

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1915

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meal.....5c.	Bottle Imported Capers.....10c.	Pure Grape Juice.....25c.
1 lb. Japan Rice.....5c.	1 lb. Ginger Snaps.....10c.	3 tins Devilled Ham.....25c.
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STILL HOPING TO
FIND STEFANSSONTwo Whaling Ships Go To
Wrangel Island This Month

16 MONTHS SINCE SEEN

And Two Years Since the Kar-
luk, His Exploring Ship, Was
Frozen in the North

New York, Aug. 10.—Today was the second anniversary of the freeing in the Karluk, Wilhelm Steffansson's exploring ship, and the first of a year and four months since Steffansson was last seen by men who afterwards returned to civilization. The survivors of the expedition and the friends of Steffansson are hanging to a slender thread of hope that he may have been rescued or that his rescue may be effected this month, when two whaling ships go to Wrangel Island, north Siberia, in the hope of finding that he and his comrades have reached land there.

One of these ships is the Belvedere, commanded by Olof Swenson, who, on September 7, 1914, reached Wrangel Island on the power boat King. Swenson and rescued Steffansson and members of the party under Captain Bartlett, Captain Lane, of the Polar Bear, and also will make Wrangel Island some time this month when ice conditions are most favorable, and will seek the explorer.

Steffansson and five members of his party left Martin Point on the north coast of Alaska on March 22, 1914, on an expedition into Alaska. On April 17, when the party was at a point known as Camp Separation, Steffansson sent back his secretary, Bert M. McConnell, and two other members of the party, Crawford and Johansen. He took with him Steffansson and Anderson, two of the hardest and most experienced men in the party; six of the best dogs, eight sleds and a load of more than 900 pounds.

Steffansson expected to return the way he came, or, if that appeared unfeasible, to go east to Banks Island. McConnell and the others were sent back to have a boat sent to Banks Island if Steffansson and the others should not return to the north coast of the North American continent. On Steffansson's failure to return to the mainland, two whaling captains were sent to Banks Island, but there was no trace of Steffansson or his party there. The whalers brought back word that the ice had broken up earlier than usual and that Steffansson, if he sought to reach Banks Island, had been prevented by open water.

McConnell is Optimistic.

"I believe that Steffansson's resourcefulness would enable him and his companions to live on the ice for two and a half or three years," said McConnell at his home in New York today. "The difficulty which he would face in trying to escape from the ice to the mainland or to Wrangel or Banks Island lies in the fact that his sleds will carry only food enough to support the party for a short distance. On this account he will have to stay near spots where the hunting is good, unless he eventually finds himself carried by the drift to a point close enough to land to make a dash for it."

"Steffansson had with him 400 rounds of ammunition. He is a dead shot. On one of his previous explorations he supported himself and two companions for a year on the game which he killed with sixty-two cartridges. I have never seen him miss his mark with a rifle."

"There is plenty of game in the country where he is now—seals, polar bears and foxes. The polar bears live on seal and stay where they are plentiful and the foxes live on the carcasses left behind by the bears, so that all three are found together. It is not necessary to waste ammunition on foxes, which can be trapped and killed in other ways. Steffansson in all his expeditions has lived largely on game. He started on the present trip in search of game to prevent scurvy in his party."

"If he reaches land in the unexplored region the party may live on the land indefinitely. The four hundred rounds of ammunition are enough, I should say, to keep the party in meat for about two years. If they strike a country that contains walrus, they can live a greater time. After the ammunition is spent they would not be at the end of their resources. Steffansson has learned from the Blonde Eskimos the art of spearing seal. The steel of the sled-runners, or the gun barrels, could be made into spears. The party had with them an oil stove in which they could develop heat enough to forge metal. They had matches with them to last for six years. Their fuel would come chiefly from the blubber in the seals, or polar bears or walrus."

"The ice rush on which we left Steffansson and his party is centred about 800 miles from Wrangel Island, north of Siberia, to Banks Island north of Alaska. The ice drifts with the ocean current toward the Siberian coast, and

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might eventually bring Steffansson and his party within striking distance of Wrangel Island. They had with them a canoe which would enable them to cross the open water.

Might Use Aeroplanes.

"If they did not reach Wrangel Island the only practicable plan of rescuing them would be that of sending an expedition of aeroplanes at a total cost of about \$100,000. At the close of this year, about 800 miles, the aeroplane would leave the ship and fly about 175 miles in a northwesterly direction. The five miles on either side of their course, thus searching a stretch of twenty miles wide on their outgoing and incoming trips each day.

