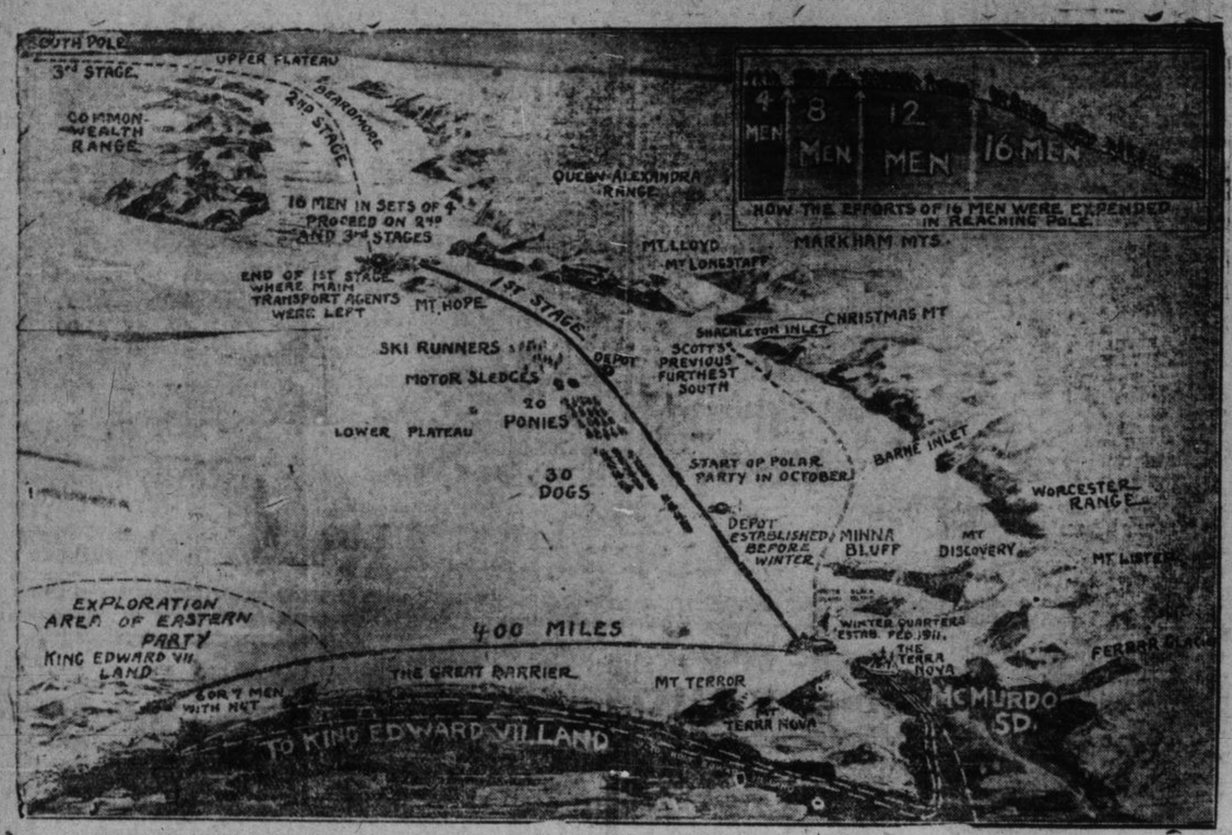
HOW CAPT. SCOTT AND HIS PARTY REACHED SOUTH POLE.



This diagram explains the route and the plans of this expedition. McMurdo Sound is where Amunsden and Scott met. It is thought that Scott and his men were well on their way back to McMurdo when they met disaster.

BIG MINING VENTURE

FRENCH CAPITALISTS ENTER FIELD HELD BY NICKEL CO.

Will Spend $9,000,000—Holdings Were Purchased From M. J. O'Brien and J. R. Booth, of Ottawa.

Cobalt, Feb. 11.—Details in regard to the sale of the Booth and O'Brien nickel lands in and around Sudbury show that it is the biggest mining venture of the past four or five years in Northern Ontario. It is reported that the purchase price was in the neighborhood of $9,000,000. There has been very keen competition for the ownership of these nickel lands, the Guggenheim and International Nickel Companies both making offers, which at various stages of the negotiations, it seemed, might be accepted.

The new entrance into the Canadian nickel fields are the French Rothschilds, the pioneers of nickel mining and refining in Europe. They hold extensive concessions in New Caledonia, but the Sudbury deposits are so superior in both grade and extent that the International Nickel Company has been able to undersell them in the markets of the world for the past decade. Now that the market for nickel has shown such a remarkable expansion, the famous European house has decided to carry the war into the enemy's country, and to produce where the nickel deposits are most extensive and cheapest.

