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Etah to Godhavn

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113. On Melville Bay Kolobengwaq told me that ~~Saigwa~~ sah(g)waq was the word for current and that the name of this place was Sah(g)wáh di = "place of a current". This corresponds with the map name of "Sarfallik", with same meaning, for the South Greenland word for current is Sarfak.

Over derivation from Silkwah, or sea pigeon, therefore, is a misconception due to faulty pronunciation.

Etah (cf p. 2 ft)

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24 III Left Ca noon - 11° F

overcast Moderate breeze N.E.

2.50 foot Cape Abnand & Glam

Rested dogs 15-20 min when
well up. Reached foot

on south side 4.10 - OK

6-7 stop on sea ice near

Sukwaddi for coffee

Met six kahmatics in middle
of Somtay Bay - Kalootinna +
Elaytoo, Teddilingwa, Metik, Jo-
punga, Pooadlunah + Oodlooli

arr Peterawik about 10 p.m.

Tatiak + Ahpela have igloo

here with 10 in it Metik here too

Accorn + I slept in snow igloo

Oobloolik + Ahdekahingwa in sleds Oqigigigloo

25. III - Temp 7-40 A - 15°

got away soon after 8 o'clock.

on south side next headland the men
saw some bones - Stopped + Oobloolik show
me + with in an hour it had been skinned
cooked + eaten. Must have staid here 1 1/2 h
reached Nerere 1 p.m. Temp 24 - 13

(Written at Nerco 26. III) 24 III - 17. Temp at 8 a.m. -14.6, sky thinly overcast, wind moderate from N.E. Accommodating wah says outlook is favorable for our start and Mac agrees with him. Hence final packing began directly after breakfast. Last evening Munnis'oo helped matters out by making my two pairs of old rabbit stockings, which have done me good service for more than a year, over into a very good pair for my trip. About 10-30 this morning Ahneenah brought in the third and last pair of new stockings that she has been making for me, and my outfit was complete. She has not been feeling well on account of digestive troubles for two or three days, but she is better again now. Mac will not be able to get away till tomorrow. All the natives were in the house this morning and I said good-bye to them as well as I could, shaking hands with each. I have come to like most of them and they have contributed to the enjoyment of life at Etah. Perhaps I am better friends with Munnis'oo than with any one else, except Megiss'oo, because she has done so much work for me the past few months.

Megiss'oo is a sweet little girl and it is a wonder that she has not been spoiled by the petting that she has had from me and me. She likes to be kissed kablumak fashion, but she has not quite learned how to kiss in return.

Joe is somewhat out of gear, the ~~other~~ rheumatism (?) which began yesterday evening in his right hand now going up his arm. He is afraid of its giving him a stiff neck, as it has done before. Hence he is not up to his usual amount of chopping. Captain Corner is really sorry to have me leave, though he does not seem to anticipate any particular trouble to me from my trip. He wrote a letter to his wife, but at first declined to send it by me, saying that according to an old sailor's superstition, it would bring me bad luck to take. When, however, he saw that I had no scruples he gave the letter to me the last thing after everything had gone out to the kahnutiks. I crowded it into a pocket. Captain says to persevere now with my enterprise and put it through if at all possible. I mean to all right! He says too not to wait at Upernivik or Esby for the "Dammek" but to take the first ship that I can get.

Just at noon the kahmatiks were slid down the bank. While the dogs were being attached at the edge of the ice, Captain came down to give me the noon reading of -11° . The sky was rather more thickly overcast, so that the sun was hidden, and the wind was still moderate from N.E. Mac photo'd me standing beside Accommodingwah's Kahmatik and rushed into the house with the camera.

Accommodingwah started and I had to go on, after another warm hand shake from captain. Accom. stopped at the edge of the smooth ice, so I halted to let Mac come up, for I saw him running out to me. He walked on to the Kahmatik with me and gave cordial farewell. Said he had enjoyed my being here this winter and did not want me to go now. Was glad I came, for we both understood matters better now etc. We bade each other good luck, I jumped onto the sledge, the dogs sprang forward and we were off. Ooblooiak and Ahdekahingwa were just behind and Ogwig brought up the rear. Acc. had 14 dogs, Oobl. 17 + Ogwig 8.

Walked through the rough ice at the point & also a little at the (my last view of the house)

mouth of Port Foulke. Wind died out almost entirely as we passed this little bight. Etah is the "windy place" indeed.

The ice being smooth without very much snow on it we went along at a comfortable gait. Noted Cape Kendrick where the rabbits were so thick in September 1915 and the snowing heights of Crystal Palace Cliffs. Accommodating pointed out the igloos of Wee-ahk-dahanni. We reached the west base of the Cape Alexander Glacier at 2:50 p.m. Slope is gentle and we went right up. Had to walk about $\frac{1}{8}$ mile Round Loop 15 or 20 minutes at top of walking ascent. Could see much open water a few miles off shore though ice seemed to extend nearly if not quite to northern side of the point. Fine drive across the glacier at elevation of about 600 feet (perhaps more) above the sea. Crossed two cracks about 6 inches wide. Glacier is a tongue from the ice cap which splits against the Cape Alexander rock mass and flows north and south into the sea. Mac's idea that the C. A. rock mass is insular seems to have much in its favor. The

mass presents cliff faces to the east toward the cap like those which it presents to the sea.

The slide down the snow slope on the east side of the southern arm is exhilarating, when taken as we took it with a rope bridge over the points of the runners acting as a brake. It must be exciting when taken as Oquig took it, without brake except his feet as he slid along behind his kahumatik, holding ^{on} and steering with the upstandards. Accommodingwah and Ootloxiak walked down in front of their dogs. At the top of the east steep dip above the ice foot Ah-dekahingwa got off and dragged behind the sledge helping hold back and steer it. Hence when we reached the spot I followed her example. All reached the ice foot safely, our time being 4:10 p.m. Oquig beat us by several minutes of course. Almost no wind on glacier.

From the upper part of the glacier I could see broad open water for a long distance this side of Cape Alexander and a lane between Sutherland Island and the shore. Young ice this side of island

The going on the ice foot was good and we drove along on it for a quarter or half a mile. Then the men searched for a good place to get off it and we went down onto the sea ice, where we could take a straighter course. Tide was low and ice foot about eight feet thick.

As we approached Sukkwadeli I hoped that we were going to turn in there for the night, according to Accom's ostensible plan before starting, for I was tired enough to rest. But no, the ice and weather were good and the men wanted to push on for Nerke. We stopped and had coffee and a rest. No wind. Out in Somerset Bay we met six kahmatiks, carrying Kolootinna + Elaytoo, Pooddluwah, Teddilingwa, Metik, Lopingwa and Oodlooki. They said that there was a good snow igloo at Peteravik, hence Accommodingwa said that we would stop there. Elaytoo is one of the beauties of the tribe and really is nice looking for an Eskimo.

about 10 o'clock in the twilight we arrived at Peteravik. Enthusiastic welcome from Tatiak.

Cape Chalon is a very bold precipitous &
promontory formed by a trap dike

He and his brother Ahpelah (Dr. Cook's second
man) have an igloo here. I did not
have a chance to talk with the
latter. Their igloo is crowded. There
seemed to be nine people in it, count-
ing three children, and Oqwig, bunk-
ed in with them. By midnight Ac-
commodatingwah and I were sound
asleep in the snow igloo. It was my
first experience in a lodging of that
kind, but I slept fairly well and
was surprised that it was seven o'clock.
When Acc. turned out. Then too
I learned that Oobloish and Ahdekan-
hinga had slept on the two Kakmatiks
There they had placed side by side and
spread skins on to make a bed, where
they had slept stripped as usual.
~~At 7:40 this~~

25 March. Temp 7:40am - 15° (-15°)
Somewhat hazy. No wind. Fine day.
Jatiah came in to call on me. He says
that Kolootengwah is a fine man for
my trip and so too is Tanchingwah.
He thinks that conditions on Melville
Bay will be good. I hope he is right!
We had tea and biscuit and
got under way about 8 o'clock
leaving Oqwig behind.

The glacier (M. K. J. gl.?) at Peteravik presents a long front to the sea (2-3 miles I shd think) and is active. Acc says many bergs come off from it in the summer - Saw two deep arches in it. Its surface as far as I could see was extremely uneven & serrated.

As we rounded the next point to S Acc. called my attention to the numerous hare tracks in the snow which I could easily see and pointed out some hares which I am not at all sure that I could see. Soon Ooblovich, who was in the lead, stopped, got his rifle out from under the lashings and started for the land. We stopped too of course and watched him. A hundred feet or more above the sea he stopped, and his rifle cracked two or three times and we saw an object rolling down the snow slope. It stopped only a few yards from his upward path - convenient retrieving! Meanwhile Adakahingoo had started the primus and Acc. had gone to a little berg 100 yards away for a chunk of good ice for water. I asked him why he didn't use the fresh snow lying all about us. He intimated that the ice was better.

Within an hour from the time we stopped the hare was in the process of being eaten. I for one was glad to get the substantial breakfast that it afforded. Nothing was left but the bones and the entrails. Ah. dekahinga took the latter and a trap + went ashore to leave trouble in store for some unwary fox.

Nerke lies around the next point to the south and at 1 p.m. we crossed the reef and were at our destination. To my joy Acc. said that we would stay here two sleeps, since he must dry his kamiks. I was pretty tired and was going to ask for two sleeps, if he had not proposed it. There are four igloos here now, Acc. + Nookapingwaq have a big snow igloo (iglooseak), where I am.

We were seemed glad to see me + was much pleased with the bag of coffee that I brought her. Another iglooseak contains Imugeek, Mayah + her families, another Ah-wegeek and Ah-wee goodloo. While the stone igloo is occupied by Oobloiak whose prof. about 25 all hands were out to greet us, except those away hunting. Several called.

26 March a lovely day, clear sky,
little or no wind noon temp - 19.5°

Too bad not to be able to take advantage of such good weather but hope for another good day tomorrow

Slept well for fully nine hours in my sleeping bag last night tho it was rather too warm for the igloo. Bed platform free with five adults + two children in it. Oodee + Kahla slept in some other igloo. Kanesahksnah is at Kanesahksnah's

Spent day resting, reading + writing. Was out for an hour or more in middle of day but took only a short walk, not feeling in need of any more exercise. Called on Obbloiah and Adikahingwah and had to eat some mush + drink coffee though I thought that I was full enough of high killilbloah + oozook that I had just had at home. He has three nice children, oldest being a girl Nettow somewhat younger than Megissas.

Saw Enaloo calmly use the meat fork (a wire) as a back scratcher in interval of me in the pot. To be sure she wiped it off with her fingers. She was making a hair

of drawers today out of white cloth,
hence she washed her right foot in
order not to soil the cloth, which
she held between her toes while sewing.

27 ~~26~~. III. - Another beautiful, cloud-
less or nearly cloudless, calm
or almost calm day. Temp
7-30 a.m. - 25°

accom - 12 dogs
Noon 11

Got under way about 9 a.m. -
Glad to note that We-We was go-
ing to Bornan too.

Crossed Nerke fjord to next head-
land to S & then headed straight
for western end Herbert Island.
Ice in very good condition
with only here and there a some-
what rough streak between
old pans - A little S.E. wind
when we were in middle of
Murchison Sound. Passed
two seal igloos, which the
men broke into and the dogs
were eager to explore. Halted
between 3 & 4 p.m. in lee of big
bay for coffee, tea & biscuit.
Moderate but keen land
breeze off western end of
Herbert Island. Arr ~~at~~ Oology
re at 7.45 - apparently just

as cold if not colder, but I was too tired + shivery to take temperature before it was too dark to get reading.

Tanchingway was on hand and showed me all the boxes that he and Inu gets had brought down. Met Ewid doo, who seemed to recognize me + he glad to see me. She is sister to Uman + Oowetonia.

Tanchingway and Tonging have a big igloo together with two windows in its front. It is about 25 feet long by 11 wide and seems like a town hall in comparison with the usual igloo. Single stick of 5 in timber forms its ridge pole, which is six feet clear above the floor. The frame from four large copper hoodlars made the room very light and almost uncomfortable warm. Ceiling + roof is of boards covered with turf + walls of stone. Floor of boards. Quite a palace. Tonging + wife are at Oomanaq. Eighteen adults + children were in here this evening without over crowding. My friends wld be amazed could they see me eating frozen walrus with relish.

