

DR. NANSEN'S STORY

Record of His Daring Expedition Into the Unknown Arctic Regions.

Temperature 69 Degs. Below Zero, With Mercury Frozen for Weeks.

Previous Theory of a Shallow Polar Basin Upset by His Discoveries.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The story in detail by the explorer himself of Dr. Nansen's Arctic expedition and the adventures of his party, together with the scientific results obtained, first of which is his success in penetrating to the highest latitude, hitherto untrod by the foot of man, namely 86 degs. 14 mins. north, are given to the world by The Chronicle. Dr. Nansen says:

The Fram left Jugor strait Aug. 4, 1893. We had to force our way through much ice along the Siberian coast. We discovered an island in the Kara sea and a great number of islands along the coast of Cape Cheljuskin. We passed the new Siberian islands Sept. 22. We made fast to a floe in lat. 78 degs. 7 mins. north and in long. 133 degs. 37 mins. east. We then allowed the ship to be closed in by the ice.

Drifted Gradually North.
As anticipated, we were gradually drifted northward during the autumn and winter from the constantly exposed and violent pressures but the Fram surpassed our expectations, being superior to any strain. The temperature fell rapidly and was constantly low, with little variation, for the whole winter. During weeks the mercury was frozen. The lowest temperature was 69 degs. below zero.

The sea was up to 90 fathoms deep south of 79 degs. north, where the depth suddenly increased and was from 1,600 to 1,900 fathoms north of that latitude. This will necessarily upset all previous theories based on a shallow polar basin.

We saw no land and no open water, except narrow cracks in any direction. As anticipated, our drift northward was most rapid during the winter and spring, while the northerly winds drifted us backward during the summer. On June 18, 1894, we were 81 degs. 52 mins. north, and on Christmas eve, 1894, lat. 83 degs. 24 mins. north was reached, the furthest north latitude previously reached by man.

Nansen Leaves the Fram.
As I now, with certainty, anticipated that the Fram could soon reach her highest latitude north of Franz Josef land, and that she would not easily fail to carry out the programme of the expedition, namely, to cross the unknown polar basin, I decided to leave the ship in order to explore the sea north of her route. Lieutenant Johansen volunteered to join me. Our purpose was to explore the sea to the north and reach the highest latitude possible, and then to go to Spitzbergen via Franz Josef land, where we felt certain to find a ship. We had 28 dogs, two sledges and two kayaks for possible open water. On March 22 we were at 85 degs., 10 mins., north. Although the dogs were less enduring than we hoped still they were tolerably good. The ice now became rougher and the drift contrary. On March 25 we had only reached 85 degs., 19 mins. north, and on March 29, 85 degs., 30 mins.

Decides to Turn Back.
On April 3 we were at 85 degs. 50 mins. north, constantly hoping to meet some other ice. On April 4, we reached 86 degs. 3 mins. north but the ice became rougher until on April 7 it got so bad that I considered it unwise to continue our march in the northerly direction. We were then at 86 degs. 14 mins. north. We saw no sign of land in any direction. In fact the floe of ice seemed to move so freely before the wind, that there could not have been anything in the way of land to stop it for a long distance. We were now drifting rapidly northward. On April 8, we began our march towards Franz Josef land. The provisions were rapidly decreasing and the dogs were killed one after the other to feed the rest. The condition of the ice was such that progress was slow, and after a trip of great hardship, on Aug. 28, we reached 81.13 north and 56 east and decided to remain for the winter. On June 12 of the following year we met the steamer Windward and were taken aboard.

Thinks the Fram Is Safe.
CHRISTIANA, Aug. 15.—The Aftenposten learns that Dr. Nansen has no misgivings as to the fate of the Fram. He has the fullest confidence that her captain, Sverdrup, who proved himself most capable, is en route to Franz Josef land. Dr. Nansen had a narrow escape with his life when a walrus attacked and smashed his kayak.

Foresters Elect Officers.
RED WING, Minn., Aug. 15.—The high court of Minnesota, Independent Order of Foresters, elected the following officers: High chief ranger, J. C. O'Keefe, Minneapolis; high vice chief ranger, F. C. Irwin, Belle Plaine; high secretary, A. H. O'Neill, St. Paul; high treasurer, E. N. Young, Minneapolis; high physician, Dr. F. W. Dimmitt, Red Wing; high counselor, T. J. McDermott, St. Paul. The next meeting is to be held in Winona. The membership of the state is 2,400, a gain over last year of 700.

