

is very easy with sufficient men and sufficient money—and we have got both—to reach the North Pole without losing any lives. We have been told by the Chief Signal Officer that it has been demonstrated that men can live healthfully at the North Pole or near it in the severest cold, provided they have sufficient clothing and wholesome food.

The great Arctic explorer, Dr. Kane, went through all his terrible experience with only one lung, and they brought him home and sent him to Cuba, where he could have a milder climate and get well, and he died in three months. Lieutenant Greely got within about 400 miles of the Pole. Suppose his expedition had been organized with sufficient men to make a depot every 10 miles and keep the roads open between them. If they only got along at the rate of 10 miles a week, in 40 weeks they would have got there. The difficulty is we organize our expeditions only to be gone a certain length of time, instead of organizing them to go there and stay. If we do not see this end accomplished, our children or our children's children will see the North Pole belonging to us [tremendous applause], not by right of discovery alone, but because we shall own all the intervening territory between Portsmouth and there. It is the manifest destiny of this country. We, the English-speaking race—no, we speak better than that—the American-speaking race, with a country filled with a population made up by the mingling of all the best races of men on earth, the very outcome of civilization—the time will come, in our children's generation, if not in ours, when our northern boundary shall be at the North Pole, and our southern boundary so short that we can fence it in three weeks. [Laughter and applause.]