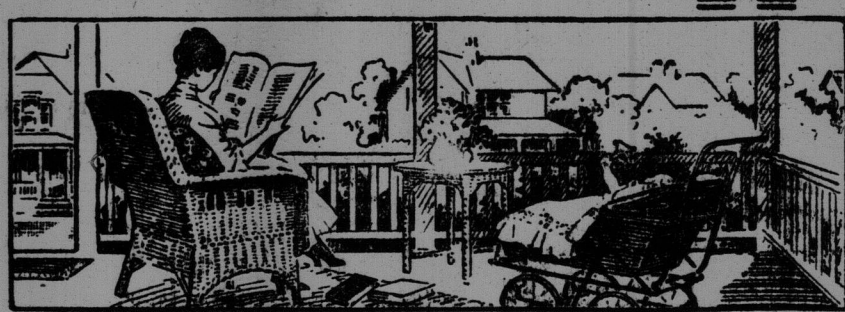
"The Canadian government, however,

is too much engrossed in the war to consider the plan. The Aero Club of America has approved the idea as a feasible one, but all efforts to raise the \$100,000 have failed, and there appears to be no prospect now of starting such a relief expedition.

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London, Aug. 11.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—The report of the after-war committee of the Royal Colonial Institute to be published shortly, will unfold a scheme for the settlement of soldiers. The main feature will be the back to the land principle, by which, preferably in Canada, but with the option of other countries, or in Great Britain.

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Heated Remarks by City Solicitor
and Commissioner of Safety—
Mr. Williams Will Not Retract

A breezy session of the common council resulted yesterday afternoon from the request of F. E. Williams for a hearing in the matter of his application for permission to build a garage in Carleton street. He repeated his charges contained in yesterday's Times that he "was being held up because of the big stick being used by Commissioner McLeelan and City Solicitor Baxter over Building Inspector Carleton." A vigorous denial was given to this by both officials, and the city solicitor warmly resented the implication that one reason why he was so acting was in a case of trespass brought against him by Mr. Williams. At the close of the meeting, the city solicitor, seconded by Commissioner Russell and supported by Commissioners Potts and McLeelan, Mayor Pink presided. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that Mr. Williams and the building inspector meet today to go over the plans of the proposed building.

The matter was discussed at a committee meeting yesterday morning and left over until the afternoon meeting. The city solicitor at once went into the question when the committee was in session.

"If what I have heard is correct," he said, "it was alleged that because I am acting for John Welsh in a private capacity in a law suit that therefore I was taking steps to hinder, delay, and prevent Mr. Williams from obtaining this permit. Is that at all a correct statement of what happened this morning?"

The mayor—What you say in substance is correct.

The city solicitor—Then if it is true I am not fit to be city solicitor and I should not be fit to hold the position for five minutes. It is a malicious lie. Mr. Williams then repeated in substance what he had said in the morning. In this he repeated "Carleton's statement to me was, 'I can't do anything; you must go and see Mr. Baxter.' When Mr. Mott went he said the same thing to him. When Green (the contractor) had an interview with him the building inspector said that the matter was in the hands of the council."

Mr. Williams alleged that another man had called with plans for a gasoline tank and that Com. McLeelan told him he would dismiss it from his mind as no garage was going to be put up there. He went on:

"I asked, 'What has Mr. Baxter got to do with this and the building inspector replied, 'Go and see Mr. Baxter.'"

"Mr. Baxter fits in in this way: he is a solicitor for Mr. Welsh, who has been a trespasser on my property, and I had to have an injunction stopping him from trespassing, and Mr. Baxter is solicitor

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for the city as well as looking after Mr. Welsh's interest and attorney-general. If these two men are not holding the big stick over the building inspector, I should like to know the reason why. Com. McLeelan—it is a lie.

Mr. Williams explained that he wanted the permit as the plans were within the law.

In a somewhat lengthy statement the building inspector said that he had refused the permit solely because the contractor told him that the contract was for a brick garage and that the plans were for a brick and steel one. "I told him I could not take the plans and that I could only take them from the owner or the architect. I said you can't get a permit until the plans are correct."

Answering Mr. Baxter the building

Inspector said that he had told Mr. Williams that if he wanted to clear up any matter of a legal point he would have to see Mr. Baxter, "as that was not a lawyer's office."

Mr. Baxter—Had you any specific advice on this matter from me?

Mr. Carleton—Never.

Com. Potts—When a legal matter comes up do you refer to Mr. Baxter?

Mr. Carleton—There is a by-law that I should refer to him.

Hon. Mr. Baxter explained that after certain permits were granted cases came into the police court and he "fairly begged Mr. Carleton to lay such matters before me before granting the permits rather than after as we had no remedy."

Com. McLeelan said it was wrong to speak of holding a club over the inspector, but there had been one or two cases, the Mackintosh case was one, where there had been trouble and he had asked the building inspector to consult him before permits were granted. He was told before plans were submitted that there would be objection to a garage near the church and if the permit were granted that an injunction would be applied for.

Further explanation by the building inspector was that the plans had not been the same as the original and that they were not signed nor submitted by the right person, he said.

This aspect appeared to be accepted by the committee when the city solicitor said:

"Certain statements have been made and repeated this afternoon and they have been answered. They are, I think, as grave reflections as could be made of any man in a public capacity. Before this meeting adjourns I want Mr. Williams either to withdraw the statements or to substantiate them. If he can substantiate them, I ought to resign, even if you do not dismiss me from being city solicitor, and if he cannot substantiate them, I ought not to be placed in this position."

