

SECOND GREENLAND IS FOUND BY STEFANSSON PARTY

Six members of the Canadian Arctic expedition under Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who arrived at Nome, Alaska, this week on the power schooner Alaska, related their experiences in the polar regions during the last three years. They said Stefansson, who remained in the Arctic to continue his work of exploring newly discovered land north of Prince Patrick Land, probably would not return to civilization during the present season.

The party aboard the Alaska was under Dr. Rudolph Anderson, Stefansson's chief subordinate, who had been exploring and charting the coast line bordering Union and Dolphin Straits and the Coronation Gulf region, far east of the mouth of the Mackenzie River.

Most of the time since the spring of 1914, the party has been in quarters at Bernard Harbor, on Coronation Gulf, east of the Mackenzie River, one of the least known sections of the habitable earth.

The last member of the party to

see Stefansson was the photographer, Wilkins, who was one of those who departed from the ill-fated Karluk shortly after that vessel was carried away in the grip of the Northern ice in the fall of 1913, and later crushed near Herald Islands. Wilkins was with Stefansson last winter, having rejoined him last year. After spending some time with the Stefansson party, Wilkins made the trip over the ice to Coronation Gulf and joined the Anderson party.

Most of the scientific work of the expedition has been carried on by this branch party. The first winter after leaving Nome the party spent at Maning Point near Camden Bay, after having failed to find a passage through the heavy ice to the eastward. The following spring Dr. Anderson proceeded to the east and reached Coronation Gulf during the summer of 1914. Quarters which were established in Bernard Harbor became the base for the expedition's work. The summer and winter of 1915 were spent in scientific labors around Coronation Gulf.

The party left Coronation Gulf for Behring Sea in June of this year, and the southward passage was attended by no difficulties. Although traveling in the track of the power schooners Teddy Bear and Challenge, Dr. Anderson saw nothing of these ships.

Mr. Wilkins learned from Stefansson that the new land which the explorer discovered may be described as a second Greenland. Up to the time that Stefansson left the new land, after his memorable trip across the frozen sea with Storker S. Storkenson and Ole Anderson, the explorer traced about 200 miles of its shore line, and found high mountains upon it. Mr. Wilkins says that it was Stefansson's intention to return to the new land last spring to continue the work of exploration.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE NEAR DEMOCRACY HUNDRED YEARS AGO

More than a hundred years ago Russia barely escaped a movement toward democracy. It was at the time when the ideas of the French Revolution were permeating all Europe and the sometimes liberal Alexander I. was on the throne. A copy of the American Constitution was sent to the Czar at his own request in 1800. Paul Milyoukov, the Russian scholar who lectured in Chicago thirteen years ago, said that George Washington sent the document to Russia, but as Washington had been dead some ten years on that date, it was more probably Thomas Jefferson who attempted to suggest American institutions to the Czar.

Reform has had a curious history in Russia. Workmen's insurance, for example, has been accepted there, while a democratic nation such as the United States has hitherto balked at the suggestion as being "too Socialistic." In other respects, too, the Russian has advanced beyond the stages arrived at by more progressive people.

The peasant, however, for a long time won't be able to make much effective use of the rights conferred on him. Such small provision has been made for his education that he will have little desire to assert the new privileges, for the Russian church is still intrusted with the expenditure of the school funds, and, according to recent reports, the instruction offered is nominal rather than real.

THE ENTIRE WORLD REPRESENTED IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION

There are about 600 Americans in the Foreign Legion of the French army. So many of whom have petitioned to join the Flying Corps that a squadron of Americans is being formed.

It is an inspiring sight to see a regiment of the Legion on the march; negroes and blonde Swedes go side by side with the swarthy Italians. Men who have dined with kings and dwelt in marble halls sink their identity under a borrowed name and march with a Polish tailor or a cowboy from the wild west.

All sorts of famous men have fallen on the field of battle while fighting with the Legion. Bine Valmer, from the Argentine; a Luxembourg writer, Sosthene; Kurtz, the son of Maxim Gorke; Camillo Tamirer, from Venezuela; a Columbian poet, Fernandez de Bengoecha; another from Ecuador; Rodolfo Seminario, and Sanchez Carero, all fell for France on the battlefields of the Artois and Champagne.

The poet, Ismail Urdumeta, was killed in the Dardanelles, while rushing a Turkish trench at the point of the bayonet, and the son of the Russian ambassador at Paris, M. Isvolsky, was severely wounded while fighting beside Lieut. Alexis Comnene, the great-grandson of the Emperor of Trebizond. "Bob" Scannlon, the negro boxer, is with the Legion, and Francois Faber, from Luxembourg, the professional cyclist, fell in action. So also did Alex Carter the famous steeplechase jockey.

The pay of the men of the Legion is the same as that of the other soldiers of France—five cents a day and an allowance of tobacco and wine.

