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MIKKELSEN'S VOYAGE.

A great deal of interest is entertained by scientists in a voyage of Arctic exploration now being carried on by Captain Mikkelson. A letter written by him to the American Geographical Society in October last from some point on the Arctic coast of Alaska has just been published. It conveys the information that Mikkelson and his little party had intended spending the winter on their schooner, the Duchess of Bedford, at Flaxman Island, about 240 miles west of the McKenzie River Delta. The heavy ice which pressed on the Alaskan coast last summer prevented the party from reaching their proposed winter quarters at Minto Inlet. Mikkelson's voyage has been undertaken principally for the purpose of locating land supposed to exist somewhere in the Arctic north of Alaska. The only time that this land is believed to have been seen was some thirty or thirty-five years ago, when Capt. John Keenan, a whaler, reported that as he was sailing northward somewhere between Harrison and Camben Bays, on the Alaskan coast, the fog lifted and he and all of his crew distinctly saw land to the north. Through want of time, he was unable to visit it. The Esquimaux in this vicinity also say that on the brightest days of early spring they can see land far to the north.

Mikkelson and two or three of his men are now, no doubt, well along on their sledge journey from Flaxman Island, and whether they actually reach the supposed land or not they will undoubtedly bring back a great deal of information of value to scientists. Already a number of curious facts which can only be explained by the existence of this land are known to science. Whalers report and other voyagers have discovered, that each spring a narrow lane of water opens in the thick pack ice to the north of Cross Island. Here the Esquimaux carry on their fishing. The ice pack is almost motionless outside of this lane of water, which extends far to the northeast. In the latter part of May the whales disappear from the neighborhood of Point Barrow. They head for the northeast and nobody knows where they go, unless they follow this lane of water which perhaps takes them to the north of the supposed land. They are next seen hundreds of miles to the eastward, between Banks Land and Cape Bathurst, where they appear regularly in the latter part of July coming from the northward. The only reasonable explanation why this pack ice should open after year and supply the whales with a channel through which they can travel to the northeast, is that there is a land of some magnitude in the north from which the ice recedes in the spring. It is also a well known fact that millions of birds winter there on the mainland, far from the coast of Alaska, but do not pass over it to the north and are not seen again until autumn, when they are travelling south. Geese go flying southward to Herschel Island as late as the middle of August, and this fact leads the whalers to believe that Mikkelson will find land this spring not very far north of the Alaskan coast. Mikkelson had intended to take a party of two or three men early this spring and strike out from Flaxman Island towards the north-east, following this direction for 150 miles, then travelling west for 100 miles, thence south to Cross Island. He will winter next year, if all goes well, in Banks Island, and in the spring of 1908 will start on another sledge trip towards the west from Cape Prince of Wales. These two sledge journeys, it is believed, should solve the problem as to the existence of land of any magnitude between 76 degrees north and the coast of Alaska.

INSPECTION NEEDED.

St. John people are long-suffering, slow to anger, and all the rest of it. The particular kick which the Star has to make now is concerning the sale of milk. There is a Dairy Act in this province by which certain regulations are provided; there are also laws governing the duties of the dairy farmer. The latter include the simple provision that skim milk must not be offered for sale unless it is marked as such; the former fixes the standard of butter fat. It has never occurred to any of the board of health officers that they are expected to apply to their own work those laws which exist for the protection of the people but which are not definitely set forth in the health regulations. Hence it happens that dealers sending supplies of milk to St. John first remove as much as they desire of the cream—in some cases the greater part—and because a little is left in the cans they are able to avoid the skim milk clause. There is stuff on sale in this city today at eight

cents a quart which is not fit for pigs, but which must be used by the poorer classes because they cannot get better, and are unable to afford the money required for cream. There are stores where day after day cans of the bluest and most watery liquid which could be any stretch of imagination be classed as milk, are sold to all customers. It is in some cases not only skimmed, but watered as well.

The skim milk clause is utterly worthless. It is on the statute books, but as there is no milk inspection and consequently no penalty for violation, it is useless and absurd, like many others of the health regulations. It is nothing less than a disgrace that people should be so imposed upon. This by no means applies to all milk dealers, for the great majority are thoroughly honest, but there are a few who should certainly receive prompt attention.

ARILD'S HARVEST.