28 March Temp 10 a.m. - -12°

My sleeping bag was too hot last night crawled out of it @ 2 a.m. - & tried sleeping on top in my underclothes. Too cold. Tied top of bag under seal skin cover but did not like that - about 3 o'clk I pulled my bag out of its cover & got in again. Cracked & was fairly comfortable till 7:30 when I got up and had my breakfast of tea, bannet & boiled walrus meat. A little woman came in who said that she was away paddling when I was here last summer. It was Anawig whom I was glad to meet, having heard so much about her. Later the woman - Ahmeenik by name, with whom I had so much talk last summer ^{came in}. She remembered my name which she pronounced rather distinctly. All laughed when I could not recall hers.

Lift with Ewidloo the ahmoahk pattern which I brought down for Emetliag. They said that she would be over from Keateq before long - arrangements changed & am sending it over today by a boy to whom I gave a package of tobacco for taking it. Neq shak by name

Photos with Perret camera who is very stiff
and curtain slow with cold

1.2 1cm $12\frac{1}{2}$ -9 } Nerke. 26-III
3 2cm " " }

1-4 1cm- $12\frac{1}{2}$ -9 Oolooqse 28-III

Used actinometer on light for above

While the sledges were being packed
Jauchingway told me that Masag
had been engaged to go to Oomanag
with us. I guess that we needed another
man all right, but more from Oomanag
to Cape York than from here to Oomanag.
But I can't say anything, not
having sufficient command of
the language. Later Accommodag
said that he thought Masag, who
go all the way thro to Tah with some
of the stuff that I am going to try to
send to Mac.

We finally got away from Oolooqse
about noon and had a delightful
ride across Whale Sound.

There was a little westerly wind
in the middle of the sound and
we encountered a heavy land
breeze from E-W along south shore.
Roughness of ice in direct course

led my men to make a detour to the east, following a series of smoothly frozen over old leads. We were abreast of Karsaq $2\pm(4?)$ miles east of Netchilik when we turned and skirted the shore to our destination. The strong vertical basalt dikes which I noted last summer form a still more striking feature of the landscape now with its general coating of snow. Reached Netchilik about 4 p.m. & were cordially welcomed by Kolootengwaq.

They had a great laugh on me when I entered the igloo. A young man was sitting beside the window with his back to the light and I called him Koodlookto whereas it was Emmeriaq. No attention was paid to this, but when I called the woman sitting on the platform Alnadovag and asked where Jongwingwaq was, Kolootengwaq burst out laughing and said that this was Jongwingwaq, Alnadovag being at Oomanaq. I had mistaken the mother for the daughter, some compliment she thought.

The wind is rising this evening and the sky looks threatening, hence we may not go on tomorrow. It does not seem to lift a wind any better than I do. We have had a week of fine weather, it would not be strange if we had a storm now. Temp. 57° - 85°

29 March. Stormbound at Kolootengwaig's igloo, and a very comfortable place it is too. So warm in fact that Inguinewah and the little girls are sitting on the bed platform clad in their tunics alone while the little boy, two years old, is stark naked. And the men are uncomfortable, at least I am so, in ordinary clothing. This ordinary clothing however includes the bear skin pants and kamiks which are worn outside in cold weather.

The storm is a blustering snow storm + I am glad to be here and not out in it or tied up in a temporary snow igloo. We are more than half way to Comanag and I am wondering whether K. means to do the remaining 70 miles in one long or two moderate marches. I hope for the latter.

Breakfast this morning rapak mukla biscuit tea + coffee.

K dug out some old Outlooks for me

Outdoors at 1.45 p.m. Storm is rather severe and air so thick with falling snow that one can see only a little way out into the fjord. Temp $+5^{\circ}$ acc. to thermometer in lee of meat rack (a big boulder) but it seems colder by reason of storm.

Outdoors again 4-5 p.m. storm less severe. Kolootengwa's igloo has a board ceiling. He broadened his bed platform by means of a 6 inch plank.

Atinguna + her son Anggooka are living at this place.

Al²¹na¹⁸da¹⁰ah, Em¹⁸eniah, Am¹⁰anuketh, Nettoo, Ir³ispa badu are Tongvingwa's children.

30 III 8.5.0 a - 4° B Calm
Left Nechilik about 10 a.m. riding on Accommodingwa's sledge. Beautiful day. In a half hour or more Kolootengwa overtook us and I was transferred to his kahmatik, where I staid afterwards. Ice in fine condition wind having blown snow out to sea or packed it to a good surface. ^{noon} Stopped at Cape Radcliffe (next north of C. Parry) where Kolootengwa went ashore examined a fox trap and climbed up bluff to look at ice. Collected out that

he saw a seal + pointed toward it. Nootcarpingwa seized his rifle + shells + ran for it. Soon we heard a shot and Emeeniap and Marsag, ~~the~~ one with killing iron and other with a gloonak started on dead run. Three returned empty handed.

Kolootenag reported ice back off Cape Parry so we turned into cove north of promontory and went up long valley toward ice cap. Upper end of valley is a box canon in summer - now partly filled with great drift which enabled us to get up one side. Very little walking - ~~came out in~~ valley between promontory + main cap descended to ^{edge} lake + then down a glacier into northern part Booth Sound. Came down onto sea ice at 3-30 + stopped for about 2 hrs to rest dogs, have tea + biscuit and polish immies. Fitz Clarence Rock imposing. Met Poollag near entrance to Sound. Learned that Peter had not arrived at or Rasmussen left Oomanaq.

Jongwaig + Ariangnoroq came up with
Poodelag but had gone to try sea ice around
Cape Parry. 20

Drove on till about 9.30 p.m.
Fine sunset. Encountered
wind flowing out of Granville
Bay. Stopped just east of the
mouth of the bay and prepared
for night, several cutting snow
blocks from which Nookaspingwaq
built iglooceah about 9 ft diam
inside. Tea was made, meat
was boiled and a tin of pemmican
opened. Got to bed about 11.30
Nookaspingwaq, Neene, Lizzie,
Kolootanwaq, Massag + I sleep-
ing iglooceah.

31 March. Kolootanwaq called
all hands about 4.40. Had
tea + biscuit. Got under way
about 6.20. Hazy and thick +
light snow falling. Halted
about 9.30 for a half hour. Toy
lifted showing top of Oomanaq
+ that we were abreast of it
and too far to north. On a
gain and reached "Dummark"
at about 11 o'clock. Her flag
up in my honor. Tempera

ture at Thule at 8 a.m. was about -15°C . Shippers abreast (East of) the ^{big} little island off the peninsula on which the turfies stood last summer.

Mr Koch was well out on the ice to greet me and Captain Hansen was on the ice beside the vessel as we drew up. He is a sturdy, blue eyed man who looks kindly but efficient. I had not been long on board before Mr. Rasmussen came in from Thule to welcome me. Preparations for his departure northward are not quite complete, but he does not expect to wait beyond 5 April for return of Peter.

Captain had breakfast prepared at once for me and served in his room. It tasted good all right. Began talk with him about the supplies on board, and arranged for sugar, molasses and coffee ca 450 lbs weight in all to go to Mac. Saw several of my old Eskimo friends. Cordial. In afternoon went over to Thule. Flagg on both houses in my honor. Eerneeniak is to be my third man to Upernivik.

Dr Thorild Wulff

Stockholm

Dear Doctor Hovey,

I should be glad to see here for
grand dinner to-day at 5 o'clock.
Full dress of course! The captain and
chief will also turn up. Welcome!

Yours truly

Thorild Walff

1/4 1917.

1 April - Unpleasant, thick and rather stormy. Temp -10 C this morning. Too warm last night in my sleeping bag. Busy all day with matters pertaining to my own trip, expedition matters and return journey to Etah of the three men who go back to-morrow. This afternoon Dr. Wulff celebrated his 40th birthday with a "grand dinner" served in course

Sophie was housekeeper
for Jensen, factor at S. Wernicke.

at Peter's house. Sophie, a South Greenland woman unexpectedly detained here, like the rest of us, did the cooking and did it remarkably well under the conditions obtaining in that house. And the house was fuller of Eskimos than usual on ac-

of the celebration. Among other things we had salmon from Konggard-looksuah and roast venison from near Oomanaq to eat. For drinks we had Danish kummel, French Sauterne and Port Spanish sherry and coffee. A speech was made by Dr Wulff, the reply to which fell to me to make. We did not fail to drink a toast to our absent home friends who could not know how comfortable a time we were having in the Far North. Those present were Dr Wulff, Captain Hansen, messrs Rasmussen, Koch, Nielsen (mate) and myself, also Navarana and Sophie. We had a very good time, but separated early to get back to our varied work.

2 April - Monday. A beautiful day, and a very minding day. Muraq and Wookapingway Wewe and Lizzie got away about noon for Etah. The first two had good loads of sugar

molasses and coffee on board for
 Mac's use in payment of his
 Eskimos - I was sorry to bid
 my old friends good bye especial-
 ly good old Accommodating
 Wuy, who calls me his aipah
 or dear friend and companion.
 Each of us told the other that he was
 "Maah mukto" or all right.
 I gave each man a liberal supply
 (5 pkgs) of tobacco + they started
 away in good spirits.
 Temperature at 9-30 p. - 25°C

3 April - Tuesday - I could not
 sleep after 5 o'clock this morn-
 ing and I got up at six. The
 weather was clear and cool and
 I thought surely that I should get
 away myself by noon. But
 the sky became overcast some-
 what by mid morning and
 Kolootenquay said "No good!
 Ahwe suah!" It has been almost
 calm here all day but bad
 outside, they say.

All alcohol had leaked out of our u. (26)
some can leaving us only about a pint!

5 April. Heavy wind sprang
up last night which broke
my thermometer wh I had un-
wisely left hanging outside
sleep well. Seems colder
than yesterday. <sup>Extra dog on hand wh
followed from Danang</sup>
got started about 11 AM
Very little wind at cave but
could see snow driving off
Pitonik glacier -

Rather bad when we reached
it & increased so that
when we reached grotto
south side Campy Dend
by Diggs we stopped
there at 12-30 h. ^{Then}
3/4 mile from point.

Worse in afternoon & we
decided to sleep here.

All cheerful. Also I discovered
that we had lost

2 ^{Cans} ^{pen} in snow at 13 grotto
Touching way cut left ankle with pick

6 April Kolovraty put
up tent inside grotto &
all four crowded into
it. Slept well -

Had bft about 8.30 a. coffee
biscuits marmalade

Little wind but we
are going on - Colder
than yesterday

Under way at 10 o'clock

Not much wind across Parker Snow
Bay but increasing - ^{Some slush under} snow H. P. S. Point
Seems to be a little glacier coming down
near Parker Snow Point on south side
Ekblaw Gf. - perhaps 4 mi from Point

Saw south side Crinoid Rock for sixth
+ I hope the last time

Subsistent is just east of the little glacier
next beyond Ekblaw Gf. Ice cap route
is down this, one would have difficulty
in getting sledge onto or down from
Ekblaw Gf.

