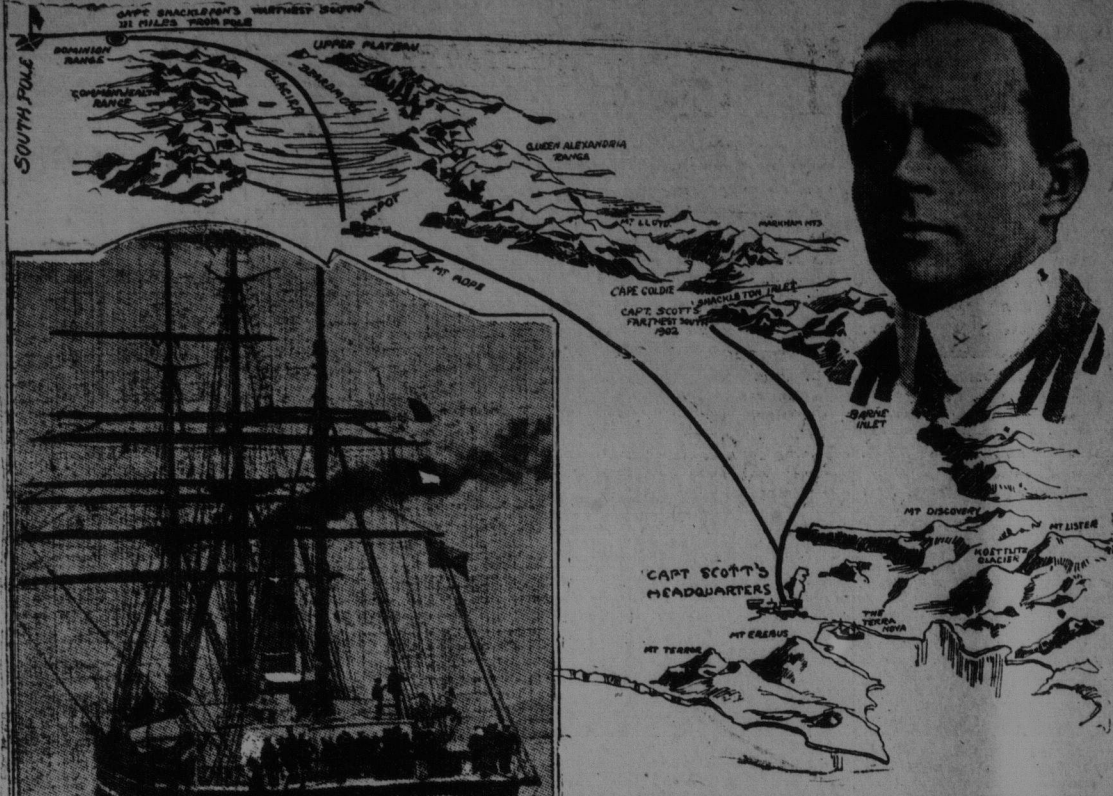


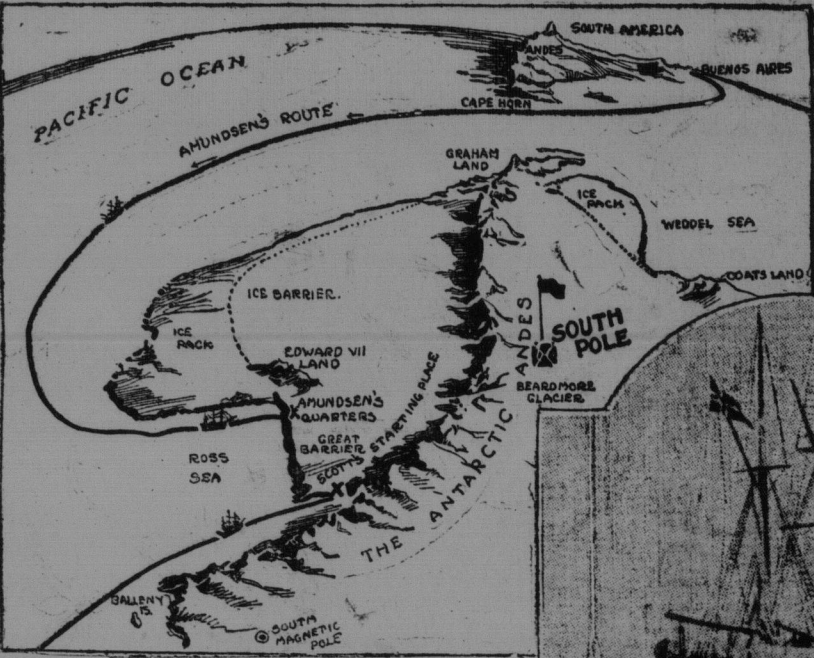
# THE UNION JACK FLOATS OVER THE SOUTHERN EXPLORER'S GOAL

## CAPT. SCOTT, HIS BOAT AND SOUTH POLAR REGIONS



A map of the antarctic regions showing the difficulties overcome by Scott in his trip from McMurdo sound to the pole; inset are pictures of Scott's boat, the "Terra Nova," taken as it left New Zealand carrying Scott's party to Ross sea; and the explorer himself.