(An Arbor Day Legend from Denmark.) Arthur Gutterman in May St. Nicholas.

"My lord the earl," Count Arild said, "Thy lawful captive, here I stand; Yet grant me leave again to tread Fair Solberg's earth—to plow my land."

"To sow and till those acres wide; And when the harvest yield is stored To Aalborg's keep again I'll ride And give myself to chain or sword."

"One harvest more? The time is short," The earl replied; "I grant it thee." Count Arild passed the frowning port And spurred for Solberg, fast and free.

But thrice the Danish fields were sown, And thrice the waving harvest glowed; Yet back to Aalborg's keep of stone The Count of Solberg never rode.

To Solberg's hall Earl Eric came. "A deed," he cried, "is Arild's oath! False Count, unworthy knighthood's name, Thy faith and head are forfeit, both!"

"Nay, Earl," Count Arild laughed, "not so!" "One harvest more!"—my faith I keep; My acorn-fields have much to grow Before their oaks are ripe to reap!"

Earl Eric stared. Where once the sheaves Of gathered grain at harvest stood, The furrows shone with glossy leaves Of baby oaks—a future wood.

So wit and shrewdness conquered strife, And hate in laughter found an end, The Count of Solberg won his life, The Earl of Aalborg gained a friend.

In slumber lies the Earl, full low; The Count beside him shares his sleep. The mighty oaks of Solberg know That Arild's fields are still to reap.

ADAPTABLE.

Small Robbie was laboring over a drawing which was obviously of great importance. His mother, who was sewing in the room, got up to see what he was doing.

"What is it you're drawing, dear?" she said, as she stood behind him. Robbie was embarrassed, struggling to cover his nervousness, he answered with an air of great nonchalance:

"Oh, it's papa I'm drawing, but I don't care anything about it. Guess I'll put a tail to it, and have it for a dog."

THE LIGHT-HEADED SEX.

"Beggara, me love, it is stashed that man," said Pat to his Nora on one day. "Has a brain that is built on a heavier plan Than woman's—now, phat do ye say?"

"O'm not sayin' nawthin'" said Nora, "except, If we weren't light-headed, bedad, We never would marry the men that we do— So I guess ye spalpaneas should be glad!"

BRIEF DESPATCHES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24.—A special from Cotacacoas, Mexico, says: "Former President Manuel Bonilla of Honduras, arrived here last night direct from his own country via Salina Cruz. He states that he will await here the arrival of a steamer from the south, which will bring a friend whom he refuses to name, and that with his friend he will proceed to Belize and from there back to his own place."

CATANIA, Sicily, April 24.—The Stromboli volcano was in eruption today. There was a series of loud explosions like artillery, and an enormous quantity of incandescent stones were thrown out of the crater. Immediately after this activity the volcano returned to the normal state.

LONDON, April 24.—Winston Spencer Churchill, under-secretary for the colonies, has been made a privy councillor, and will be sworn in shortly. It is understood this honor is a mark of Premier Campbell-Bannerman's appreciation of his work in the colonial office, and especially in connection with the Imperial conference.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—The Zoeller Packing Company, occupying two acres of ground on Spring Garden Avenue, Allegheny, was totally destroyed by fire tonight, causing an estimated loss of about \$300,000.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. It burned rapidly and for a while adjacent property was threatened. Considerable live stock narrowly escaped cremation and thousands of dollars worth of cattle killed yesterday was destroyed.

It was believed for a time that assistance would have to be summoned from Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK, April 24.—A portion of Greater New York—most of the part which is usually lighted by gas street lamps—was in darkness tonight, owing to a strike of street lamp-lighters. Just what the strike was about no one seems to know, for neither the representatives of the lighters who have formed a labor union, or of the Welsh Back Street Lighting Company of America could be found.

CHICAGO FAST EXPRESS WAS IN COLLISION

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 24.—The Chicago Express on the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. which left this city for New York at 10:45 p. m., was wrecked tonight near Bennett Station on the West Pennsylvania division of the Pennsylvania R. R. shortly after 11 o'clock. Bennett Station is about ten miles east of here.

The express crashed into a Pennsylvania R. R. freight train. Several persons are reported injured.

The passenger engine and the caboose of the freight train were demolished. A misunderstanding of signals, it is said, caused the wreck. The engineer and fireman of the express seeing a collision was inevitable, jumped. The caboose of the freight train which fortunately was unoccupied, was crushed to pieces.