Long breeze very keen and disagree-
able from 1/3 way along the

onward
 Crimson cliffs. Drift had occasionally
 Kolootenquay got tangled up in traces and
 dragged against lump of ice hurting
 his thigh somewhat
 Rounded Cape York at 6 p.m., stopped
 ten minutes or so while K. went up
 onto a terrace 30 ft above sea to visit the
 grave of his grandmother, who is buried
 there - Reached igloo at 6:20 -
 Ahngmalokto + Ooquial + families here
 opened up Ahnggodibloosooq's igloo
 for our accommodation - Not much
 food here, but got half a seal for dogs
 and chunk of bear meat for ourselves
 in exchange for two tins pemmican
 given Ahnggodibloosooq at Oomanaq

7 April - Hazy day, and considerable
 wind outside Kolootenquay says -
 Perhaps we can go on tomorrow
 Slept well last night - We came down
 from Oomanaq in $15\frac{1}{2}$ hours of driving
 without allowing for stops to untangle
 traces and rest the dogs -
 Kolootenquay has gone after some kamik
 grass - ~~Not much meat here but we~~
~~have gotten the chunk of bear meat and~~
~~the dog feed ($\frac{1}{2}$ seal) that Ahnggodib-~~
~~bloosooq said we could have in exchange~~
~~for the two tins pemmican and gave him~~

8 April Sunday. Kobootengway &c -
 Gun preparing coffee before six o'el
 this morning saying that the day
 was all right - It certainly looks good
 - Clear, almost no wind & temp per-
 haps -10° F. at 7-30 a.m. - Got started
 at 8:20 (or lower) Ahngumalokto go-
 ing with us as a supporting ka-
 mootik. Headed toward the south
 east meaning to keep well out
 to sea. Ooqueah came along for a
 couple of hours to where he had
 left his kayak on the ice after hunt-
 ing seals some weeks ago - ~~Matok~~
~~Hod~~ left him here. about 11 o'el
 we reached an open lead crossing
 the path that we desired to take and
 forcing us toward the land. Could
 not cross it - We followed it for
 miles - Got four seals - Eemewiat
 shooting two Tanchingway one &
 Ahngumalokto one. The last was
 caked in the snow against the
 man's return - Stopped seal hunt-
 ing and left the lead about 3 p.m., head-
 ing for ~~Cape Melville~~ ^{Burghman Island} Reached the Cape
 at 5 p.m. and are now camped about
 200 yds from the land - Using tent
 since snow is not good for build-
 ing igloo chances are for a quiet night

We have traveled about 6 hours and 30 miles today. Going was pretty good out-side, but near the land it is bad tho we can ride almost all the time.

Has been a beautiful day as to weather and the shore has been picturesque in the afternoon sun. Cape York Bay deep. Koch says that Peter & Dr. Wulff tried to come down the wrong glacier, wh accounts for their troubles. There has been no such movement as they describe. Saw Bushman Island & Meteorite Island & high land on wh Koodlookto's meteorite is. Each man 13 dogs - E leaning a lame one and K. taking on the stray.

9 April - Monday. Had good supper last night on the freshly killed young seal and turned early - about 8 o'clock. We five men filled floor space of the little tent pretty completely. Slept well till about 3 a.m. when the strong S E wind that had sprung up awakened us and dashed our hopes for a day of good travel today. Turned over and went to sleep again. Did not get up till 9 o'clock when we had left. Spent entire day in camp. Clear, cold & windy. Ahngpualokto started for Cape York about 3 p.m. - the wind having moderated somewhat gave him a pipe & two packs tobacco.

Kolootengway pointed out ridge on which
Goodlooktoo's meteorite lies, NNE of Bush-
man Island (31)

which seemed to satisfy him completely
and Kolootengway said was all right.
Almq. also got the skin + blubber of one of
our seals.

Feeding dogs *fennimim* this evening

10 April - Tuesday. Beautiful morning
with very little wind. E or ESE up
at six Ecl. Under way about nine
after two hours of fair going we got
out of the maze of icebergs lying
SE. of ^{myriam point} ~~Cape Mitchell~~ + once more
struck out to sea and were a-
gain turned back by the lead
which kept increasing in width.
At 5 p.m. we stopped beside a
little bay and have decided to
camp here. Lead is now fully
a mile wide. Lots of seals in
it. Have had a rather hard after-
noon snowshoed at least 2 hrs
of it and Kolootengway an
hour or so while I rode and
tried to drive. He is discouraged
by the deep snow saying that
what is here is nothing to what
is beyond. I fear that ^{to} now
now he may decline to go any
farther. What can I do?

We are off Cape Melville

Later. After tramping about for sometime part of the time on snowshoes and part of the time ~~not~~ K. came in and announced that we would go on tomorrow by repeating marches, that is that he and the others would go forward with part of the load, leaving me and the dog food here and returning here to sleep tomorrow night. The following day we would go forward with the rest of the load and me, thus being able to ride. He thinks that I can't walk very well and that the snow is too deep for much walking. Well I asked K. R. at Ooramenig, to impress upon K. Ootengway the idea that I was not to walk any. The first stab yesterday was a rather hard one, for the snowshoes do not fit well over my kamikpuks and I had my back litch on, was altogether too warmly dressed. The second time I left my koolish on the kamatik and got along better, wearing my blanket shirt. K. Ootengway thinks now that a ship is the proper conveyance for me across Melville Bay. Perhaps he is right and I ought not to have ~~immediately~~ taken this journey but I don't want to give it up yet. We are $\frac{1}{3}$ way across now.

11 April, Wednesday. Heavy S E storm
 broke upon us early this morning, bring-
 ing much new snow to add to our
 difficulties. I staid in my comfortable
 sleeping bag till after 1 p.m. The others
 got up early and stood around in their
 heavy clothing since snow was drift-
 ing in on the back side of the tent.
 We set the tent up very well last night
 and it stood the high wind all night.
 Tanchingway and Emeenish put on
 some more patches. The storm ceas-
 ed and the sun came out about 2:30
 while we were eating our "dinner"
 of hard crackers and tea. Now (4
 p.m.) the young men are out after
 seals and K. has taken my snow-
 shoes and gone off prospecting.
 This is such a day as to make me
 long for the comforts of home.
 at 4:30 it is thick again, the sun being
 scarcely discernible - 57. light snow
 falling again - wind N E 51. Rather warm day.
 We are camped off from a great black pre-
 cipice 25+ miles south of Cape Melville.
 [I wonder if we were at Bushman Is-
 land last camp and are now near
 Cape Melville? Wish I had a map]
 Ahngmoloitto & Koodloitto lived here
 some years ago.

12 April. Thursday. Snowed a good bit last evening but cleared during night. I was awake at 2 a.m. and it was very light in the tent though we did not seem to be getting direct rays of sun yet. Sunshiny day with light easterly wind. Considerably colder than it was yesterday, but not so dismal in camp. Did not get up early because we cannot travel yet on account of condition of new snow. Men were out about 10 o'clock clearing snow off from kahmootiks + baggage. Then were mending harness and doing odd jobs.

Bound Kolootengway a belt. Patched up holes in Sauchingway's kamiks with surgical plaster.

Directly after noon Kolootengway said he was going out to take a look at the ice, carrying out the plan which he announced day before yesterday evening. So he and the others got ready at once, ~~load~~ putting onto ~~the~~ kahmootiks some of the dog meat, pemmican and oil and my precious box of journals to ~~on~~ ^{as} a load of its weight I suppose. I did not realize that that was going until too late to stop its going. Well no use worrying about it. I don't relish being left here all alone in Melville Bay 50 miles from anywhere (i.e. Cape York) and I tried to tell K

so, but he evidently could see no reason for anxiety on my part - at any rate they all drove away leaving one of K's dogs behind. It is keeping me company with its lonely howling - Perhaps K left him to ward off any strutting bear but I kept my rifle too. I wish that my thermometer had not gotten broken for I shld like to know the temperature. I am sitting on a box in the sunshine on the lee side (W) of the tent writing this handed, but that it is not a very warm day is evidenced by the ice forming on the face roll of my net. Not a cloud to be seen, and I wonder if the good April weather like that of last year, year before + 1914 too has begun. This would be a fine trip, were it not for the deep snow on the ice. But that makes me wonder whether I shall be able to go on through or not.

This noon I gave each man a package of smoking tobacco though no one has admitted being out of it and Kolootung-waq proudly says that he has lots of his own.

Men returned at 7 o'cl + seemed grateful for the hot tea + erswamy soup that I had ready for them - They thanked me

when Tanchum, my + Geeser
 wiah tried to stop their teams
 at the hitching post. Both
 sets of dogs made for the tent
 and the meat in front of it -
 some confusion. but no
 damage resulted except a
 new hole made by a falling
 stake when it struck the tent

13 April - Friday. Cold
 night. I shall think 15° or more
 below zero, but calm. The
 young men boiled some seal meat
 before they turned in but I was
 asleep before it was done.
 Under way shortly after 11 and by
 1-40 had reached the cache
 made yesterday. Kaloosagwah
 went off on a spowshoo in a
 town of inspection & was gone
 about 2 hrs. Cold staying still
 He called to the young men +
 they rushed off. Not very ripe
 but did not get the seal. I
 was left alone in charge of
 the 3 dogs but nothing happened

about 4 o'clock we started on
 leaving the cache and drove per-
 haps a half hour and now
 are on a large ice berg. ~~and~~
 It had begun getting out
 blocks for an igloo while
 the young men are hunting
 seals along the big lead.
 We left the things at the cache
 till tomorrow 5 or 6 more

than 3 ft deep

Light W-N.W. wind part of afternoon
 calm evening - Beautiful

clear sunset at 7-30 by my watch

Wish that I could photo our camp
 on the slope of this big ice berg - Our
 first snow igloo of the trip since leav-
 ing land and my first camp on
 an iceberg - Very nice now

and there is lots of thin young
 ice south of us but I do not care
 to rival Capt. Tyson - We are

on the south western edge of
 a perfect maze of hundreds of
 bergs - Just N.E. of us is a berg
 800-1,000 feet long wide at this end
 and perhaps a mile long that
 looks like the end of a glacier
 with its surface of pinnacles
 and valleys

14 April - Saturday Another beautiful, calm day. Water fog to the south. Now - 9.30 a.m. - the young men have gone on with empty kahmooties for an inspection of conditions, leaving Kolootung-wog and me to hold the fort. I like a snow igloo better than a tent on some accounts - For one thing it is warmer. K likes a tent better & I don't wonder for it is considerably warmer. 5 build an igloo each.

11. Rather cold today on account of the damp wind for the promise of the early morning was not fulfilled and the flow fog was rather thick even when the boys got off. The big lead has broadened so that in the fog it looks as if there were much open water or water with very thin ice on it to the southward.

K. came in about noon, just in time for a cup of tea. He had killed two seals and missed one, but he could not land either of those that he killed. He could just throw his harpoon line over one but did not succeed in flopping it near within harpooning distance. He likes my rifle and wants me like it. Off again this afternoon. He thinks that poor Meene is spoiled for either this region or America. Dined off fine about 2 p.m.

at 3-40 the boys were back, followed in a half hour by Kolookingway. The report is that the bad conditions prevail beyond on the route we should follow - deep snow, under which is slush, making travel very difficult. I wonder what we are going to do! The fog is coming in again.

Melville Bay = See wik sōk suak

15 April. Sunday Clear and almost cloudless. Moderate breeze from East. Temperature a little above 0°F , at a guess. Smooth new ice has formed as far toward the southeast, south & southwest as I can see and it looks very attractive. I asked E. how long it would take to make it safe for travel and he replied "Three days, perhaps". I wonder now if K's now thinking of waiting here for this to take place. Looking off to the west I could see K + J, who had gone sealing, half a mile or so to the W. at a good many yards out on the new ice.

Last evening about 7 o'clock the men came in bringing the stuff from the cache on the ice. I had pea soup ready and then stirred in about a pound and a half of pemmican. We also had bisonuit, milk tea and tea and I thought we had had supper, so about 9 o'clock I began getting my sleeping bag

ready for occupation, but I was too pre-
 occupied for evidently seal meat was still on
 the menu. The primus was pumped up,
 the kettle put on and sixteen chunks of
 meat, fist size, were boiled and eaten
 before the family turned in. I ate three
 such pieces myself and slept like a
 top. I asked K the programme for the next
 day (to-day) and he said "Pooizhe.
 mikkikahpa", hence I inferred that
 an early start would be made this morning.
 Not so, however. K. turned out about 7,
 looked out of the peephole, made a potful
 of tea and we each had a cup but no
 one stirred out of the igloos. On the
 contrary K got out the cards and im-
 mersed in a game of solitaire. It was
 nine o'clock before all were up and we were
 eating our breakfast of pemmican
 biscuit and tea. About noon K & J start-
 ed out sealing and a half hour later
 I followed them.

K had his Eskimo stove going last even-
 ing. The effect of the light in the snow
 house was very pretty.

