will have to stay near spots where the hunting is good, unless he eventually finds himself carried by the drift to a point close enough to land to make a dash for it.

"Stefansson had with him 400 rounds of ammunition. He is a dead shot. On one of his previous explorations he supported himself and two companions for a year on the game which he killed with sixty-two cartridges. I have never seen him miss his mark with a rifle.

"There is plenty of game in the country where he now is—seals, polar bears and foxes. The polar bears live on seal and stay where they are plentiful, and the foxes live on the carcasses left behind by the bears, so that all three are found together. It is not necessary to waste ammunition on foxes, which can be trapped and killed in other ways. Stefansson in all his expeditions has lived largely on game.

"If he reaches land in the unexplored region the party may live on the land indefinitely. The 400 rounds of ammunition are enough, I should say, to keep the party in meat for about two years."

STEEL TRAIN CARRIED RECORD CARGO OF GOLD

Forty Armed Men Guarded Fifty Millions.

New York.—A special train carrying \$50,000,000 in treasure, one-third in gold and two-thirds in securities, which had been shipped by the Bank of England from London via Halifax to this city, arrived at the terminal of the American Express company at Thirty-third street and Tenth avenue in seven steel cars garrisoned by forty armed men.

The treasure crossed the Atlantic in a battle cruiser accompanied by a flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers.

The gold, which is worth about \$20,000,000, weighs approximately seventy-five tons. The cost of shipping it to this country, in the upkeep of the naval forces, in the elaborate guard maintained on its railway journey and in loss of interest is said to amount to about \$170,000.

When the armed train left Halifax it was preceded by a pilot engine for the purpose of testing bridges and trestles and to frustrate any attempt to wreck the treasure cars by dynamite. This precaution was suggested by the exploit of Werner Horn, the German reservist, who attempted to blow up the St. Croix River International bridge on Feb. 2 to stop shipments of munitions for the allies from this country to Canada over the Canadian Pacific railroad.

News of the arrival of the greatest cargo of treasure ever carried by a single ship did not get out of Halifax because of the rigor of the British censorship. It was learned, however, that before the treasure had been landed one day's delay ensued, for the reason that Admiral Beatty had orders to deliver the shipment directly to the American Express company, which had no offices of its own in Halifax and was represented there by the Dominion Express company. Admiral Beatty cabled back for instructions and was ordered to make the delivery to the Dominion Express company.

In this case one day's delay means a cost of thousands of dollars. The interest on the valuable shipment at 5 per cent would be \$2,730 a day, which was lost. The cost of keeping the fleet on the errand for an extra day and the expense of maintaining the express company's train and guard was also a heavy one.

BUG IN TAILOR'S EAR.

Glycerin With Carbolic Acid Routes Invader.

Spokane, Wash.—The removal of an insect was asked for by H. Cook, a tailor, who went to the Emergency hospital holding his left ear a few days ago.

The bug entered at an open window while Cook rode in a street car and gave him much pain.

Two drops of glycerin containing 5 per cent carbolic acid was dropped into the ear by Steward A. H. Woodruff. Bugs have an antipathy for this solution, according to the experience of the steward in the tropics. As the second drop disappeared the bug stuck its green head forth cautiously and was grabbed by the steward.

BRYAN DEALS WITH ARABIC

Questions the Patriotism of Those Who Travel in Danger Zone.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, tonight gave out a signed statement here, in part as follows:

"I have read the editorial opinions concerning the sinking of the Arabic, as those opinions were reproduced in the papers, but they seem to me to avoid the most important question. The real question is not whether American citizens have, under international law, a right to travel through the danger zone on the ships of belligerent nations. That is admitted.

"The question just now is whether an American citizen should put his convenience, or even his rights, above his nation's welfare. If American citizens refuse to consider their own safety or the safety of the nation, then a second question arises, whether the government should permit a few persons to drag the country into this unparalleled war."

PROVE PELLAGRA'S CAUSE.

Due to Excess of Starchy Food, Federal Expert Says.

