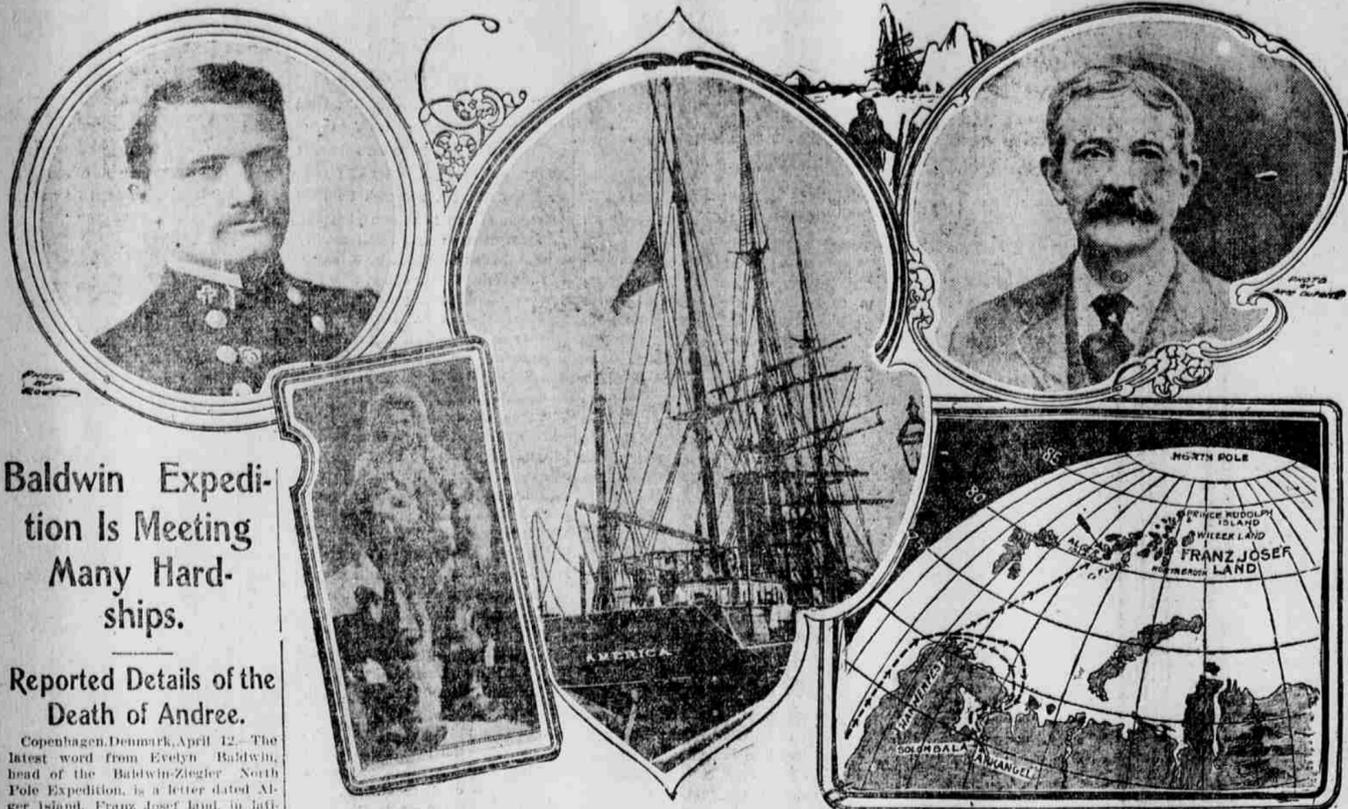


# Braving the Dangers of the Far North In Search For the Pole



## Baldwin Expedition Is Meeting Many Hardships.

### Reported Details of the Death of Andree.

Copenhagen, Denmark, April 12.—The latest word from Evelyn Baldwin, head of the Baldwin-Ziegler North Pole Expedition, is a letter dated Alger Island, Franz Josef land, in latitude 80 degrees 21 minutes north. The explorer says that the expedition party on the America was severely tried on the voyage, but that all were well, and he was about to start north with sledges to establish depots twenty miles apart, when small balloons containing news of his progress would be sent up.

The expedition left Tromsø, Norway, July 16, on the steamers America and Belgica.

The America intended to winter at Franz Josef land, and then proceed northward until stopped by the ice, when those on board of her were to start toward the North Pole. Mr.

Chief Figures in the Baldwin-Ziegler Expedition, the Expedition's Vessel and Map of the Route to Date.