Soon after 2-30 the men came in
 bringing a seal wh. K. killed yesterday -
 a good-sized female. This was soon cut
 up and some of it boiling for a copious
 feast. They cooked up some of the blood

making a thick soup of wh. the Eskimos
are very fond. It is good too, but I took only
a little, being too full of meat for more -
K says that the new ice will be good in three
days, but that there are holes in it.

I guess that the ship is not given up yet.
I think that K would not have brought in
all the things from the cache, had he been
meaning to turn back from here after
the report brought in from yesterday's
scouting trip. Well I have plenty of
time and we have a good supply of
biscuit, kerosene and tea and
pemmican, and there are seals in the
water.

16 April Monday B - calm
Wt over by 80 ft + we are
going on.

K + I led the way at 10-30 starting
out on the new ice near camp. Advance
3-1/2 mile when K decided to leave
it, much to my relief for my heart
had been in my throat much of the
time. I can't say that I like riding
on ice that bends under the sledge.
Then came a mile or so of snow
shoering for me + heavy going for

Kahmootiks. Rode a while in Gerner-
nicks sledge by his invitation when
he overtook me. Shortly before noon
we came to the edge of the new ice
again and K. went off on a tour
of inspection that lasted an hour
or more. When he came back
he started out onto the new ice
again and I had plenty of heart
throbs ^{crossed one narrow lead on my skis} for an hour or hour. Then we
had thicker new ice + some old
ice + a very crooked and varied
route till 4:30 when K gave
the word to make camp at the
base of a good sized ^{in the old ice} ice berg. It
has been a beautiful day, warm
in the direct rays of the sun
but the shade showed the cold
all the same + for a little while
in the afternoon we had a bit of
keen NE wind. Sundrops at
50° C. Have worn net +
kammie all day -
gave the boys each a fresh sheep
17 April. Tuesday. B NW 1

Cold last night and early this morning - Slept well tho my sleeping bag is getting damp + was frozen stiff when I got into it. Some work pushing myself in.

Breakfast over by 8-15-

Finished the tin of Army hard bread last night + opened an entire wheat. The army bread lasted 12 days + a few crumbs over - 25 pounds

Got started about 9-30. As we went onto the new, or rather as we were crossing an open creek between the new and old and an older section two or three of K's dogs got in. Next excitement was the breaking loose of 9 of T's team. K had gone over to see about the dogs crossing leaving me beside him Kambotik. I was putting snow glasses on when K's team caught sight of T's dogs and chased after them.

K was disgraced because I had not prevented our team

from running away. He does not seem to realize yet, though he ought to by now, how little I know about a dog team.

Crossed tracks of a large bear - made day before yesterday K says + of a small one made yesterday.

At six o'clock we stopped ^{at the edge of the new ice} beside a little grove ^{and} have pitched our tent on its base. It has been a long day for me but I think that I have stood it very well. K does not think much of my power as a walker - ~~and they do not~~ ^{they do not} come up to the mark required for sledging work. He says that we are now half way to Tangsok and he asked me whether I wanted to go on or turn back. I said go on of course - ~~that~~ I think that he will like to turn back. We have traveled much on new ice today a circuitous route.

Work not till 4 o'clock -

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This evening he modifies his statement and says that we are not half way to Tasimark. This I think is correct. I doubt if we are one third the way to Tasimark from Cape York but I think that we are nearly half way to Wilcox Head! Well tonight

18 April: Wednesday. A strenuous day all night. I only hope that it has done me no harm for K-declines to consider resting tomorrow. He was up and starting the primus at 3-45 this morning + when I asked the reason for such an early start he said "No good sleep all time in winter travel when there is no wind". We got started at 6 and had fine going over new ice for about 2 hrs then it became unsafe. It was clear cloudless + calm when we started but weather has been varied some wind, some fog, some granular snow + snow

Hard going much of time and
but few sketches of new ice. one
good long one this afternoon.

Sighted Melville Monument
about 4 o'clock ^{in the distance} nearly abreast of Kahmootik.

Kept on going till 7 o'clock
when we reached big berg
beside which to camp -

19 April Thursday B. calm not
very cold. Good sleep of about
11 hours last night. Not
getting much work done. E put his team on K's
sledge and drove for me as an
experiment, K taking E's team
mootik. The bad going has con-
tinued almost everywhere snow
 seldom less than 12-15" deep some-
times 2-3 feet, thick crusts and
alternating with wholly soft.
It is discouraging over conditions
& wants to turn back. Says I "no
navy Kahmootik," which is true enough.

20 April Friday Another
cloudless clear lovely day
but a cold one. must have been

more was frosted not burned 9
-15° I told ^{think} 49

below zero several degrees all day
But the sun has burned my
nose at the same time that the
cold almost frosted an ear.

This morning K said that
we would now go to look for
meat and after resting and
feeding up the dogs go on
to Upernivik. This suits me

all right of course. I guess
he is working for the rifle like
mine from my if he got
me through as I promised him yesterday

Yesterday afternoon we
came out for half the time
and all day today about
E & S. We must have

lost a good bit of our southerly
try these two days the game
in sucking.

I now shoot about 2 ^{2 1/2} lbs
today, having started out at 8-30 this
morning in advance of the kahmootiks
They overtook me about 10 o'clock - and
I walked the last home, going on when
the men stopped beside a little grove
to ice their runners -

I reached a big, square sided berg at 6 o'clock and as soon as the men arrived we made camp on the leeward side. All afternoon we have been approaching a headland that must be the one that I photo'd from the "Cluett" as Cape Walker or perhaps Wellham Is. but Kolootengway says that Tooktooliksual is in a cove in the south side of the promontory, hence this must be Cape Seddon.

21 April. Saturday. B. calm or W 1-2. not so cold as yesterday. This long spell of lovely weather is fortunate for me. K was up at 6 o'clock, starting off. After off all did some mending. K fixed the strap of a snowshoe that broke as I was testing the thickness of the snow on arriving at camp site last night. Dogs got the last of the meat last night, supplemented by 4 cans of pemmican to make up a feed. We now have 4 cans left, which I have said must be kept for our own food. Good thing that we are so near Tooktooliksual.

at 8.30 I started forward on snowshoes on the same E.N.W. course and the men followed, overtaking me about 10 o'clock - I had passed over

a pyramidal nunatak was prominent 4 or 5 miles to the north of C. Seddon as we approached. This probably was Kleinocchmidt's Nunatak though it may have been the one south thereof. It was very large & high. All the bad snow and we went on at a good pace, which quickened as we neared land, the going getting better. We came upon a good hard stretch and the dogs, wh. had seemed tired out yesterday, broke into a gallop of their own accord. Soon we encountered a lot of old Kahr-mootik tracks and I really believed that we were nearing the village. I had actually crossed Melville Bay by Kahr-mootik! There may be considerable hard travel between here and Tasimuk and Upernivik, but I feel that the worst is over and that we shall surely get through.

Just at noon by my watch K + I rounded up the last point entered a little south facing cove and arrived at the island.

Fortunately Koloodermik is here. Metik & his family are away at Peteravik but two other men & families are here. At my suggestion Koloodermik asked if he would go on with us, perhaps as far as Tasimuk and the young man said that he would. This makes me feel easier.

Esquimaux are odd people. After we had had a light early breakfast no more was made toward lunch further than to hack off some bits

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 of frozen meat from the chunks on the meat rack. About 2 o'clock Eemeeviah + two small boys began digging the snow away from the entrance and windows of Metik's igloo. The igloo had been closed for a long time and there was much frost in it. This E + I cleaned out as well as they could and at 3 o'clock two fireless stoves were set going, to dry it out and warm it. We improved the chance to make tea + have some biscuit. K + I and two boys went up to a little lake near by where K dug a hole through the ice in the bottom of a hole already there and we brought down water.

Metik's igloo is large, clean + in excellent condition - Seems quite like a palace after the last 13 nights on Melville Bay, 8th of which were spent in the little tent. Fourteen days (13th) crossing the bay.

Kolooderna presented us with a 30-lb chunk of narwhal which we proceeded to chop at and eat from. This also provides us with the best blubber for the Eskimo lamps of the igloo.

22 April Sunday. B, calm, cold. "Miss Bill" is Metik's wife, hence I must have seen her at Peteravik.

[Met Metik in the bunch of Siluoddi] 57

but I did not realize her identity.
Was out for an hour's walk at mid-day on the hills, found it very warm in my net except when I stood for a time in the light easterly breeze.

An especially interesting thing about the constant water in the little pond is that it is ground water from the surrounding land, there being no glacier or the like to feed it.

We have improved the chance to wash our hands and faces. I took a shave and then shaved K + Y (rather than have them use my razor).

The family of Ahpelah, who is now sick at Omonag, is here when he usually lives. His wife, though she has not much meat, insisted on giving us a ~~large~~ section of Karubah. Kolootengwa is not willing that I should give her anything in return. (Ahbelingwa)

I gave Kolootengwa a can of tea for some meat and his wife a cake of toilet soap for fixing my kamrites.

It's clouded over this afternoon and there is strong wind outside Kolootengwa's camp. Hence we are not likely to leave tomorrow as planned.

23 April - Monday. Windy, overcast + somewhat hazy. Not cold. Calm or E 1-2 here, but still "ahnnoesnah" outside. Kolootenquag says.

Etookas'oog (no relation to the Etah man, I believe) came in last night having had good success on his bear hunt, getting a mother and two cubs.

Kolootenquag sewed up a rip in my kamook this morning, for which I was much obliged, because I find the bear skin hard to sew. These men have to be rather expert with the needle since they are on the trail so much. K has dried one pair of kamiks for me here too.

K says that E is 18 years old.

Etookas'oog gave us a chunk of bear meat. Cigars are a good lubricant. I + E slept till about noon. The eskimos seem to get along without much sleep when on the trail and the weather is favorable to travel, as K says, but on the other hand they seem capable of endless sleep when opportunity offers.

Took a walk of about 2 miles on the sea ice from afternoon

Pretty warm work in my bear skin pants
but the light N.E. wind was very new
to face on my way back to the igloos.
The fresh bear meat as rare-boiled
by the Eskimos has good flavor, much
like beef, - a very different thing from
that cooked by Nathanael or Jot.

at 4 o'clock the sky is clearing and a
gentle wind is coming from the N.W.
and it looks as if we might perhaps
start around tomorrow. I hope that we
may for I have just finished "Harry
Esmond" and have nothing to read
or to do. Fortunately Kolootengwak
seems as desirous to proceed as I am.
at 6 o'clock E + J came in, the latter
saying that it was going to be a cold
night - K. said later "not cold"

The rocks surrounding Tookitoe
lit-snah are dark gray banded feld-
spathic gneiss. Some narrow ~~steep~~
steep-walled gorges indicate the presence
of trap dikes, but they were almost
filled with snow and I did not see
the rock.

Gave Ahpelah's wife a paper of needles
and afterwards at Kolootengwak's (!)
suggestion 2 spools of thread + some
tea. The igloo is barren, almost.
Gave Etokas's wife cake of soap

Have gotten from Koloodemna 5
seals (3 of wh. fed to dogs here) + some
kashuwal meat for the tea

24 April Tuesday. B. calm. not cold.
A lovely day and we are to start on, but
there seems to be no hurry. We did not
have coffee till ~~ready~~ 8:15 and the
young men were not dressed till
nine o'clock.

Etookasooq is going to start out with
us. I asked K about this but K said
that it was E's own affair. We
wonder how to come to accommo-
dated in that little tent tonight.

After nine o'clock last evening K be-
gan boiling some bear-cub meat
that Etokasooq had given him to
take the place of 'bear' meat stolen by
one of Koloodemna's dogs out of our
Igloo. About ten o'clock we were eat-
ing it. Very delicate + much like
veal in flavor.

One kashuwal seal Etokasooq
1 huge tobacco + 1 box matches
about 10-30 K's kashuwootik was
packed and sliding down toward
the dogs and by 10-45 we were off.
It was so warm that I was in a
profuse perspiration but I put

T. & E. each left a dog behind wh. had gotten
to a foot better in a fight.

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but on my net instead of my blouse -
but shirt for fear of wind. By the
time we were well away from the
land the N.W. breeze struck us and
within an hour we were so cold
that K stopped + put on his kahpe-
tah and I my Koolitah

going was bad with slush under
deep snow. Was in up to my
knees several times. Heard the
Kuhmootik once on jumping
out + K did not know that I was
absent till E called to him to stop.
Eleven of K's dogs got away once
+ left us stranded but E who
was far ahead sent them
back - two dogs did pull the sleds
on hard snow.