AMERICAN ARTIST WILL LIKE MEN OF PRE-HISTORIC TIME

The bears, moose, mosquitoes and wiggly worms that inhabit a certain section of the Adirondack Mountains remote from civilization, will have an opportunity to cast their eyes upon the figure of a man clad in the costume made famous by Adam and Eve and Lady Godiva.

He will be the guest of the animals for thirty days; from them he will wrest his clothing and his food; the woods, the streams and the lakes will supply him with everything that he needs.

With empty hands and stripped body he intends to journey into the wilderness and find his food in the way of the creatures of the world, or in the way of the first man. His adventure is not planned to be a feat of endurance, but simply to show how comfortably a man can live in the woods without any aid being furnished him.

He is Joseph Knowles, an American artist, and the proof that he is able to do what he says he will do lies in the fact that for two months he lived in just the same way in a wilderness in Maine.

Northern Settlers Applying for Loans

Fred Dane, loan commissioner for Northern Ontario, says that already he has received over a hundred applications for loans from settlers in the north. He hoped, he said, to be able to deal with these in the near future. He expects to take a trip to the north this week.

He is establishing depots of lumber for the relief of fire sufferers at four strategic points in the north country. Final arrangement of the details for the basis on which this will be supplied to the settlers has not yet been reached. Meanwhile supplies are going forward as rapidly as possible.

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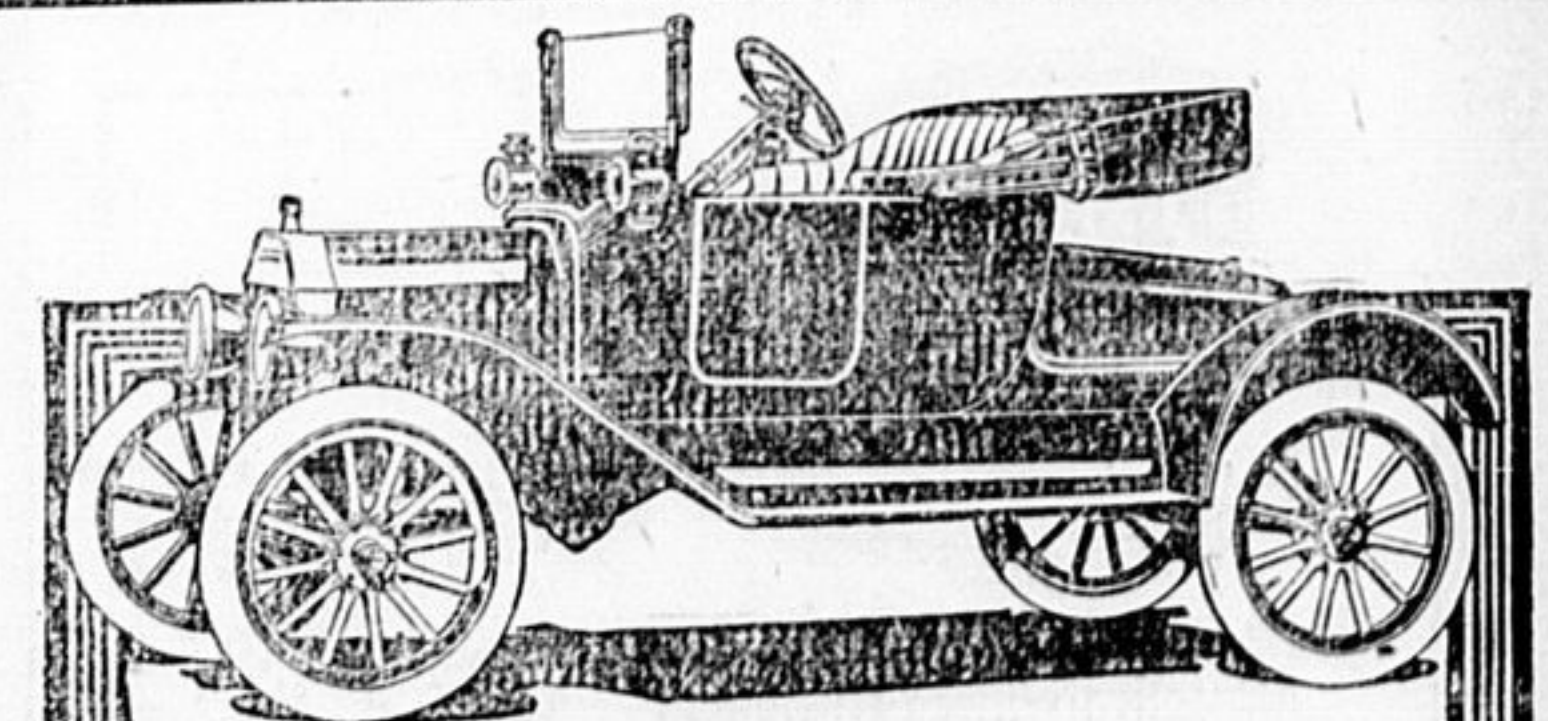
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