The picture in the extreme left is a portrait of Explorer Baldwin. Next to it is a photograph of Mr. Baldwin in Arctic dress. In the center is shown the bark-rigged steamer America, the vessel of the Baldwin-Ziegler Expedition. The portrait on the extreme right is of Mr. Ziegler, the leader of the scientific expedition. Beneath this photograph is a map showing Explorer Baldwin's exact position and the route to date.

on file in the office of the Head Commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company, C. C. Chipman. These letters came hundreds of miles overland from Fort Churchill, the most northerly post of the company, and were written by Ashton Alston, the factor. While Mr. Chipman refuses to give them in detail, the following is an account of the events.

Half years ago, an Eskimo who had been hunting in northern regions of the Arctic Circle, who had heard neither of these pictures or descriptions, and did not even know what a balloon was, arrived at the post with his furs and a strange story.

"Away up beyond the barren lands he had met a band of Arctic

whites had travelled had struck the ground, and he attempted to locate it, but failed.

That was all the Eskimo could tell, and as the man had previously known nothing of the balloon, as he had been away from Fort Churchill in the wilderness, much evidence was given to his story. He was provided with supplies and offered many things as a reward if he succeeded in getting further information. He at once started for the wilderness to locate the scene of the tragedy.

It was away two years and returned late last fall, having been unsuccessful in locating the hostile tribes, but with the story that they had migrated northwest, leaving the white men's relics among various small tribes. These included guns, knives and strange instruments unknown to them. The Eskimo held stoutly to his story although closely questioned. Alston said he could not but believe him.



Andree's Balloon.

Baldwin hoped to reach 83 degrees north. The Baldwin-Ziegler expedition is probably the best equipped of any that ever started for the North Pole.

William Ziegler, a New York millionaire, is the financial backer. Mr. Baldwin, who has been on other expeditions, is also a New Yorker.

Mr. Ziegler purchased and fitted out three steamers—the Belgica, 110 feet long, of Antarctic exploration fame, which distributed supplies last summer along the east coast of Greenland for the sustenance of the expedition on the return from the pole; the flagship America, a full-rigged whaling vessel of 400 tons, which is wintering in Franz Josef land, and the Prithvir, of 200 tons, which carried Mr. Baldwin to Franz Josef land in 1908.

Mr. Ziegler maintains that the honor of the discovery of the North Pole should belong to an American, and Mr. Baldwin on sailing desired to be named to reach the Pole on sledges in time to unfurl the Stars and Stripes there July 4, 1902.

It was this balloon, so runs the strange story from Winnipeg—that the wild "huskies" of the far north saw, and thought a gigantic air canoe. These wild men saw it alight, and when the explorer and his two companions fired their rifles, the "huskies" took it as a sign of hostility, and shot the inflated adventurers with their arrows.

Following the instructions of the head officials of the company here to look out for Andree, Alston sent out his hunters pictures of the balloon with descriptions in the Indian and Eskimo dialects. About two and a

"Huskies," the wild natives who know only of white men from stories of wandering hunters from the south. They are savage as the terrible cannibal aborigines of the Equator. They saw the tobacco that the Eskimo had with him and told him where he could get more.

"They described something having the appearance of their largest boats floating in the air not far from the earth, and said they had followed it for many miles until it settled down on the trackless plains of snow cakes. Much frightened, they kept away from it, until they saw three white men, strangely dressed, get out from it and fire of their guns.

"Thinking this was for hostile intent, the natives gathered in large numbers and started an attack with their arrows. The huskie bow is a short, stout bone and horn affair, and shoots an arrow with frightful velocity, and the men are adept with the weapons. The three white men were killed in the twinkling of an eye, and the "huskies" investigated their strange air boat.

"They found rifles, and cartridges, knives, some cooking utensils and other articles, to which they helped themselves and showed to the Southerner. They described to him the place where the strange machine in which the

As a rule they are perfectly peaceable, and are not disposed to make unprovoked attacks, not only because it is not their habit to do so, but because they dread the penalty that is meted out to those who molest white men in the outlying regions.

At the same time they would not hesitate to meet with hostility, and the salute, or whatever it might have been that the men who came through the air fired as they left their air balloon, would have been regarded as an attack, as these people could not conceive of anybody wasting ammunition by firing without a mark, as in the ice deserts ammunition is more precious than food even, and a single cartridge represents a small fortune. It is probable that Andree and his two companions, seeing the Eskimos with their weapons in their hands, fired a volley in the air to convey to the natives that they were armed, and prepared to fight if need be, and that the volley had exactly the opposite effect from what was intended.

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In connection with the reported hardships of the Baldwin expedition, is the news of the reported death of Andree. Accurate details of Andree's death, it is claimed, are given in letters, now

accurate substance of what they contain.

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