For several miles threaded way
amidst countless large bergs
front of ice cap continuous
along sea for long distances.

Several prominent navigators
Camp about 5 o'clock beside of
small bay.

25 April Wednesday -
calm night. Shookasooz +
Koolooden had slept on their
sleds -

Coffee at 6 o'ce & boiled bear meat at 8.

Cloudless day but hazy on horizon. Little foggy in fact with raw S 2 wind.

Etook is going to Tasiusuk. Started at 8-30 on snow shoes & was overtaken by K at 9-30. Stage & fog increased and going has been very bad most of day with deep snow & slush. Discouragingly hard for me & for all, but no talk now of turning back, tho K may not go any farther than Tasiusuk, which I believe right I think.

near an island off Red Head

(5 p.m. camped by bay off Wides Head & am actually across Melville Bay tho weather too thick to see bird's there. Snow threatens see p 57)

26 April. Thursday. Beautiful almost
cloudless day with considerable low
haze. Comparatively warm but wore
koolah till 2 pm on account of occa-
sional light S or S E breeze. Up
about 5' and landed on my snow
shoes at 7-10 but was overtaken
in an hour. (Cape Holm)

We were not off Wilcox Head last
night but off the island. Now
at 4 pm. We are ~~not~~ "off" ~~Cape~~
~~Holm~~ ^(Really ca 5 mi SW of it) and about a half mile S W of
it. Drift's thrust down up in N E SE
I now am ~~refly~~ across Melville
Bay again. 19 days in crossing.

The day has not been so hot as
the whole as yesterday was though
the going has been bad all the time
and I got into the worst hole yet fol-
lowing E. K being on snow shoes
ahead + I driving the kashimootik.
I walked ahead for about an hour
+ stopped beside this big bay at 4
o'clk. When the kashimootik
rip someone thought he was a
bear, so the sledges were stuffed
+ started off at a wild pace. Could
have been some other bear.
Camp here.

Tan chingwaq + Koloodenine

each shot a seal to-day on the ice,
the former with my rifle.

27 April, Friday. B. - calm or light to
moderate N.W. breeze. Good night.
Started out on snowshoes at 6:50 +
was overtaken about 8. A few
minutes later Kolostengvag, sped
two ^(Kahmootiks) off toward Cape
Horn. I suggested Peter but K.
said no. It was Peter + Kanga, how-
ever, coming toward us from
their last night's camp. After
cordial greetings had been inter-
changed we went over to P's camp
I going on his Kahmootik. He
had much to tell me about the war
South Greenland etc and had three
letters from Ek. Gave him letters
for Mac, Capt Corner + Capt Hansen.
~~Spoke to~~ He spoke of the great benefit the
coal had been to them the past winter +
This gave me an opening to ask why he
he had never answered my last letter
from Parker Snow Bay about the coal.
He offered a rather lame apology
+ now wants to pay the cost of the
landing of the coal -
about noon K, J. & I left.

Etookas'ooq + Koloodenna were so (59)
far ahead of us this morning that
they did not go over to Peter's camp
or meet him -

Rather less than an hour's drive brought
us to Cape Holm & we were going along
at a good gait when K. saw such fresh
bear tracks that he looked sharply up the
hill & saw the animal. Soon we all
saw him crossing a snow patch 300
feet or more up the mountain. He was
400 yds or more away but Tanchingung
took a shot at him - no effect. Then
the men loosed some dogs from their
teams and began a wild rush up
the mountain leaving a howling
hells of dogs behind. Within an hour
I heard a great shout above. Going
out onto ice when I could look well
up I saw two men on the edge of the
snow bench 500-600 above the sea.
They called out "Nannoo shatigoo" which
was a joyful call - They slid the canvas
down a snow slope leading to the sea
& they then selves with the dogs were seen
at the Kahimootas after two untravelling
the had made into which the traces
had gotten in the excitement.

Drove around point and K got 60
the bear who had slid down within
30 feet of the ice foot. It was a small
male, a 3 year old, just the size I should
like for a rug so I bargained with K for
the skin, since he found the fatal shot.
The skin therefore was taken off properly
for mounting. Skinning, cutting up
& cooking & eating some of the bear took
till 5 o'clock & then we started on.

Reached Bjorneborg, Peter's "hotel",
at 9. Sopranon around the little
house was over 2 ft deep and evidently
no one had been here for some
weeks. It is a little box of a wooden
shack, about 10 ft square & 6 ft high
inside. Entrance way to ⁽⁵⁾ & a little
4-pane window in east wall ⁽⁵⁾. A
very welcome shelter to us for our
tent went on this morning with
stoves & ovens. Over the back door
is a profile wooden figure of a wal
on which is carved 1905 Bjorneborg.

Drove north with comfort all day
& till 8 this evening. We were then
in the shadow of the cape & it was
so cold that I changed to wearing
Koolah.

28 April Saturday

(61)

Very comfortable night at
Bjornborg - House of heavy plank
about 10 ft sq + 6 ft high in-
side - Slight gable - Faces south
I think - Built in 1905. Wooden real
over entrance -

Early morning clear + beautiful
but soon became overcast +
lazy - Skied on snowshoes

at 10-40 overtaken by K about
12. Am at igloo ^(Inugsulik) at 1 p.
+ had seal meat + coffee ^{Merke}

K was going to stay overnight
here but ^{it} looked so threaten-
ing of snow that we staid but

+ an hour + hastened on
Good going in the recent

kahinookik tracks + we cross-
ed estuaries soon + came
into clear weather again

Chinuk very local -

Am. at second igloo about
8 p. by my watch - Found
1 hr slow + turned ahead

Seal meat + coffee in Kahdi's (62
Iglood but had to set up tent
for sleeping. Iglood too crowded
& bed platform too short for me
Ittuosalik

Snowshoeing this morning in
my heavy clothing was very hot
work & I was glad when I overtook
you. After getting on to Kabinootah
I wore my netle all day till about 5
o'clock when I changed to Kooletah
Cabin except latter part of afternoon
when we encountered raw S
wind from the land.

Three south Greenland houses
one of turf built above ground
not any larger I should think
than the northern igloos but
rectangular and a little higher
inside than some. Lined with
boards. Earthen floor

29 April Sunday All my
party slept on the ice finally
I believe. Beautiful night but
hazy this morning (12am) -
Calm. Seems warmer but
not above 32° F

29 April - Sunday (63)
Good night - Hazy morning
Calm not cold. Ten sol ook
Under way at noon. ^{Tasusalik} Hazy +
foggy cloud gradually cleared
away - beautiful afternoon
met Kahdi's cousin Kahdi
on ice + got 3 seals from him
for 12 kr.

Fine scenery
Good going almost all way
am. next place 7 p.m. - Kuk
Filling igloos - water from lake or pool
apparently great friends of kr
arranged for me to go with
me from T. to U
Wore well till 5 p + then too -

30 April, Monday - Up at 5-30
after another comfortable night
on the ice. Hazy. Very light
wind from S. Named place sounds
like Cook ^(Kuk) Off at 7-45 Kah-
fa going with us - He is going
to be one of the two to take me
from Tasusak to Upernivik
for 9 kr. (but I paid him 13.50, same as
I did Abel from Tasusak)

After about 2 hr ride we ⁶⁵⁻
stopped at some igloo ^{Sarsak} where
I had a bowl of tea in one +
a cup of coffee in another.

^{Sarsak} About noon we stopped again
+ had more coffee. The woman
had one bowl + one cup. She filled
the cup + poured the contents out
into the bowl for each of us in
turn. Then we went to another
igloo where I had a very small
piece of delicious cold boiled
fish. We left about 1 O'clock
+ in two hours (3:10) were at
Jasirsak to my surprise and
delight. The Danish flag was
up and Nielson + his wife,
whom I met at Upernivik in 1915,
greeted me cordially. The
flag was up. The first thing
H. did, almost, was to give me
a chance to wash my face and
hands + shave - I needed
that + more too. Then coffee
and bread + butter (ole)

No rifle from M.

1 May -

Kolooteng was
wants spey spink
from up river
now for him and
and a truck from M.
of the binoculars -

also some
cavalry -

Kolooteng was

8'-9'

White canvas. Tent - not too heavy

To accommodate say
6 sleeping men

Iron fittings but not the
wooden poles.

Binocular field glasses

spring - Clock for wall
with alarm +
strike

Box with lock - ca 27" x 15" x 12"

Evidently a small steamer trunk like mine
would fill the bill. Wants it in his igloo.

66

May - Tuesday - B. calm - 67
warm in sun but rather
nippy in the shade. all day
a beautiful May Day. Hope for as
good a day tomorrow. arrange-
ments made for Abel to take me
to Upernivik + he + Kahpa will be on
hand to start from here about 8 a.m.

Coffee + bread + butter at 8 this a.m.
Coffee again about 11. Luncheon or
dinner about 12.30, barley soup
with raisins + prunes in it. ham-
burger steak of bear meat. coffee
supper at 6.30, baked seal meat
cheese bread + butter a bit of sliced
smoked ham tea.

Went hunting in my Mel-
ville Bay undershirt this morn-
ing and got 26 Doing well?
No wonder I had to scratch.
Did not sleep very well last night
under the feather cover on the sofa
in the parlor. Ofice missed my
sleeping bag and the fresh cold
air of the tent on the ice.

Glad I am not to stay here any
longer. Nielsen + his wife are hos-
pitable but he speaks English very
poorly and she not at all. I speak
no Danish and very little

Expenditure 79k - netl = 173.8 lbs

2 May Wednesday. B. calm or

(68)

SI. Temp - 10° R = ca $+10^{\circ}$ F (9.5°)

Passed a less uncomfortable night than before. Kolostengway in while I was having my coffee to ask for still more things just as Mac said about the Esk desires time for me to go!

Have given the men what I could from here also to Kolostengway - sleeping bag + coat for Karskin took too skin, for Karmits, blanket shirt, to Gemenah snowshoes, to Tanchingway, atah skin. At 8.30 left house (gave each servant 50 ore) and soon afterwards was away on Abel's sledge after saying good bye to everyone. Stopped in front of igloos for a few minutes + ca nine o'clock we were off in earnest. Abel + Kahpa with sledges and loads. Good going along the trail but rather hard away from it. Some good scenery. Reached Toosuk about 2 p.m. and had quite a reception. The school master (65 yrs old) invited me to his house where I had coffee, bread + butter + cold boiled seal. I had some money ready to give him when his son's wife occupying the other end of the house pressed coffee on me, so I accepted all as his hospitality. Then I was invited over to another igloo where I had more coffee and some good baking powder.

bread with raisins in it. While I was (69)
here some came to ask me to the next
house. So I went and had still more
coffee (5 very strong ones in all) and a
bowl of delicious boiled fish - young halibut
or flounder I think. Here I got the
skin of a young ogkok for 2 kr. though
I did not wish it very much. This is
the house in wh. Dr. Cook staid three
nights on his way south in 1909.

I was glad of the food and appreciated
the hospitality. Houses were surpris-
ingly clean in a comparative sense -
about 3-30 we left Toosak - High rugged
mountains east of here.

Reached Upernivik at 7.05 after a
good days ride. Cordial greeting from
Mr. Wintenberg and his wife and
asst. Thorsen. But W. tells me that
I cannot possibly get the second
Hans Egede if I stay here, whereas
the ice and going are good and
I can make the sledge journey to
Godhavn Disko, comfortably enough.
I shall need a sleeping bag en route
& cannot get one here or south of
here so I must send my bearskin
back to Kolootenguaq and get
my own back from him.

He as well as I will be disapp-
ointed - saw flock of 12
ducks flying

3 May. Thursday (70)
overcast morning, threatening afternoon
and stormy evening with strong
S or S E wind and some snow
This morning got from the store
everything that I could for my
Eskimos, adding sugar, coffee &
cloth to their list and more tobacco
than I expected to get, prices
being lower here than I supposed
that they would be - Abel and
Kahpa got away about noon
Paid each man 13.50 krona which
is the regular fixed rate for the
journey from Tasiusak.