### AMUNDSEN'S ROUTE TO THE SOUTH POLE



The map shows the route taken by Capt. Amundsen, from South America via the "Fram" to Ross sea, where the sleighs and skis were brought into service for the over-ice dash to the pole. Pictures of Capt. Amundsen and his famous polar ship, the Fram.



Wellington, N.Z., March 7.—Captain R. D. Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, says that Captain Scott, the British explorer, reached the South Pole. The two captains are close personal friends. They met just before they started the race for the pole and when they parted, each to pursue his own plans, they wished each other success.

Hobart, Tasmania, Mar. 7.—Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, has reached here on the return after his south polar expedition.

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 6.—The little town of Gandy, county seat of Logan county, is preparing to go out of existence after a futile struggle of something over 28 years to get a railroad just as soon as the spring will permit of comfortable moving the people of Gandy will hike across the prairie three miles to the new village of Stapleton, the present terminus of a branch line of the Union Pacific. The court house probably will go with the people, for Gandy is not proud of either its present or past history, and according to present indications there will be no one left to make a contest for the retention of the county seat.

without jealousy in their hearts, rejoiced in the success of their neighbor-to-be and the thought that they would soon hear the whistle of the locomotive. But they didn't. Having gone thus far, the railroad people decided to wait. Just then a new force appeared in the person of a stripling with lots of animation and energy and two high-power automobiles. He gave his name as Durant, and the first thing he did was to deposit something like \$12,000 in various Custer county and Logan county banks. He brought a chamber and secretary with him, and his only instruction to his assistants was to keep their mouths shut and do as they were told.

Then he set out through that part of Custer county extending northwest from Broken Bow to the Logan county line and began a systematic campaign among farmers and ranchers, asking them to donate right-of-way and such money as they could spare with the stipulation that he would provide a railroad. He had a persuasive, convincing way about him that seemed to carry weight, regardless of the fact that he gave no linking of the source of his backing.

his secretary, and his two automobiles have returned whence they came, but Logan county, after long waiting, has a railroad. Stapleton is a bustling village, the farmers see prospects of a better market for their grain, and everybody is happy.

#### FACTS ABOUT THE SOUTH POLE

The south pole is situated on an Antarctic continent larger than the United States and with an area of 5,000,000 miles.

The pole is on a tableland about 10,000 feet above sea level.

The great ice barrier is a glacier 700 miles wide and hundreds of miles broad in places; it varies from 100 to 300 feet in height.

The breaking off of portions of this ice barrier each summer produces the greatest crop of ice-bergs in the world.

Mount Erebus belches steam and lava within the circle of eternal ice.

It is probable that the south pole itself is buried under ice 5,000 feet thick.

Vegetation in the Antarctic continent consists entirely of moss; the land animal life is limited to a species of wingless insect very primitive in form.

The only human beings in the antarctic continent are explorers; no traces of native inhabitants have ever been discovered.

Penguins, great, awkward birds, exist along the coast in some parts.

There is little snow on the lower plateau, necessitating explorers carrying tents; the surface is smooth ice.

Deep crevices in the Beardmore glacier render travel up it perilous.

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#### CAPTAIN SCOTT, A POLAR HERO.

Capt. Robert F. Scott, is an officer of the British navy, the son of a famous English naval family. He commanded the Discovery expedition in the Antarctic regions, 1902-1904, planting the British flag at 82 degrees 17 minutes south.

Ernest Shackleton, who in 1908-09 reached farthest south—111 miles from the pole, was a member of Scott's first expedition.

Scott's latest polar expedition has cost over \$200,000 subscribed by British people and government.

He sailed from London on the Terra Nova June 1, 1910, stopping on his way to Ross sea in the Antarctic region.

The Terra Nova is the largest and strongest of the old Scottish whalers.

She was built at Dundee in 1884; 187 feet long and 32 in beam.

Since 1903 the Terra Nova has been engaged in polar trips, having been in both the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

#### Road Long Needed.

The story of Gandy's downfall and Stapleton's uplift is interesting and has to do with a headless youth scarcely 22 years old, but possessed of such a fund of initiative and push as to compel responsible heads of a great railway system to sit up and take notice. Logan county since its organization, and until recently, has been without a railroad. The people were a unit in wanting it. It was regarded as natural Union Pacific territory, but the magnates of that line were slow in starting the work, seeing no prospect of a rival company attempting to enter the field.

