

### UNDER SIXTY FEET OF ICE

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In the year 1806 an English scientific society fitted out what was known as the Cherry Island expedition. It was purely in the interest of natural history. Certain fish and birds which had become extinct in the south were still to be found up there, according to the reports of whalers, and that was the object in fitting out the brig Albatross for a voyage from London. Aside from a strong handed crew, three professors and four or five students accompanied the expedition, and after a voyage almost without event we reached Cherry Island soon after the beginning of its brief summer.

The island, which is of volcanic origin, is a mere jumble of rocks. It is eleven miles long by five in breadth and at the time of our visit had no trees higher than ten feet. These grow between bowlders and on the slopes, with patches of coarse grass all about, but there was not a level spot half an acre in extent on the whole island. We had been on the island about thirty days and had pretty thoroughly explored it when Professor Saunders and my humble self met with an accident one day which led to a most strange discovery. We had set off together on a hunt after birds' eggs, and in walking along a slope we struck a spot overgrown with a short green weed. As we walked over this bed we suddenly found ourselves slipping. There was water under it, and the whole mass gave way and sent us sliding into a ravine. We went slipping, sliding, clutching and bumping a full fifty feet before we brought up, but neither of us was hurt beyond a few bruises. Owing to the wet grass we could not clamber out at that spot and so continued on down the ravine.

It was a toilsome journey we made, but it ended at last at a wall of ice within half a mile of the surf. At that point the depth of the ravine was about a hundred feet, and though the sun was shining above, it was like evening down there. A few yards before we were brought to a standstill we found the body of a man lying against the wall of a rock on the right hand side and ten feet above our heads. It was caught and held fast on a point of rock. We were both a good deal startled by the grewsome sight.

"At some time or other," said the professor as he looked about, "this ravine had been a creek of considerable size flowing down to the sea. This man came up the creek from the beach, but we now find a wall of ice blocking it up. There should be a boat frozen up in the wall between us and the sea."

We had nothing to make a torch of, and retracing our steps to a point where we could climb out of the ravine, we left the mystery to be solved another day. There was much discussion around the campfires that evening, and early next morning we set out to see if the ravine had once upon a time opened to the sea. We soon found that it had. Its mouth had been on a small bay, but a storm had filled it with bowlders and dammed back the waters flowing down. Between the sea and the spot where we found the body of the man was a wall of ice from fifty to seventy feet thick. If the sun melted it for a few feet in the summer the rains and snows of winter speedily replaced what had been lost. We found this ice as clear as glass and as hard as iron, but powder was brought from the brig and holes were drilled, and in a couple of days we had blasted out a great rift to half its depth.

Everybody had a suspicion of what was frozen in down there, but yet the discovery gave us a shock. When but thirty feet of ice lay between us and the bottom of the ravine we could see through it well enough to make out the hull of a ship standing on an even keel. It was the hull of a brig, with masts gone, but otherwise intact. We could even make out the ropes, which had been frozen stiff as iron while they streamed along her decks, but there were no bodies of dead men in sight. To blast out the remaining depths of ice and clear the ravine was a task requiring more aid than we could spare and more powder than we had aboard.

Years before, perhaps half a century, a merchant vessel had made that little bay in distress. Wave and tide had carried her up the creek, and wave and tide had blocked her exit. If one of the crew got away up to the ravine, why not all of them? And yet no other body or remains were to be found on the island. This man, who may have been the captain, probably started out by himself to see if there was a chance of escape, but in making his way up the ravine he perished of cold and hunger. There was scarce a hope for the others. If they left the hulk they were forced to return to it for shelter and food. There came a day when food and fuel were exhausted, when avalanches of snow covered the decks and the cold of winter froze the marrow of their bones, and they hid away in forecabin and cabin and died with open eyes staring into the darkness. Upon our return to London the case was reported and made much of in the papers, but no government or individual has ever gone farther than we did. A hulk lies there full of dead men—a hulk which sniled the waters of the frozen seas half a century ago—and there it will lie until time is no more and chaos reigns again. It might be blasted out, but of what use? The solving of one mystery of the sea more or less would count for but little.

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#### RUSSIA AND THE WORLD WAR.

Little surprise will be exhibited because of the czar's finally declining to allow neutrals to distribute relief among the prison camps of eastern Siberia, at the same time refusing to permit an inspection of those camps by neutral diplomats. This is part of

the historic policy of Russia. The rise of Muscovy from the condition of a lowly principality to the position of the world's greatest continuous empire has been on this foundation of aloofness.

In the present war Russia is, as ever, an opportunist. Russia has little

occasion to love either France or England, but at present is content to love Germany a little less. At all events, the concern of Russia for either England or France is not likely to go very far beyond the point where they may be serviceable in the furtherance of the Russian dream of world domination. With Germany defeated and France and England seriously weakened, if not actually exhausted at the close of the present struggle, Russia will be the better enabled to take another step forward in that game which is being played in terms of centuries rather than of years.

The economic aspect of the problem that will have to be faced on termination of hostilities is fairly well forecasted; the political phase of the question is certain to be colored by the attitude of Russia, and Russia continues to hold aloof.—Omaha Bee.