Dr. Brydson examined my
heart and lungs this after-
noon and said that I seemed
to him to be in very good condition.
Probably benefitted by my trip
able to go on all right -
Gov. Vinterberg put his seal on
my fox skins - (Vinterberg)

4 May. Friday Storm ceased
during night, the wind continued
rather strong most of day -
Sunshine most of day, cloudy even-
ing - 0°C this a.m. - -10°C at 10 p.m.
At 10 p.m. the man from Tasiusak
is a/c has not come in yet

Hence I doubt my getting away tomorrow. (71)

Called on the minister's widow this afternoon with Mr Winterberg as interpreter. She played on piano & sang for me. She has a rich contralto voice. She still wd like to have me post in N.Y. the cards which she gave me in August, 1915.

Called again on Dr Bryden & had pleasant visit with him & his wife. She sat up for a little. She today has been in bed six weeks with the fever (Typhoid?). ^{Trained nurse} French & English.

This is the great holy day of Denmark which combines the holy days for all the saints of the Catholic calendar. The Denmark is a Lutheran country. Store was not open & service was held in the little church. I attended it. Reading by an Eskimo singing. Not very inspiring. I was the only white person present except a small child in its nurse's arms.

^{Martha} Maatlain Fluh is the first Eskimo nurse in the doctor's family. Bright young woman.

Mrs Bryden was a trained nurse & was in military hospital at Salonika.

during the Balkan war (second
one, I think). She speaks English
well, but French better and
more to her own pleasure.

She and her husband are very
agreeable people, as are all the
Danes here. Winterberg is an
exceptionally fine man. He
& I converse in German -

Winterberg says that Peter was not mar-
ried in Denmark, that he was engaged
and the engagement broken off.

Thorsen is a son of the Captain of
the "Hans Egede". Is 21 yrs old.

Winterberg has three young children.
Mrs Rosseth three and the doctor three.
W. is 42 yrs old. Dr R must be ca 30.

W. has fixed me out with a letter
to the managers of the trading stations
requesting their help for my jour-
ney & with a letter of credit for 1600 Kr
(1000 in addition to what I have used
& had from him here) based on
Rasmussen's letter of credit.

Forget oil for men - awfully sorry

5 May Saturday B morning - Light NW
- 8° R = +14° F ~~+17.6° F~~ 14° F

Man not in yet from Jassissak.

Wider came in at 1 p.m. - bringing my
sleeping bag, took too skin & snow

shoes but not my bear skin, Koloo - (73)
Tengway turned that in at Tasiusak in
trade + I have thus lost my best souvenir
of the north.

Had received my new kamiks in the morn-
ing + gotten my things pretty well together
so that it did not take my long to get
my ~~things~~ baggage all in order and, hav-
ing paid my adieu to Mrs. Bryder +
had a farewell cup of tea with McIntosh,
Mrs. W., Mr. Bryder and Thorsen, I got
away for the south at 3:12 p.m. on Olee's
~~Kahmootik~~ Kahmootik, 8 dogs, + another
4 dog sleds with my baggage. Went
on the sea ice around Sandersons Hope
and reached Kaersok without incident
or trouble at 6:40. Had coffee and
real meat in the igloo of Peter Lestrom
schoolmaster. He is 48 yrs old and guessed
me to be 65! He had gotten 3 seals today
while other men got none. Mountains
here are 2 to 4000 ft high + have present
very picturesque appearance with their
precipitous walls. It can here be seen
view noted from the "Cliff" in 1915
as being so much like entrance to
Yosemite Valley.

Left Kaersok with fresh baggage
sleds ^{12 dogs} and reached Proven at
1:30 a.m. where to my great surprise

I found Ekblaw spending the night (74)
with Mandy J. Nielsen of the company's
station. He were much pleased
to see other. Mr Nielsen was very hospit-
able. Bachelor. Cup of tea & turned
in at 2.30 a.

6 May Sunday - B + calm - a
beautiful spring day. Warm.

Up at 9 a.m. - Jonas Christensen is out
seal hunting. I want him to take me
to Igdlorsuit so I must wait over. No
one else seems to want to go, but I hope for
him ^{anyhow} since he is considered to be much
the best man.

Paid man from Upernivik to Kaerok 3 kr
plus 50 re, K to Pröven 6 + 1 + 1 for dog food
& Ogle 10 + 1 + 1. The last soaked me 1 kr
too much, but then - ?

Pröven is a rather important little
place, formerly it was more important
than Upernivik but not now. Hans Eg-
de III stops here. Church as well as
trading station. Nielsen is factor.

Temp 7 p. - $5.5^{\circ}R = 20^{\circ}F (19.6^{\circ})$

Jonas came in after supper & agreed
to go to Igdlorsuit with me. He is
to get the second man.

This afternoon Ek + I called on
Agatha (a) Jonas's wife. Inloo is
rather pretentious, wholly above

ground and one does not have to stoop much to pass thro the entrance which is provided with regular doors. Two rooms, one of wh is the kitchen wh must be traversed to get into the living room. All scrupulously clean, tho the universal odor of these Eskimo houses is quite noticeable. We had seal meat & coffee. Great friends of kind Russ messes. Jones got a lamp since today.

7 May Monday Overcast & threatening
Wind S.W. 2. Temp. - 2° R = 27.5° F.
Mr Nielsen wld accept no payment for my stay. He is a very intelligent man of 28. Makes good impression & Ek says that he is a fine fellow, has been in Greenland about 5 yrs & is going home ^{this} next year to get married. Has a considerable library of standard fiction.

About 11 ocl Ek & his companion got away followed in a quarter hour by Jones with me on his kahmootik and Julius Thorleifsen with my baggage. Snow had already begun to fall and it increased rapidly in amount and atmosphere was thick. We lost the trail within

Jones 11 ocl Julius 8

a mile of Pörran and had some 76
trouble in finding it. In an hour
or more we overtook Ek & who
were off the trail. We forged ahead
and succeeded in getting across
the bay & then skirted the coast of
Kekentaksoak. Open water was seen
but did not force us onto the
ice foot. Storm increased but
we were in the lee of the high cliffs
and the temperature was not low.
Snow soft and deep for last 5 or
6 miles to S Upernivik and air
was so fog-laden that our men
missed the way and circled
twice after Ek told me that
it was only a mile farther. The
third attempt was successful
and at 5.30 we got to Jensen
house, to my great relief & I guess
that all were glad. It was
the most disagreeable day on
the whole, I think, on which
I traveled, since learning that
Jensen has a girl of 14 ^{and} a boy of
9 ^{and} a girl of 11 ^{at home}
* I beat drink down this way on a
home-brewed ale. Rather palatable.
Jensen has a German victrol & we had
some music, & ^{some} dancing by the
two children in Denmark & one (little Peter) also
thule

by the local people. Ek tells me that the natives at Proven had a dance the last night, on account of my arrival and that this is a rather general custom.

Ek told me at Proven that he did not remember saying anything to Henrik on the way back from Etah about tobacco and that he does not believe that he could have said what Henrik imputed to him, for he would not have done so. All that Ek recalls is that Rasmussen said that ~~Henrik~~ ~~had~~ he (R.) was going to pay Henrik 15 crowns for the trip.

This evening the SW storm has ceased and the wind veered to the NW, with drop in temperature.

8 May. Tuesday. B. calm. Temp -10°C . Good promise of favorable weather for me to continue journey tomorrow. My men as well as I wish to stay here today to dry our outfit and get outfitted for the trip. In spite of the drop in temp. I am to retain the extra sledge which I engaged last night - Moses Carlsen as a trail breaker &c.
Noon temp -10°C

Jensen
Have ~~of~~ ~~just~~ ~~through~~ arranged (78
with Nielsen to have made and
sent to Godhavn for the Museum
two complete outfits of man's &
woman's clothing. Ek is to attend
to the payment for the garments &c
to relieve Jensen of any complication
with the Royal Danish Trading Co.
The cost will be 150-200 kr.

Bought some new camping uten-
sils in addition to food for men
and dogs. Six days rations for
~~us two~~ four men & one feed for
dogs - Hope to get a seal or two
en route.

Plan now is to start at 5 a.m. tomorrow
and press on to Igdlorsnit in two marches
spending one night only at Maligiak on
the way.

After giving Ek a letter approving his
giving up his homeward trip in February
and authorizing him to take the Hans Egede
III for N.Y. via Copenhagen from Godhavn
or Upernivik (preferably Godhavn) if the
"Dannebrog" or other relief ship does not
come earlier.

4 p.m. Temp. -11°C

The sky ~~has~~ become overcast and
fasting snow ~~has~~ begun to fall
Another southerly is probably

beginning and our tomorrow start (19)
is doomed.

6th ~~pt~~ etc has been with me to see
the new church, which is to be com-
pleted this summer. A neat little
edifice wh. wd seat 100± people
seems too large for this village of less
than 200 inhabitants. The old church
is a minute affair faced with
turf like the houses.

Great mortality from tuberculosis
through this part of Greenland, due
in large part to the manner of housing.
The people do not get out into too pits
in summer, like those of Cape
Siddon and northward. They
have considerable rain here, but
occasionally in winter.

Julius's enthusiasm for the trip has
oozed out and he does not wish to go
any farther. Says that his family needs
him too much to warrant his taking the
risk of delayed return &c. - am going
therefore to release him - and after some
looking around am getting Lars Vil-
liamson to go part way at least
with me

9 May Wednesday Overcast &
snowing but calm here Not at

inconvenient for my trip, but Jonas is not discouraged yet for he sent word back to his wife by Julius not to worry about him for he would turn up in good time.

Julius and three others started for ~~broken~~ about 9 o'clock.

at noon the report is that Moss has backed out!

noon temp - 2°C 4p - 4° 8p - 5°
snow gently ^{falling} all day

10 May - Thursday. Snowing. Calm

Temp 8 a. - 2° , 12m - 9° , 4p - 11° , 8p - 15°C

Had a miserable night with vomiting + burping from 11p to 4a. Took a small dose

of castor oil about 7-30 a + aspirin at in-

ternoon this afternoon. Have felt rather weak

all day but am better this evening.

Was afraid that I might have gotten the

typhoid infection at Upernivik, but I

guess now that it was merely indigestion.

Have had no headache with it yet.

Toward noon a northerly N.W. wind

sprang up and the weather began to

clear promising better conditions

for travel. Going to put skis onto

the sledge runners but Jonas

says that it will be best not to

start till day after tomorrow.

Since sleds are going across the bay (81)
tomorrow hunting and we can
use their frozen tracks
Have engaged Muses to go part way
with me making 3 sleds in all

11 May - Friday - Somewhat overcast but the
wind is still N.W. at noon. Blew well
during night and was calm at 8 a.m.
Temp. 8a - 15° , 12m - 12° , 4p. - 14° , 8p. - 15° C
Barometer has been rising slowly for 24 hrs.
Men returning this morning say that
the ice is becoming good for travel.
I am feeling much better - Had a
good night's sleep and guess that
I am all right again. Testimony
to the efficacy of castor oil + aspirin.

Evening Jonas thinks it not wise
to start until we have had a day or
two of sun to settle the snow on the
south side of S wa tank. Now
probably neck deep of soft snow.
Travel now and practically impos-
sible. New difficulties seem
to come to mind continually,
but Jonas is said to be the best
man in the region and reliable.
We are obliged to depend on his
sincerity. He says that he will take
me through if it seems prac-
ticable.

Great numbers of the "sleeping shark" are caught by hook here & throughout this region. Valuable principally for their livers for oil. The fish are from 7 to 15 or more feet long and livers of 200 lbs weight have been obtained. Excellent cod and flournders are caught here too at times. Shark today w. liver 165 lbs weight. Plover is chief center of shark fishing.