No Retraction.

Mr. Williams—I do not withdraw anything I have said. If he wants anything substantiated by Mr. Mott, Mr. Mott will back me up.

The city solicitor—I say of the man who makes a statement of that sort, he will not withdraw them or substantiate them that he is an unutterable coward and a liar. That is you, Williams.

Mr. Williams—I am here to back up anything I said and not to withdraw. Com. McLeelan said that he could look after his end of it all right. He denied again that he was actuated by spite.

Following the discussion, the mayor said that he thought the council should in some way express its confidence in the integrity of the city solicitor, and the vote of confidence in Dr. Baxter was passed.

TO CONSULT SPECIALIST

P. G. Mahoney of Melrose, passed through Sackville to New York, where he will consult a specialist. Since he was injured in a runaway accident several weeks ago, Mr. Mahoney has had little use of his right arm.



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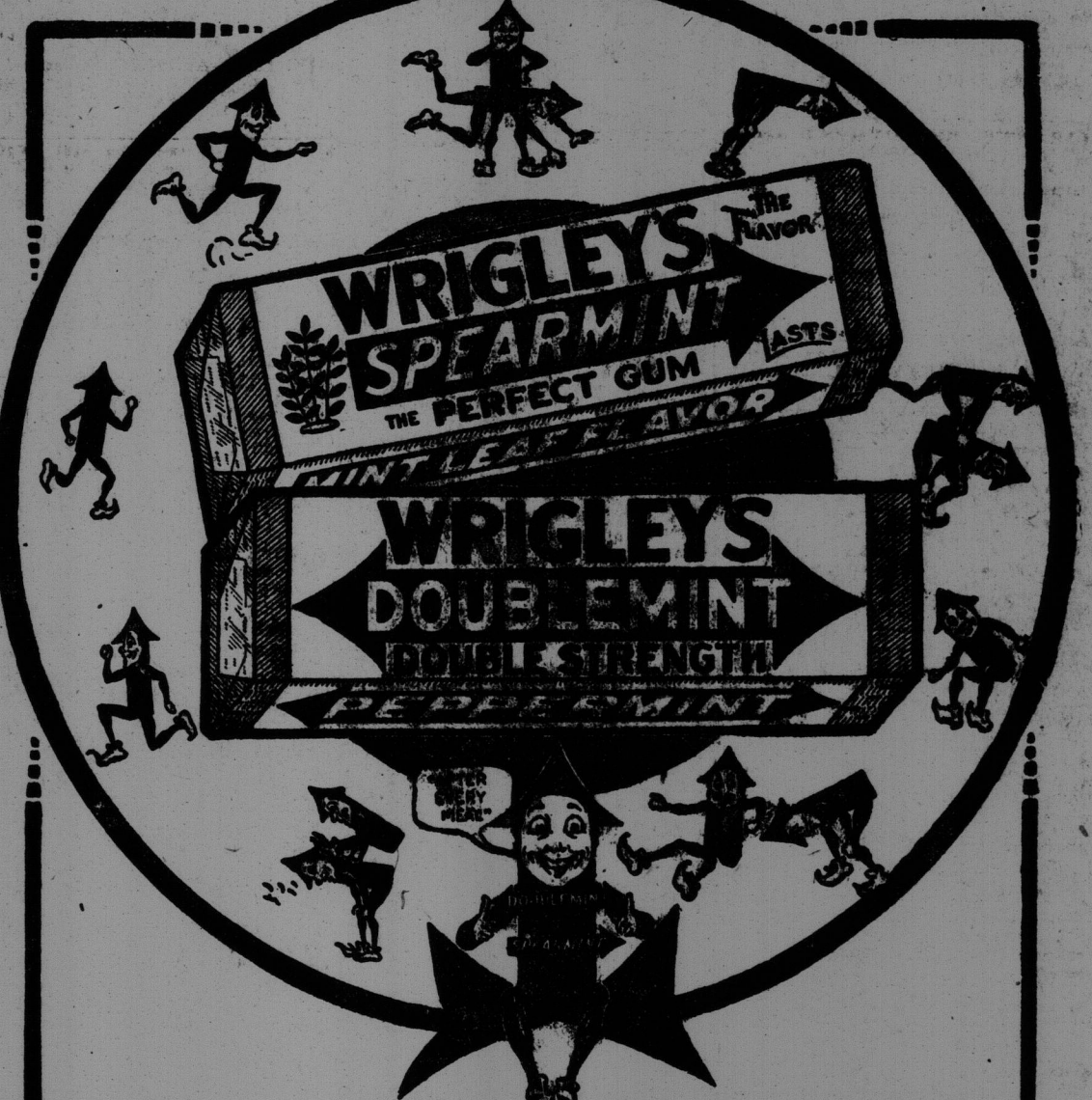


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