#### Curried Codfish.

Take the remains of any codfish, three ounces of butter, one onion, sliced; a teaspoonful of white stock, thickening of butter and flour, one tablespoonful of curry powder, one-quarter of a pint of cream, salt and cayenne to taste. Flake the fish and fry to a nice brown color with the butter and onions; put in a stewpan, add the stock and thickening and simmer for ten minutes. Stir the curry powder into the cream and put it, with the seasoning, into the other ingredients. Let it come to the boil and serve.

It is possible for a school declamation contest to be run off successfully, even if none of the speakers recites "Bingen on the Rhine," or "Curfew shall not ring to-night."

#### IOWA PRESS COMMENT

"Who said that Iowa's old fashioned winters, with lots of cold weather and lots of snow, were things of the past?" asks the Cedar Rapids Gazette.

The Webster City Freeman-Tribune thinks a legislature composed of fifty members of the house and twenty-five of the senate could materially expedite the transaction of business and that no interests would suffer under the new arrangement.

"It is apparent that the Iowa legislature does not propose to neglect the liquor question," remarks the Manson Journal.

"The Thirty-sixth general assembly of the state is worthy of the confidence of the people who made it through the instrumentality of their votes," insists the Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

The Manson Democrat warns the democratic party of Iowa that "prohibition ruined the republican party in Iowa when that party espoused it."

"Whether or not Governor Clarke is able to substantiate his charges of 'graft' in connection with the legisla-

ture, he has done well in pointing out certain leaks and extravagances that may as well be stopped," in the opinion of the Storm Lake Vidette.

"If Iowa ever is to have a just tax system there must be a state tax commission to see that the tax laws are adequately administered," declares the Grand Junction Globe.

"When any member of the general assembly votes himself out of a job there will be an assortment of elephants roosting in trees," predicts the Ackley World.

The Clinton Herald suggests that the "mock patriots" who put up their money for that Iowa building at San Francisco with so much "hornblowing" do be allowed "to make good on their alleged generosity."

The Iowa City Citizen deprecates the tendency of certain legislators toward "hasty legislation" as reflected in the plans to repeal the new law providing for the election of county superintendents of schools by township boards of education instead of by the people. The Citizen thinks the law should be given a fair trial.

"The most facile kicker in the state senate" is the Carroll Herald's characterization of Senator Doran, of Boone county.

The Burlington Gazette remarks that if Judge Wade is made a federal judge and Ed T. Meredith succeeds him as national committeeman, Iowa will continue to be capably represented on the committee.

"Iowa's failure to be adequately represented at the San Francisco exposition would raise many embarrassing questions," says the Des Moines Capital.

The Burlington Gazette regards as "one of the best bills introduced in the Iowa legislature for years" a measure providing for the free transportation of crippled children to the state hospital at Iowa City for necessary operations at the joint expense of county and state.

"That the legislature should pass some sort of law that will take the defiance out of the autist, who deliberately breaks all speed laws and kills as he does it, is the opinion of the Marshalltown Times-Republican.

The Dubuque Times-Journal wishes Representative Green luck in his efforts to legalize boxing bouts, but it doubts if he can convince our interior

statesmen that boxing is not akin to murder instead of a harmless pastime.

The only solution of the liquor problem, as the Marion Register sees it, is to prohibit the manufacture and the importation of intoxicants.

The Waterloo Times-Tribune not only favors narrowing country highways from sixty-five feet to fifty feet, but bids forty feet of improved highway to be sufficient.

"Why doesn't some bright legislator introduce a bill to eliminate the word 'graft' from the dictionary?" inquires the Des Moines Tribune.

"When the people come to realize that a good legislator need not necessarily introduce a dozen or more bills at each session, then will legislators stop passing 'freak bills,'" asserts the Algona Upper Des Moines Republican.

The Creighton-Advertiser recommends economy in the matter of an

appropriation for an Iowa exhibit at San Francisco and thinks all that will be necessary will be to provide "a building that will serve as a meeting place for Iowa people."

The Council Bluffs Nonpareil says the Thirty-sixth general assembly is made up of good men—that the membership average never was better in an Iowa assembly and that the general effect of its work is going to be helpful to the state.

That the legislature abandon the role of carping critic and meet the governor in a spirit of mutual co-operation in removing abuses is the advice of the Des Moines Capital.

The Charter Oak Times favors an amendment to the workmen's compensation law that will provide for state insurance. It says no one objects to furnishing protection for the working men, but that employers do object to providing "pickings" for the insurance companies.

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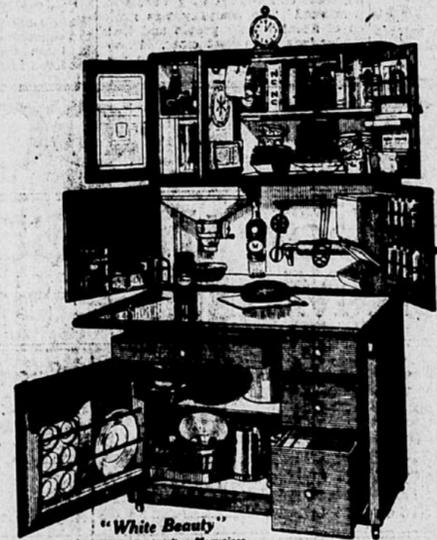
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