Savannah, Ga.—Dr. Joseph Goldberger, in charge of pellagra research work for the public health service, announced that experiments conducted at the Georgia and Mississippi state sanitariums have confirmed the theory that pellagra is caused by eating too much starchy food.

According to Dr. Goldberger, experiments have proved the theory conclusively. He added that it had been determined that the disease was not contagious.

"While pellagra is more prevalent in the south than in the north, there is just as much a possibility of the reverse," said Dr. Goldberger, "except for the fact that northern people eat more meat and other nonstarch foods than do the people of the south."

NON-SKID BANANA PEEL.

Burbank Crossed the Ordinary Fruit With a Cactus Pear.

San Francisco.—We have with us today the "nonskid" banana peel.

So announces Frederick Boegel of the Burbank experiment farm, near Hayward, Cal., who says he has produced a banana with a coat like sandpaper. He explains that the new fruit was obtained by crossing the ordinary banana with the cactus pear. Boegel says that the new fruit has the usual delicious taste of banana, and the skin may be dropped upon the sidewalk with perfect safety to pedestrians.

TEXAS MENACED BY NEW "DOPE" WEED

Causes Much of Recent Crime Along the Border.

Terlingua, Tex.—It is stated by the peace authorities on the Texas side of the Rio Grande that enormous quantities of the weed marihuana are being imported into this state from Mexico and that no inconsiderable amount of the crime that is being constantly committed by Mexicans of the lower class in the border region is directly traceable to the consumption of the leaves of this poisonous plant.

In El Paso the devotees of the seductive marihuana fumes are so numerous and such a menace to the law and order that an ordinance was recently passed by the city council making it "unlawful to sell or give away or to have in possession any mari-



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VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON.

an expedition into the unexplored region north of Alaska. On April 7, when the party was at the point known since as Camp Separation, Stefansson sent back his secretary, Burt M. McConnell, and two other members of the party, Crawford and Johansen. He took with him Storkensen and Anderson, two of the hardest and most experienced men in the party; six of the best dogs, a sled and a load of more than 900 pounds.

Stefansson expected to return the way he came, or if that appeared unfeasible to go east to Banks Island, McConnell and the others were sent back to have a boat sent to Banks Island if Stefansson and the others did not return to the north coast of the North American continent. On Stefansson's failure to return to the mainland two whaling captains were sent to Banks Island, but there was no trace of Stefansson or his party there. The whalers brought back word that the ice had broken up earlier than usual and that Stefansson, if he sought to reach Banks Island, had been prevented by open water.

"I believe that Stefansson's resourcefulness would enable him and his companions to live on the ice for two and a half or three years," said McConnell at his home in this city. "The difficulty which he would face in trying to escape from the ice to the mainland to Wrangel or Banks Island lies in the fact that his sled will carry only food enough to support the party for a short distance. On this account

HIMES CASE HEARD BY COURT.

The injunction suit of Voth vs. Polk county, et al, to prevent delivery of county warrants for certain services rendered by the Himes Engineering company, was argued before Circuit Judge Belt on a demurrer to the complaint, raising the question as to whether the plaintiff had legal capacity to bring suit in his own name. It is contended by counsel for the defense that the suit should have been brought under the name of Mr. Canfield, county surveyor. Attorneys for the plaintiff and defendants have submitted written briefs on the question of the demurrer and the court rendered its decision yesterday, overruling the demurrer. The case will be tried on its merits.

It is to be understood that this decision does not settle the question on its merits, as the case is not yet at issue on question of facts.—Observer.

PASTOR SLAIN

Gary, Ind., Aug. 25.—Rev. Edmund Kaiser, Pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran church, was slain last night after he had publicly denounced the allies.

The body was found lying among some bushes near Kaiser's home. Cords had been twisted about the neck and wrists and there were bullets in the neck and shoulder.

That Rev. Mr. Kaiser had received death threats because of his recent pro-German utterances was revealed today, when Chief Heintz said he had asked permission to carry a revolver for his own protection.

Detectives declared today it was apparent the pastor had been attacked and murdered in his own home and then dragged out into the bushes. They have no clue to the identity of the slayers.