It is estimated that to compete successfully with the International Nickel Company, the French millionaires will have to make an initial expenditure of between five and eight million dollars.

The holdings purchased belonged to M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew, and J. R. Booth, the millionaire lumberman of Ottawa. They have held a considerable acreage of nickel lands for the past ten or fifteen years, but last year they purchased the Northern Nickel Range from the Superior Power Company, and also took over the Murray Mine. This gave them command of all the available nickel land not already possessed by the Canadian Copper Company and the Mond Nickel Company. The Murray mine, on being diamond drilled, proved to be a bonanza, it being estimated that there is now in sight at this one property alone five million tons of ore.

WOLFE ISLAND COUNCIL.

The Business Done at a Recent Session.

Wolfe Island, Feb. 3.—Council met at 10.30 a.m. Members all present. Minutes last meeting confirmed. Resolved that the auditor's report be adopted and the clerk instructed to write the Frontenac Lumber company for a refund of $4 on account. William Bolton given a rebate of $2.64, assessed in No. 4, instead of No. 6 public school section. Township accounts paid: D. Purdy, county treasurer, charity to Mrs. Osser, $49.71; British Whig Publishing company, printing, $95.25; Mrs. Matier, charity to Norris, $6; Uglow & Co., stationery, $1.10; W. B. Card, salary as caretaker, $30; P. McDermott, jr., work on road, $2.

James Brown, pathmaster, instructed to have road near his residence repaired as early as expedient. Clerk instructed to advise W. A. McLean, engineer of highways, that this council will take steps to have necessary stone on hand as soon as needed and from the quarry mentioned.

Accounts paid: — Capt. Trussell, month captain, $65; John McEwen, engineer, $70; James Davis, 31 days' mate, $41.37; R. Bustard, 31 days' fireman, $36.17; George Rattary, 31 days' purser, $46.50; John Crawford, 31 days' deck hand, $25.84; William Armstrong, 31 days' deck hand, $25.84; Mrs. Henderson, 31 days cook, $20.67; George Rattary, fenders, $3.50, chimneys, 30c.; Geo. Rattary, 751 meals, December, $90.12; 757 meals, January, $90.84; W. B. Card, waiting room, $14; British Whig Publishing company, financial statements, $17.75; Imperial Oil company, cylinder oil, $2.25; Robert Bustard, waiting room, $10; Thomas Nicholson, ice, November and December, $2.20; Mrs. Rawley, washing, $2.55.

Dr. McCarthy, appointed medical health officer, and Edw. Briceland a member of the Board of Health. The matter of $108.97, showing in the auditor's report, referred back to the auditors for a report at next meeting of council.

Moved, Gillespie, Allen, that William Fawcett be appointed assessor. Carried. Moved, Allen, Taggart, that Capt. Trussell be engaged as captain for the steamer Wolfe Islander at $800 per annum, and that the master mate and other members of the crew be subject to this council through their manager and an agreement be prepared for captain by this council, similar to the agreement entered into with Capt. Crawford, March, 1910. Carried. Moved, Gillespie, Taggart, that the present engineer lay up the boat and the appointment of an engineer be laid over to next meeting. Carried. Moved, McLaren, Gillespie, that James Davis be engaged as mate for season 1913 at the same terms as last season. Carried. Moved, Gillespie, McLaren, that George Rattary be appointed purser and caterer on the same terms as last year. Carried. R. H. Card remitted $1 for dog tax, he not having one. The collector instructed to have all taxes collected before April 1st or they will be collected with costs. Township accounts for work performed on road division, No. 18, paid: George Friend, $6; John Hogan, $4.50; James Phair, $3; D. Watts, $4. Council adjourned to the first Monday in March at 10.30 a.m.

NO JUST BLAME

Can Be Placed on G.T.R. For Embargo at Frontier.

Montreal, Feb. 11.—In order to relieve any apprehensions that may exist as to the effects upon the coal supply of the temporary embargo at present placed upon imperishable freight entering Canada from the Niagara frontier, the following statement was issued by the general superintendent of transportation, D. Crombie:

"You can reassure the public as to any fear of a coal famine so far as railroad movement is concerned. The Grand Trunk has been accepting and promptly forwarding from the Niagara frontier an average of about 700 cars per day since the first of January. This is thirty per cent. more than last year, and it is not probable that any shortage could occur. The embargo is only upon the loading of coal and is not intended to hinder its movement but rather to further its prompt forwarding by preventing the possibility of congestion. It is to keep our system open so that every engine can be used freely and fully that the action has been taken, and unless something unforseen occurs the embargo will be raised by Monday next. The situation is quite clearly summed up by I. W. Gantt, assistant general freight agent at Buffalo, who says: "The trouble cannot be justly blamed on the G.T.R. The amount of ordinary freight passing through Black Rock has increased by leaps and bounds, and though we have increased our facilities here as rapidly as possible, the increased traffic has got a little ahead of us. The embargo does not affect freight now en route but merely future shipments. All cars now on the way east will be delivered shortly."