12 May - Saturday. Sunshiny day, with thin cirrus & other clouds at times in sky. Mostly calm but light NE & E wind occasionally. B.A. ~~Station~~ + falling a little. Not wholly promising but Ek thinks that I shall have no particular trouble, after a day or two more waiting here, in getting this to Sarsak, tho' he doubts my being able to cross the Vaigat on the ice. Jensen expresses some opinion. Temp. - 8a - 14° ; 12m - 11° ; 4p - 14° ; 8p - 18° C.

This afternoon Ek and I walked out to the shark fishing ground and saw two sharks caught. They were 7-8 feet long. Stomach of one contained two cod fish &c and the other three chunks of walrus meat with the skin on. We wondered whether the walrus ~~had~~ was one that had been killed off Peteravik - but walrus are frequent off Swarten-huk, south of here -

New snow and slush is about 15 inches deep. Shaft hole is about a mile from the village. Crater is 80-90 fathoms deep. Rock bottom with crevices in it. The shale lies when good brings in 3% ore a pound at the station, hence some days are very profitable to the fishermen. Many interesting marine fossils could doubtless be secured from the stomachs of the fish.

He says that Captain Hansen told him that one year's forekins (1913-1914!) from Thule had been sold at auction in London for \$90,000. He does not believe the statements that the Thule station is not profitable or even ~~self~~ scarcely self supporting or that it has really lost money.

Little Peter at North Star Bay is Jensen's son. He & his went up on the "Dammak" and Leo came back across Melville Bay in ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fact~~ the same party with ~~it~~ ^{it} was sick all the way.

13 May - Sunday - Few light cirrus clouds. Light N.W. wind here, but strong N.W. outside. Temp 8a - 14°; 12m - 15°; 4p - 16°; 8p - 20° C. Seems a shame not to be utilizing such beautiful weather for continuing our journey, but the three men who came back from Proven yesterday evening

at 10 after being fifteen hours on the way. The trip takes about four hours under fair conditions and took us a little more than six. The deep fresh snow was the difficulty. The storm seems to have covered a large area and to have given 15-18 in. snow on level.

The factor's house here is very old. It is built of one course of brick faced with about three feet of turf. Jensen gets 1400 kr salary, wh, for certain reasons, is 400 more than this place usually pays. He is 47 yrs old, has served the company 23 yrs + after two yrs more of service may retire on 800 kr pension.

Local coal is the fuel used in S. Africa. It is dug from a cliff on the other side of the fjord 8-10 miles south^{east} of here. It resembles cannel coal in appearance and character.

Beautiful day all day but we wish that it had been warm enough during the middle of it to soften the snow so that a good crust would be formed during the night. Barometer is low (760 mm) having come down steadily for two days from 769, but otherwise the promise is for good weather to continue.

14 May, Monday. Overcast + a little rain. (85)
Far snow falling. Wind absent. Bar. rising
Temp. 8a -11°; 12m -10°

a new difficulty has arisen, for now
Jonas has backed out and returns to Plover
to-day. His ostensible reason is that the
tide is most likely to carry out the ice
between here and Plover before he can
get back from Igdlorsuit. This may
be true, Ek says, but he thinks that adverse
interests have been at work through Jen-
sen or the catechist. Jensen says
that the catechist has baited in and
made the trouble. Ek says that the
catechist is a meddler but that
Jensen is too and perhaps even more so,
and that this is only a repetition, on
a smaller scale thus far, of the trouble
that he and Dr Hunt had here in
February. Jonas is considered such
an Alaskan that the influences have
been brought to bear in an indirect way,
says Ek. Now I am thrown back
onto Lars and Cornelius to go
through + Moses to go to Kangarsuk
or Maligiak, with the hope of getting
Magnus at Kangarsuk to go with
me. Lars is the man who took Dr.
Hunt across Svalbard and is first
class, but Cornelius is not good
and reliable. Magnus is ok if

I can get him. Lars says that one (86)
will start tomorrow, if the weather is fa-
vorable.

Although the withdrawal of Jonas is dis-
couraging and somewhat of a handicap,
considering Cornelius as a substitute, I don't
like to turn back without making further
effort and Ek advises going on, at least
until Lars wants to give up the project.

Lars says that he does not believe that
the snow below Svartenshuk is impossible.
This too seemed to be Jonas's opinion ~~up~~
~~up~~ to yesterday anyhow, and he gave
no different version this morning.

Jensen gave me a ~~very~~ pretty woman's belt
this noon - why?

Evening when Moses came in from seal
hunting he backed out from the jour-
ney - but now ~~here~~ another man,
Lauretz Carlsen by name appears on
the scene. He has long been eager
to go to Igdlorsuit but has not had
dogs enough. With the loan of one from
Ek and two from Jensen he can make
up a pretty good team and I have
engaged him to go all the way
through, making three kaalmoos-
tiks for the entire journey to Igdlorsuit
and Ek thinks that I will get through
all right. They are Lars Williamson in
charge - Cornelius Thorleifsen and
Lauretz Carlsen.

15 May Tuesday

(87)

Thin clouds - Light E or SE wind
Temp 7 am - -14°C

Ed Jensen left evening board for self 8 days 24kr,
Jonas 7 days 7kr Julius 2 days 2kr - This morning
gone as per Pauleta 3kr, Sophie 1kr, Margareta 1kr
& Anni (daughter) 1kr.

Everything seemed to be all right & satisfactory
and I got away with my three kamooties a little
before 9 o'clock - in fact ca 8:30 by my watch.

Ek has been of the greatest help to me here
and I have enjoyed visiting with him,
while my call has been a welcome break
to him in the snow-bury of the place.

He has loaned my men 3 (or 4?) of his dogs
thus depriving himself of their use, but
he says, kindly, that he was almost done
with sledging anyhow. Sars 8 Korelius 8
Lammy 7 dogs

Reached Kangarsuk at ca 2:40 pm.

Six hours for a journey that would not take
more than 2 or 3 with good ice, but the go-
ing is very bad, though the trail is broken
for half the distance. Snow is soft and
about 15 inches deep - more in places - and
there is much "poodruk" i.e. slush
underlying a few inches of snow.

Perhaps two miles from Kangarsuk we over-
took a boy dragging a freshly killed
seal to the settlement. We stopped & Cor-
nelius took out his knife & cut out the
fat of the seal's liver, which we give pro-

ceeded to eat, together with butter -
 first time for me on raw liver not frozen.
 all right, when one is hungry.

Four igloos here & I am quartered in
 that of Magnus an energetic and am-
 bitious young man - No board lining
 to this igloo, merely walls of turf, roofed
 over with turf resting on a few sticks
 and planks. Earth floor. ~~Very small~~

One qut window & one little one of a single
 small pane of glass. Very unattractive
 even as compared with the Cape York
 district igloos as I know them - but
 I presume that they are ^{now} as attractive
 now as when weather is drawing near
 as they were during the summer, when
 the cold keeps down some of their bad
 features - The seal was brought in and
 Magnus's wife had it cut up and the
 skin flensed in short order. I had
 some boiled seal meat & coffee for lunch.
 The women were very grateful for the cof-
 fee, sugar and bread that I brought them.
 Cornelius is a very weak member of
 the party but it ^{seems} best to keep him. In
 fact I doubt whether I could do anything
 else, for it is not likely that I could
 get Magnus to go on in his place -
 He scarcely keeps within hailing distance
 when Sam is leading. Samuety is some
 what better, perhaps.

16 May. Wednesday. Overcast, but sun not completely hidden - Calm or nearly so - Very light easterly breeze at times - about same temp as yesterday.

Magnus + Caspar came in last evening with five seals four of which were brought into Magnus's isles + cut up before we could go to bed. One of the young women here is named Ah-neenah and her four year old daughter the same. I did not like the prospects of sleeping on the bed platform with so many people + I told Lars that I did sleep on the floor of not inappropriately for the family, after I had gotten settled there, Lars + three others bunked there too! And there were five (or six) adults and three children on the platform - Not much room to spare -

Up at 4 o'clock and away at 6.30 after giving Magnus a krona for dog meat, besides the stuff that I brought down in exchange for our entertainment - Wanted to take some meat along but Lars objected, saying that we should have chances to get seal or walrus on the ice.

We are now (4 p.m.) on the land opposite the SW point of the island off Kangaroo - Had lunch going all

day + Lars says that we had better sleep out here tonight. We have been over 9 hrs on the march but I doubt whether we have averaged ^{at least} more than two miles an hour. This leaves ten miles, or five hours, to Maligiat and I am ready to stop though we have no tent. Lars says that it will not blow or snow tonight. I wonder?

He just now saw six seals on the ice from the place to which he climbed on the land and the two wingmen have gone hunting. Hope for success, since we have no meat for seals or dogs. Have had a little reasonably good going today. Does not seem to be getting worse anywhere + Magnus assumed Lars that it would improve. Lars is crowing over Jonas now. We have led the way more than half the time today.

In an hour the two boys came back from their hunt with no seals, hence we have to content ourselves with tea, biscuit + half a cake of chocolate each for supper. Clear sky at seven o'clock.

17 May. Thursday. B - calm - between 0° + 10° +, probably ca 0° F, I think for my sleeping bag was well protected by my breath last night. First night in 14

years that I have slept out, I think that (91)
the last previous time was on Mt Pelé
in 1903, when I suffered much more
from the cold than I did last night. In
fact I was not at all cold last night, be-
ing much more comfortable than I
was in Magnus's igloo the night before.

Had coffee and biscuit for breakfast
and got away from camp at 7 o'clock - a
beautiful day. We headed up the little
bay and have come overland to Ma-
lignak, the wayfarers' hut opposite the
black headland called Sivertshuk.

An easy ride + an interesting change from
the sea ice. We came at a pretty good
pace and I need not have gotten off
the kahmuk at all, but I did get
off for the short steepest part of the ascent
to the first divide. - Last told me to
get on again. This is the region where
Lars is going too soon hunting on the
return. We crossed some old tracks.
Divide is 400-500 ft above sea.

Reached hut at 1:30 p. Glad we did
not take the $6\frac{1}{2}$ hr ride yesterday eve-
ning. It would have been hard + then
there would have been the opening up of
the hut beside, which takes time
on account of drifted snow
& interior frost. ^{was glad of my koolikah}
Lars started right after a seal in the morning.

ice without waiting for tea or biscuit. (92)
I am trying now to dry out the room, but
can't use my (gas) primus on acct of
small supply of oil. There is a little stove
in the room + coal enough, however.
The hut is of turf, lined with boards +
is about 8x10 ft floor + 6 ft high inside.
Good window + entrance is not too low.

At 5 p.m. sky was pretty well clouded over
+ some S.E. wind (perhaps E) wind was blowing.
The big mountain in the center of the
peninsula is ~~clouded~~ covered + I guess that
it is blowing a bit on the plateau.

Lars has found some old seal flippers in
the shed. He says that they are good and they
are now in a pot on the stove. They were good
tasting much like hippfeet.

18 May - Friday. B., S. E. 2, not very cold.
Coffee + biscuit at 6 o'clk after a good
night's rest. Bed platform too short for Lars.
He + I there, the boys on the floor in
Cornet's double sleeping bag -
Lars 41, Lannet 22, Cornet 20

Clouded over by time we were off,
at 6-50 - 7 a. On sea ice
going comparatively good snow not
being deep. Bluff at point of
Swainskute called by Eskimo
name for supper lip.

Just before noon Lars shot a

a seal in the ice but it was (95)
an old male + so fetid that
we ate none of it. Gave meat 5
days - quite a sight. Eaten
skin + blubber.

