

## BRINGS TO MUSEUM WALRUS SPECIMENS

**Bruce Thorne, Chicago Hunter,  
Returns from Far North  
With Several**

Bruce Thorne, young Chicago hunter, who with George Coe Graves II, of New York, led the Thorne-Graves-Field Museum Arctic Expedition during the past summer, has just returned to the city, bringing to Field Museum of Natural History seven fine specimens of walrus to be used in a proposed elaborate habitat group at the museum. In addition to the walruses, he brought six polar bears, and several other animals.

Mr. Thorne and Mr. Graves sailed from Seattle last June to Anchorage, Alaska, whence they traveled by airplane over the base of Mt. McKinley, and then along the Yukon and across other mountains to Nome. At Nome they boarded the "Dorothy," large auxiliary power schooner which they had chartered, and sailed northwest through Bering Straits into the Arctic Ocean, after stops at King and Diomed Islands. They were accompanied by a crew of eight men, John Jonas an expert taxidermist, and two Eskimo assistants picked up from the settlement on Diomed Island.

### Hunt Walrus

After two days' sailing in the Arctic due north of the Siberian coast they sighted their first walruses, hundreds of them, piled in heaps floating on ice cakes of various sizes. During 10 days' hunting, they obtained several specimens especially selected for the suitability to the museum's purposes. Extremely heavy ice imperilled their ship one day during this time, keeping the crew busy to save the vessel's propeller and rudder from being destroyed by the ice which crushed in upon them from all sides. Finally the ice slackened, and the schooner plowed its way into open water.

On July 13, heavy ice was again encountered, and this time a huge cake crashed into and broke the rudder stock. A jury rudder was rigged up, and the vessel made her way to Nome, where, striking a heavy storm, she was taken in tow by the U. S. coast guard cutter "Northland," and brought to Teller. After a week lost

there, repairs were completed, and the "Dorothy" returned to the Arctic again.

### Loaded on Ship

The rest of the seven walruses for the museum, including bulls, cows and calves, were then obtained, as well as the polar bears, which were found near the edge of the main pack ice. In hunting the walruses, Messrs. Thorne and Graves had to go out among the ice cakes in a small Eskimo umiak, and from it they clambered onto the ice cakes to shoot their quarry. After the walruses were killed, it was a formidable task to get them aboard the "Dorothy," as many of them weigh up to 3,000 pounds. To lead them, the "Dorothy" had to be brought alongside the ice

cakes, and the huge animals swung on-deck with the ship's booms.

## Columbus Day Program at Field Museum, Plan

A special Columbus day program of free moving pictures, provided by the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond fund, will be given for children Saturday, Oct. 12, at Field Museum of Natural History, in the morning. A multiple-reel film, "Christopher Columbus," depicting the story of the discoverer of America from the time of his early struggles in Italy to his successful landing in the new world, will be the feature of the program. The picture shows Columbus's efforts to get support for his project

in his own country and their failure; his flight to Spain; his reception at the court of Ferdinand and Isabella; the outfitting of his fleet; his voyage and its successful end. A second film, "Philadelphia," showing the principal places of historical interest in that city, will also be shown.

The pictures will be shown in the James Simpson theatre of the museum, and there will be two performances, one at 10 a. m. and one at 11 a. m. Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum, invites children from all parts of Chicago and suburbs to attend.

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