TIDINGS FROM ODESSA.

William Milsap Met With a Very Serious Accident.

Odessa, Feb. 10.—John Jones has disposed of his fine residence on Factory street, to Wellington Clark. The remains of the late William Henry Smith were placed in the Wilton vault last Monday. The funeral service for the late Filetta Hamilton was held in the Methodist church on Sunday.

The proprietors of the skating rink have a fine sheet of ice in the drill shed and it is in fine condition for the coming carnival. William Milsap, one of the township's much respected residents, met with a painful and serious accident last week, by falling on the ice, causing concussion of the brain, and, owing to his advanced age, it is likely to be fatal.

E. H. Peters has disposed of his interests in his furniture business here to R. H. Wright. Mr. Peters has removed to his farm, south of Odessa. The dance in the village hall the other evening was an enjoyable affair. A number from a distance attended. The township auditors have concluded their work and found everything satisfactory. The auditors were N. A. Asselstine and J. L. Clark.

"Buy infants' foods," Gibson's.

School teachers of Chicago will get no raise in salary. They have lost their fight for another year. The Board of Education passed the budget for 1913 without provision for increase and the teachers are bitter.

"Shaving brushes," at Gibson's.

NO LONGER OWN BOOKS.

Public Libraries Have Done Away Completely With Old-time Custom.

While the last decade has witnessed an extraordinary growth in the number of public libraries throughout the country and while no one denies that these libraries confer many benefits they are no such unmitigated blessings as many would have us believe, argues a western publication. In the first place they are undermining the good old habit of owning books. Not, of course, among the well-to-do; but the well-to-do make relatively small use of public libraries. The usual plea is that most people cannot afford to buy books. This is flatly untrue, the fact is that the ubiquitous library has killed the demand in this country for editions of standard books at really popular prices. In France splendid literature volumes are sold at a uniform rate of 25 centimes (four and a half cents.) In this edition one can buy Homer complete for 27 cents, Milton's Paradise Lost for 9, Descartes' Discourse on Method for 4 1-2, and the works of over 100 other authors at corresponding rates. In Germany one may buy nicely bound volumes of every conceivable branch of science and art at the rate of 19 cents a book. When a man can buy the works of a great philosopher for the price of a glass of beer it is arrant nonsense to say that the public cannot afford books.

We are simply doing our best to pauperize readers. They know that they do not need to buy books; a benevolent fate will provide them gratis; and so they go without. Our publishers find no real demand for editions at prices within the reach of every one, and naturally the editions are not forthcoming. The resulting evil is obvious. A man knows his own books as he can never know those of a library. The books he owns have a double value to him; he has paid for them, which creates the pride of ownership; and he has them always about him which breeds familiarity. No impending fine compels him to hurry when he wants to read slowly.

This pauperizing of readers is the greatest, but not the only evil connected with the indiscriminate use of libraries. We seem to think that if people read anything they are necessarily better off than if they do not. The main business of libraries, especially of small ones, has come to be the circulation of "popular" fiction. Even in the large cities the demand for books of this class is demonstrated by the fact that most of them are listed as "five day" or "seven day" books. It is hard to see what good is accomplished by emptying this mass of rubbish on the heads of people for the most part unable to distinguish real literature from false. Were the libraries less active in discriminating useless and often demoralizing fiction, standard works would be far more widely read; but so long as every library in the land feels called upon to have the latest work, and often several copies of it, by the latest writer of trashy fiction, such books will continue to come out in their thousands and tens of thousands, and their betters will rest unread.

Chaplains for French Navy.

It will be news to most persons that the French navy has no chaplains afloat, although a moment's consideration would bring to remembrance the fact of the complete divorce between church and state in France. The subject is brought prominently into notice by a petition signed by a great number of the mothers or widows of the sailors who were victims of the accident on the Gloire or the Liberte. The petitioners are to be found in the Midi, Brittany, Var and Finistre, and they pray the Senate for the reappointment of chaplains on warships.—London Globe.

She Understood.

A young man who had a strong liking for poetry, but a rather mediocre talent for writing it, deluded himself into the belief that the world was determined to keep him down. He continued writing for years, confident that he would win fame in the end. Once in conversation with a clever girl he started in on his pet theme.