Killed by a Premature Blast.
MILWAUKEE, Aug. 15.—A special to The Wisconsin from Ishpeming, Mich., says: John Meana and John Kumplo were killed by a premature blast in Lake Superior Section 16 mine.

A Receiver Named.
DULUTH, Aug. 15.—M. D. Kenyon has applied to the district court for the appointment of a receiver for the Security bank, and on motion of Attorney General Childs, A. R. McFarlane was named. He gave bonds to the amount of \$375,000.

Spoiled Superior's Crops.
WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Aug. 15.—The severest hailstorm of the season struck this place at 9 a. m., doing considerable damage to plate glass windows and demolishing the wheat and grain crops in the southern part of Douglas county. A number of horses tied along Tower avenue became frightened and ran away, causing much damage.

To Provide More Revenue.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 15.—Governor Turney has called an extra session of the legislature to meet Sept. 7, for the purpose of providing against a threatened treasury deficit, the new assessment laws and decreased tax rates having failed to provide sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the state or pay interest on bonds.

Hon. Hans B. Warner Seriously Ill.
ELLSWORTH, Wis., Aug. 15.—Early Monday morning Hon. Hans B. Warner, at present president of the state board of control, was taken ill with inflammation of the bowels and stomach, and at this writing is very dangerously ill, the chances of his recovery being very doubtful.

Michigan Gold Democrats.
LANSING, Mich., Aug. 15.—The provisional state committee of gold standard Democrats in conference here have issued an invitation for a mass convention in this city Aug. 26 to nominate presidential electors and state officers and 28 delegates to the Indianapolis convention.

Bryan to Speak in Ohio.
CLEVELAND, Aug. 15.—L. E. Holden, the Ohio member of the Democratic notification committee, sent a telegram from New York to The Plain Dealer announcing that Mr. Bryan would speak in this city on Aug. 31.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.
NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.
L. C. Moore, a colored messenger in the treasury department at Washington, has resigned his position, assigning as the cause his refusal to serve under a Democrat who bolted the ticket.

POLITICAL NEWS.
Senator Quay says he is not a candidate for re-election.
Maine Democrats put up two state tickets, gold men bolting.
Jerry Simpson has been nominated for congress again in Kansas.
John J. Ingalls has opened his campaign for the Kansas senatorship.
Kansas Populists and Democrats have fused, the Democrats taking the electors.
Alabama Populists charge Democrats with gross frauds in the recent election.
Hon. Richard P. Bland was nominated for congress by acclamation at Jefferson City.
Captain J. T. Hull was renominated for congress from the Des Moines district.
Mayor Pingree was nominated governor of Michigan by the Republican convention.
Governor McKinley's formal speech of acceptance will probably be issued before Sept. 1.
Joseph H. Eagle of Houston, has been nominated for congress by the First Texas district Populists.
John Lind has been named as the fusion (Democrat-Populist) candidate for governor of Minnesota.
The Union Veterans' Patriotic league has issued an address to comrades urging them to vote for McKinley.
H. A. Cooper was renominated for congress in the first Wisconsin district and John J. Jenkins in the Tenth.
Chicago is to have a new free silver daily with W. R. Hearst of the San Francisco examiner as financial backer.
Wisconsin Republicans nominated Major Edward Scofield for governor and renominated the balance of the state ticket.
The Democratic convention of the First Maine congressional district nominated E. U. Staples for congress. He will have Thomas B. Reed as an opponent.

The national committee of gold Democrats named the party the National Democratic party. The convention will be held in Indianapolis, Sept. 2, and nominate a ticket.
Judge McConnell of Fargo has announced himself as a candidate for the United States judgeship for the district of North Dakota, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Thomas.
Ex-President Harrison has accepted an invitation to deliver an address in New York city on the issues of the campaign. He will speak at a McKinley ratification meeting to be held some time before Aug. 25.

FINANCE AND TRADE.
Ice was selling last week at Fayetteville, Ark., at \$40 a ton.
The hot winds in Southern Kansas have done much damage to corn.
The harvest in England this year has rarely been exceeded either in quantity or quality.
A hailstorm in Northern North Dakota destroyed the entire wheat crop in some sections.
Grain elevators in West Superior are closing, the result of the change in Wisconsin inspection.
Failures for the week were 240 in the United States against 225 last year, and 32 in Canada against 43 last year.
The Norrie mine, at Ironwood, Mich., has completely closed down, and will not resume operations until the 500,000 tons already on the surface is sold.
The new Soo lock has been formally opened. It is the largest in the world, and its completion one of the greatest engineering feats in the history of the country.

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