Before abandoning the train, however, the engineer applied the air brakes causing the train to come to a sudden stop. A majority of the passengers in the Pullman sleepers were thrown from their berths sustaining bruises, but none were seriously injured.

WOULD SET APART A DAY FOR DENOUNCING ROOSEVELT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 24.—A movement, national in scope, to set aside a Meyer-Haywood-Pettibone day early in May, on which day every union in the country is to protest against the action of President Roosevelt in denouncing the Western miners before they have been tried, was started today in Milwaukee. The plan is to have labor leaders in every city demonstrate and agree on a day on which demonstrations shall be arranged and not only the president taken to task for his utterances in his recent letter, but more especially in his communication to Honore Jaxon of Chicago, in which he reiterates his criticism.

FINED FOR VIOLATING PROVINCIAL GAME LAWS

GRAND FALLS, April 24.—Before Police Magistrate Kelley yesterday Herbert McLaughlin pleaded guilty of having unlawfully killed a moose during the close season. He was fined \$100 and costs. Shortly after this trial, Peter Rossignol and Chas. Michaud were brought before the magistrate on charges of having deer meat in their possession during close season. The case could not be pushed, however, as information had been laid six months ago, too long a time having elapsed. Shortly after Rossignol on the charge he was re-arrested on a charge of having deer meat in his possession in a forest land and he was fined \$20 with costs.

TRAGEDIES.

EL PASO, Texas, April 24.—Richardson, Mason and Underhill, under sentence of death at Chihuahua, Mexico, for murder to procure insurance money were granted another lease of life today. The federal court sitting in Juarez after refusing a writ of habeas corpus, granted an appeal to the supreme court of the Republic of Mexico.

ODESSA, April 24.—The chief of the political prison here was killed today by four Terrorists who were indicted for having provoked a riot and six daughters to mourn. (Boston and Kentville, N. S. papers please copy.)

Funeral Saturday morning at 9:30 a. m. from his late residence, 90 Portland street. Requiem Mass at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

WILLIAMS.—At her home, April 24th, Aimée Blanche, daughter of James and Louisa Williams, leaving three sons and two brothers to mourn their sad loss.

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BOSTON, Mass., April 24.—A bill making property owned by colleges and universities and occupied by officers, instructors and other officials eligible to taxation by the city or town in which the institution is situated was passed to be engrossed today by the Senate by a vote of 17 to 11. The bill goes to the house for concurrent action. Wellesley College is exempted.

BOSTON, Mass., April 24.—A northwest gale which reached the velocity of 55 miles an hour this afternoon caused injury to two people and did considerable damage to property about the city. Mrs. Mary Harrington was blown off the balcony in the rear of her home in South Boston and suffered severe injuries by the fall of twenty feet to the ground. Charles S. Clark was knocked down by the wind on Tremont street and had his hip broken. The gale blew the top off a freight car in East Cambridge, and blocked the track for nearly an hour. The cross and a portion of the steeple of a church in East Boston was blown down and several vessels in the harbor dragged their anchors.

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SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS, HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR THREE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—Charles Ughbanks, a resident of Canada, who in state prison in Jackson, Mich., has filed papers indicating his purpose of asking the courts to retrieve his sentence. The case involves a Michigan state law, inflicting a penalty of five years' imprisonment for the offense of burglary, unless some reputable citizen will stand for the good conduct of prisoner. Ughbanks was sentenced for only two years, but because of the state law the warden of the penitentiary refuses to release him, and he has now been held for more than three years.

He will ask the supreme court to permit him to file a petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

LEFT HER SICK BED TO KILL MAN WHO JILTED HER

BRADFORD, Pa., April 24.—Miss Hala Belle Stroup, who went from Bradford to Oil City today and there killed Thaddeus Ross, conducted a dressmaking establishment here. For a week she had been ill. On Tuesday a letter was received by her from Ross announcing his coming marriage with a young woman. She arose this morning from her bed of sickness and despite the advice of her friends, went to Oil City. It is claimed that Ross had promised to marry her, the wedding day set for some time in July next. After Stroup was not an attaché of a hospital as reported.

"John, I feel cold. Put down that window!" "The window is down." "I see it all! You want to stifle me!"

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