"Like the rest of the world," he said, "you don't understand me. But I can afford to laugh at present neglect, for I'm writing for posterity."

"Oh, I understand you now," replied the girl. "So that's the reason your poems are not published during your lifetime!"

Servian Army Drums.

A curious custom connected with the Servian army is the manner in which most of the regiments carry the big drum. It is not, as in most countries, slung in front of the man who plays it, but is placed upon a small two wheeled cart drawn by a large dog, which has been so trained that it keeps its place even through the longest and most tedious marches. The drummer takes up a position behind the cart and performs on the instrument as it moves along.—London Answers.

A Bride on the Minute.

It was a most ludicrous mistake. She imagined her wedding day was Wednesday, when in truth it wasn't to take place till the day after.

"Just like a woman. And everything went awry, and the bridegroom gnashed his teeth, I suppose?"

"Well, hardly. In fact, everything turned out beautifully. By making the error unconsciously she was dressed in time, and the ceremonies were pulled off according to schedule."

Learning.

Learning, like money, may be of so base a coin as to be utterly void of use or, if sterling, may require good management to make it serve the purpose of sense and happiness.—Shenstone.

Enduring.

"I suppose you and your wife can remember your first quarrel," said the meddlesome person.

"Remember it!" returned Mr. Growcher. "I should say so! It isn't over yet."

The British Home Office is considering the establishment of a show window censorship, owing to complaints of the alleged immodest display of lingerie by Oxford street merchants, London.

KING CANUTE'S CHILDREN.

Two Tiny Coffins Placed in Peterborough Cathedral.

London, Feb. 11.—Two tiny coffins were recently found in a monastic burial ground in Peterboro and have been placed in Peterboro cathedral. One was two feet six inches in length, the other two feet eight inches.

They are said locally to be the coffins of the twin children of King Canute who were drowned in Whittlesey Mere as they were crossing to be educated in Peterboro abbey.

Myers' Cave News.

Myers' Cave, Feb. 10.—The weather still continues cold, with very little snow. The blacksmiths are kept pretty busy shoeing horses, as the icy condition of the roads soon dull their shoes. There have been several light falls of snow, but not enough to cover the ice. The Chandler-Jones Lumber company's managers visited several of their works in this neighborhood on Saturday and Monday last. The tea-meeting in Harlowe hall on the 22nd, under the auspices of the recently organized Orange lodge at Harlowe, was a decided success. Rev. Mr. Irvine, Anglican minister, of Flinton, was called to the chair. Refreshments were served. A programme was rendered which was one of the best given in Harlowe for some time, consisting of instrumental music, dialogues, tableaux, and recitations. Rev. Mr. Irvine was called upon for a speech, which was listened to with great interest, after which the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The thimble party at Mrs. W. Loucks' on Thursday was well attended. Wesley Good made a business trip to Montreal on Saturday last. Edward Dellyea is still confined to the house suffering from a severe attack of neuralgia. John Curtis was a Northbrook visitor on Saturday last. W. Salmon, who was attending the county council in Kingston, last week, has teturned home. John VanAlstine, who has been confined to the house for some time suffering from dropsy, is still very ill. D. Gray and son, Willis, of Forest Mills, were renewing acquaintances in our neighborhood about two weeks ago. Henry Benny and Miss Florence spent Sunday last at W. Salmond's. Misses May and Blanche Dellyea spent Sunday last at the Cave, the guests of Mrs. T D. Perry. The anniversary of the birth of the Scottish poet, Robert Burns, was very quietly celebrated in this neighborhood. Mrs. T. Dellyea is spending the week at her brother's, Henry Berry's.

If brains could be inherited some folks then might get something worth while from their rich relatives.

WANTS 45-YEAR-OLD "KID."

Aged Woman Makes Strange Adoption Petition.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—A petition to adopt "a child about the age of forty-five years" was presented to Judge McKinley in the superior court by Mrs. Martha Frances Collins, sixty-five years old.

In her application she set forth that she desired to adopt Miss Eliza Robinson, who had lived with her for forty years, the object being to make her the legal heir of Mrs. Collins' estate, which is estimated to be worth several hundred thousand dollars.

Judge McKinley took the request under advisement.

Make yourself agreeable to a man, Alonzo, and he will want to borrow money from you. Make yourself agreeable to a woman and she will want to marry you.

Some men merely have the gift of gab and others are successful after-dinner speakers.

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Croxone cures these troubles because it quickly overcomes the very cause of the disease. It soaks right into the stopped up, inactive kidneys, through the membranes and lining; cleans out the little filtering glands; neutralizes and dissolves the poisonous uric acid and makes the kidneys filter and sift from the blood all the waste and poisonous matter that clog the system and cause such troubles.

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