An occasional survey was made for an extension from Callaway, in Custer county, with Gandy's proposed terminus, but it was found the country was inaccessible from an engineering standpoint. The grade to have reached the town would have had to suffer too great an increase to be at all practicable, and the Union Pacific, therefore, at the next best thing, established a townsite on paper—at a point distant from the place which they contemplated.

Youth Shows Activity.

It was agreed to build the road, and the people of Gandy

#### Union Pacific Wakes Up.

Soon news came to the Union Pacific that there was a lot of railroad talk in the territory it intended to occupy. The report was circulated that Durant represented the Burlington road, but the youth himself was discreetly silent.

Finally the Union Pacific officials made approaches to Promoter Durant who was called in for consultation. He maintained an air of indifference that puzzled the magnates, and some of them believed he was a real factor in railroad building. At last they could stand it no longer, and he was asked for figures on the sale of the right of way that he possessed. Meanwhile the dirt began to fly: the Union Pacific had begun to build its long road to the northwest. Almost reluctantly so it appeared, the young man gave in, and he was awarded a modest sum therefore by the Union Pacific and another sum by the grateful farmers—in all a comfortable "wad" of about \$10,000 for his dozen weeks' work.

Young Mr. Durant, with his chamber

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#### ANTARCTIC DASHES OF THE PAST

Capt. Cook, British navy, 1772 was the first person to cross the Antarctic circle, went 71 degrees 10 minutes south.

Bellinghousen, Russian, 1820, 69 degrees, 52 minutes south.

James Weddell, British, 1833, 74 degrees 15 minutes.

Lieut. Charles Wilkes, American, explored what is now called Wilkes Land, 1839.

James Clarke Ross, British, discovered what is now Ross Sea, 1840, 77 degrees south.

G. S. Nares, British, with first steamship to enter Arctic circle, the Challenger, discovered the fact that animal life covered the floor of the polar seas, 1874.

Capt. R. F. Scott, British, 1902-04, 82 degrees 17 minutes south.

Ernest Shackleton, British 1908-09, 88 degrees 23 minutes south—111 miles from the pole.

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#### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

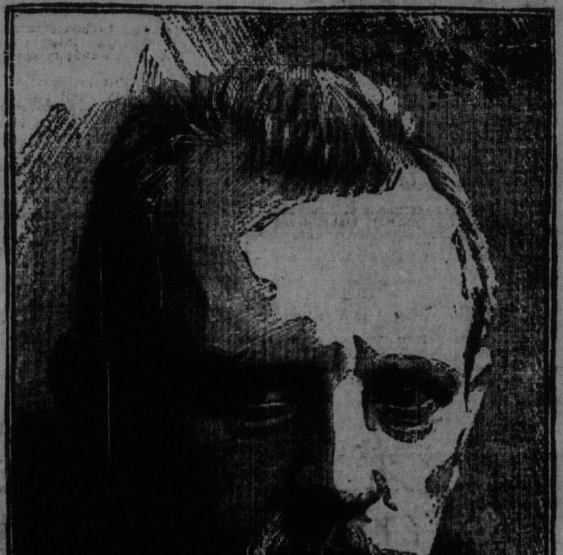
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#### NANSEN, THE POLAR EXPLORER



In connection with the race for the South Pole, it is interesting to note that Dr. Nansen, the noted Polar explorer, favored the chances of the Norwegian, Amundsen, reaching the coveted goal first.

The final dash was a contest between dogs on one hand, and ponies and a motor car on the other. Amundsen's Eskimo dogs, Nansen believed, would be far speedier than the ponies and motor car with which the Scott expedition is equipped, even though the latter had been specially built to traverse the snowfields. More than that, Amundsen's

winter quarters are sixty miles nearer the Pole than Captain Scott's, which, in itself should have been a great advantage were the two expeditions equipped in the same manner. The dogs, in Nansen's opinion, have many advantages over ponies in polar regions. In the first place, they are acclimatized, and secondly, they can eat each other if there is a shortage of food, thus providing strength-giving meat for the survivors of the teams, as the weaker members of the pack are sacrificed. In the case of the ponies, fodder had to be carried.

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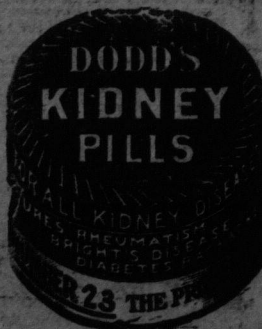
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Hamilton, Bermuda, March 7.—Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Walter Kitchener, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, died last night after an operation for appendicitis, which was performed on Feb. 25th. Sir Frederick Kitchener, who was born in 1854, was a brother of the famous Lord Kitchener, Field Marshal.



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