

try the mark of a strong, paradoxical character that never knew what it was to compromise for its own sake. Like his almost namesake Fitz-James in "The Lady of the Lake" his motto was:

"Come one, come all, this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I."

In the essentials of his character he embodies the forces that made this country what it is. He suggests the woodsman's axe and the clearing, the road through the bush—the rugged tribune of the plebes, who might have been uncomfortable on the other end of a crosscut saw, because he had rather run both ends himself.

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Stefansson in the Arctic

NO message from the far north has yet come to prove that Stefansson, the explorer sent out last summer by the Canadian Government at a cost of \$75,000, is safe in his winter quarters. Stories have come out that he and the northern section of his expedition, separated from the others and away from the winter quarters of the Karluk,

A TUNNEL MISHAP.



A Train was Buried by the Collapse of a Tunnel in Saxony, Europe. Cause, an Earth Tremour. Fifteen Persons Were Brought Out Injured, but a Large Number Were Killed.

are marooned and probably lost without adequate supplies in a strange country. The stories have not been verified. Twice, however, on Dec. 23, 1913, and on Jan. 3, 1914, reports have come to Ottawa that the Mary Sachs and the Alaska, the two auxiliary vessels, are safe at Collinson Pt., frozen in since Sept. 27, with no damage to either vessel from the ice-packs. The first report, following some days after the rumour of disaster to Stefansson, was sent by runner from Collinson Pt. to Circle City, Ala., and reached Ottawa, Dec. 13. In that message Dr. Anderson, in charge of the anthropological section, reported the Karluk safe in the ice-packs near Pt. Barrow as early as August 19th. The last report comes from Capt. Lane of the Polar Bear, which went north with a company of scientists and sportsmen from Seattle. The Polar Bear is frozen in at a point between the ships of the southern section, the Mary Sachs and the Alaska, and Herschell Island at the mouth of the Mackenzie.

Just what are the facts about Stefansson is hard to conjecture. A very general idea seems to exist that the commander of the expedition sent out to make a complete study of the north Arctic and the land of the blonde Eskimo is in trouble, separated from his base of supplies, the Karluk, and probably short of ammunition for hunting purposes. Experienced trailmen from the north are of the opinion that there has been a falling out among the crew of the northern section.

LATEST PICTURES OF STEFANSSON PARTY



The Canadian Explorer and His Party Leaving Alaska for Fort Smythe. Stefansson is Bareheaded.



The Karluk, Stefansson's Master Ship, Frozen in the Ice Near Herschel Island, on the Arctic Ocean.

UNITED STATES GETS A NEW CURRENCY LAW



Democratic Members of the Congress and Senate Currency Committees in Washington Settling Differences Over the New Currency Measure. The Bill was Signed by President Wilson on December 23rd, and will be known as the "Federal Reserve Act." Left to right—Senator O'Gorman, N.Y.; Rep. Korbly, Ind.; Senator Reed, Miss.; Senator Hollis, N. H.; Senator Pomerene, Ohio; Senator Owen, Ckla.; and Senator John F. Shafroth, Col. Rep. Carter Glass not shown.