Ran into three snow storms + a
cold wind near point + beyond
also soft snow which retarded
progress. Kooletah

Lamety got a young seal
about 3:15 stopped at ~~grotto~~
across bay from seal house
ate live seal + drank warm
cooked meat - fine

Rock is basalt(?) with abundant
spheroidal + elongated amygd-
dules top + bottom of flows

9 May Saturday B. Calm. Seem-
warm in sun Got away from
grotto by 6:30 a.m. Lars having
gone ahead on skis at 6:20.
I followed with his team. Long,
long day across the seemingly
interminable bay under a
broiling sun. Sinks says the so
hot on face + net did not soften
snow or cause a drop of water
to run from the numerous

Inqia

ice bump. Reached north point (94
of island at 8.20 p.m. by my watch
but 9 p. by clock in town where
we stopped an hour for seal meat
& coffee. Reached Igloodsmith
at 10.20 p (11 p) & routed factor
Nielsen out of bed. I could
not understand him or
make him understand me
as well as Lars & I got along.
Met man on bay who is a good
man with good dogs according
to Lars & engaged him for Uman-
uk. Name Abram. Think sun
shone into my window at midnight
3 evening - day. ^{Thy weather} "warm"

20 May - B - Calm. "warm"
Got Lars to get me another man
everything O.K. apparently
Nielsen will accept no pay for work &
give amounts 1/2 fee. Supplies 4.71
This little station renders much
shark liver oil. Nielsen's house is
very comfortable - Paid off my men
and they seem contented & happy

Got under way at just noon, local
time, (set my watch). Abram with 9
dogs and a large comfortable Kah-
mootik & other men Jens with 8 dogs
and my baggage. Reached
Okaseesik at 8 o'clock after a
(Ukuaigat)

side that was practically the per-
fection of sledging. Must have averaged
fully 5 mi an hour, for dogs trotted or
galloped all the way, no walking + very
few stops. First two hours we had a
broad well beaten trail to settlement
on south side big island east of Igdlor-
sirt ^(coast) and good trail beyond soon leading
onto new ice. Then we had four hours
on new ice none of which had more than
1 1/2 - 2 inches of snow on it, much had
no snow only the efflorescent crystals
and some was so new that it did not
even have the efflorescence but was
all black. My heart was in my mouth,
but our light kaumortiks did not
bend the ice. About 6 o'cl we came onto
older young ice with perhaps three inches
of snow on it. At 6:15 reached important
shark holes, where I estimated that 350 car-
cas were on the ice, and thence had well
travelled trail to the station. Scenery
grew ~~greater~~ ^{better} as we came eastward and
is grand in this section of Unnamak
Fjord or Sound. Jagged forms due to
frost action show prominently every
where, serrate ridges and sharp points
being the rule. In front (N?) of Okse-
site is a mountain rising precipitously
ly from the water to a height of 3000(?)
feet, abounding in cathedral spires,

pinacles and buttresses. Lower part (96
of mountain is gray gneiss, but erosion
forms of upper part suggest that it is
of limestone. Coal abounds in south-
western part of big island east of
Igdlorsuit. Used as fuel all about here.
Very convenient for the little settlement
above referred to 2 hrs for Igdlorsuit. I saw
there a man walking along base of bluff
toward igloos apparently with a load of coal
+ paths in the snow lead up to places where
the coal is dug out of the bank. Great
numbers of gulls (bongomaster) and
murre nest in some of these lofty
precipices. Strange fishery wastes an en-
ormous quantity of meat, for none
of the fish but the liver is used, except
when other flesh is very scarce. The meat
produces a kind of drunkenness or crazi-
ness in a dog when he eats it.

Was beginning to snow a little when we
reached Okaseesik. Station here is
in charge of an Eskimo who looks to me
as if he had some negro blood in his
veins - Name is Pidi. He says that
it is 11 miles (= 44 mi) to Igdlorsuit +
7 (= 28) to Umanak. Our average rate
this afternoon was therefore $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi,
without allowing for stops or deviation
from direct course -

Utkarsigat

21 May, Monday - Snow did (9)
not amount to anything during
night tho there still are some
flakes in the air. Slept comfortably
in my sleeping bag in the office room
thankful that I did not have to
put up with the crowded filthy gen-
eral room. Paid Pidi 4kr for accom-

modation. ^{Perimuk} Island is of gneiss (hornbl.)
Had two boiled ^{stearns} for breakfast
Away at 9:30 weather improving &
soon became fine. Okaseelik gets

its name from important source of
soapstone on the island near the igloo.
Opposite (west of) ^{island south of} Okaseelik rises a great
precipitous rock mass with at least
two great nearly horizontal vitreous
dills in it. ^{Sagitt 3250 ft} ^{Pictograph} Southern
end of ~~Okaseelik~~ ^{aghat} ~~island~~ ^{island} presents
steep cliffs 1200-1500 (ft) high toward

south. Encountered great areas
of black ice in midst of Umanan
fjord & we crossed one for $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2
mi. to my great vexation, tho
my men went out & across it
without hesitation or test. I was
thankful to reach the rough ice
on south side of the fjord area.

The cold weather that prevailed
while I was at S. Upernivik
seems to have made this fjord

passable for me and made it (98)
unnecessary to make the long
detour farther inland. Passed
through many fields of rough
ice where I did not see many times
how the kahmootik could advance
but the dogs pulled it through
all right with me on it all the
time & Abram there most of it.
Three or four times I got off to let
him lift the sledge over a crease
which one or both runners
struck head on.

The Umanak is a striking mountain
rising ~~some~~ 3720 feet out of the sea. Sides
are precipitous and top is said to be in-
accessible. Really "heart shaped", the
heart being set ventricles up. Present-
ed beautiful appearance with its shift-
ing mantle of light cloud & its great
summit streamer. Had to go down
the west side & cross over the land near
south end of island to the settlement
Pretty little lake on divide. Arr 4:10p.

Warm welcome from all the Danes
Met Governor Matthiessen + wife + two young
daughters, Asst Thron, wife, young daughter
& son, Miss Fleicher (she is cousin to Mrs
Matthiessen + both are cousins to Knud
Rasmussen) Miss Christiansen, who
[band of humblebees pressed brings out great over-
turned "S" in south side Umanak Mt]

here for a year or two teaching Thron's children English, Pastor Sorensen and wife, Mrs Bertelsen (mother of the physician) Dr. Bertelsen being ill of a fever I did not see him though I called to pay my respects. Think I did not meet his wife, who is another cousin of Rasmussen's & is daughter to Fleischer at Ikroasak. Matthiessen's oldest daughter is Ester a sweet little girl of 10 yrs, who seemed to take a great shine to me. ^{Umanak is important station} Has a little hospital.

Ice is so liable to go out that it was best for me to proceed without delay. Abram & Jens wanted to take me on to Ikroasak & I was glad to have them since they are good men, Abram being one of the best drivers that I have seen in Greenland. My watch was nearly an hour slow & I set it ahead. Under way again about 10 p.m. Abram now having 11 dogs, having gotten two from Pastor Sorensen against a promise of five dog skins. Was sorry to leave the hospitable Danes here so soon.

Started out over black ice, then traversed much rough ice - at midnight stopped at some igloos ^{Sermiarsuit} where we got seal meat galore & made some tea. From here on the going was perfect,

over safe ice with about an inch (100)
of snow on it. ~~Arr. at I~~

22 May Tuesday Arr. Ikarasak at
base of "Little Umarnak" mountain at
4.20 a.m. and roused Jens Fleischer
out of bed, but he was chafed + cor-
dial. He is K.R.'s uncle. Was born
in Upernivik + is 70 yrs old tho he does
not look to be ^{any} 60. Remembers Hall,
Kane, Hayes, McClintock ~~Whynes~~
Turned in at 6.10 and slept well
till after 12 + got up about 1 p.m.
Had delicious fried flammigan
breakfast for dinner. Flag up.
Am going on tonight with 3 kakmoots.
Had pleasant visit with Mr. Fleischer
who is a rather comical genius.
He will take no pay for myself or Eskimoes
under way at 7.45 p. Temp. -6.5°C
~~John~~ 9 dogs Han 8 + Oodie (a bodie) 8

23 May Wednesday arr Keketak at 6.30
a.m. after an interesting ride over
the land, which was enjoyable too, with
the exception of $\frac{1}{3}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of walk
along an exposed stand on a 30° slope
of soft snow with occasional patches
of dangerous hard snow. This ~~little~~ walk
was the most severe tax on me I think
of anything on the whole trip, though
(Major Karsuatsuk)

struggling through the hoodmuck of Melville Bay would have been worse, had I undertaken the same distance in it at one time.

We were about two hours on service to foot of land trail, seven hours crossing the land and an hour in reaching Kekanak after resting for a half hour on reaching sea ice. But one half hour without allowing anything for stops. The night was cloudless and beautiful though rather cold.

at ca 10h - (14 mi in 2 hrs)
 Leaving sea ice we ascended narrow gorge called ~~Elvis~~ for about three miles then turned sharply to west and went up long steep slope that I ~~should have~~ thought to be too steep to be our route. But I kept on the sledge except for last 20 feet of the climb for mice. I began to see why the men wanted two kamooties for my baggage, little as it is. Top of this slope seemed to be about 1000 ft above the sea. ~~Then we went~~ Reached at 11 p.m. Then route for more than an hour was fairly good till we got to the base of the great precipitous & steep slopes of Major Kananak Peak rising about 1500 feet above us (3160 feet). We were at the head of a great valley leading to the west, which I thought might be our route but it was not, for we turned southeastward and began the a two mile stretch along & up the snow covered valley

of the west side of the mountain, where I had
 the last half mile walk already referred to.
 Glaciers descend the south side of this valley
 fine scenery. Map shows long, tortuous
 narrow lake stretching off to NW some
 30 miles. Great ice cap to SW, ice cliffs
 showing on summit of some of cliffs -
 South of mountain we travelled through
 some deep snow and at 1:30 a.m. we passed
 a small red rock set up on a large boulder
 to mark the middle & culmination
 of trail. This must be fully 2000 feet
 above the sea. Toward southeast a
 magnificent view is presented along
 Lake Tasersuak, which is 15 miles long
 by 2-3 miles wide and flanked by
 great mountains & precipices, the in-
 land ice cap rising in distant back-
 ground. Here began our long descent
 to the sea, some of which was exciting &
 rough even with rope brakes on the rein-
 deers. On one steep slope the sledge gave a
 sudden lurch & threw me off. The sledge
 was on its side dragging me along, but foot
 (~~as planned?~~) ~~stopped it~~ stopped the team before
 any injury was inflicted and the
 incident furnished only a good
 laugh all around.

Reached sea ice at just 5 a.m.

Had keen outland valley wind in Glen
 gorge - calm all way across plateau
 some moderate wind on reaching sea
 ice then calm again

Carl Fleicher is 92 yrs old and is some (103)
what broken mentally. He means well, but
is not always continuous in his mental
processes. He speaks a little English, but
communication is difficult. He has
a small boat that Whymper used in
1867(?), and still uses it. Lower part of plank
ing is new - Jens Fleicher was with
Whymper.

About 9 o'clock I turned in on the floor in
Fleicher's office room + parlor and slept well
till 6 p.m. My "bed" was quickly made,
a caribou skin being laid on floor, on
this a down bed with a sheet on it and
another down bag for a cover -

They have been very short of dog food here
this winter and have killed or let die most
of their dogs - Now there is plenty of
dried shark meat, wh. makes good food
the drying removing the intoxicating
properties of the fresh meat. Jens Fleicher
says that the intoxication is due to salt.

At 10-30 p. temp is $-10^{\circ} R = 9.5^{\circ} F$, remark-
ably low for May. I thought that temp on
plateau last night was below $0^{\circ} F$.

24 May. Thursday. Weather still fine. Some
thin clouds. Rather warm but what wind
there is is from the north. Slept
another good eight hours last night
+ therefore have made up for lost time.
I lay up on my account

late last evening

(104)

Learned ~~this morning~~ that the old man had engaged two men to take me over to Sarkak in spite of the strenuous effort that I had made to make him understand that I had already engaged two of my Herasak men for the job. This morning I found ~~that~~ all three of my men loading their Kahmwotiks for the trip, apparently another of the old man's mistakes, but I paid off Ole and took only John ^{Joat} and Hans. Mr. Fleicher had told me that the route over the sea ice to Sarkak was fine and that I could easily make the trip in two hours. But we took to the land at the little settlement just before reaching the turning point of the mainland and kept to it for about two hours before we could use the sea ice again, a route that had evidently been followed for many days. The descent to the sea ice was exciting enough over some very steep slopes. As we approached Sarkak we crossed several leads, one of which was ^{about} ~~fully~~ three feet across. The dogs jumped well and dragged the Kahmwotik over with a bound, the rear ends of the runners striking the water.

At another place we traversed several loose cakes of ice.

Quick, skillful work by both
drivers and dogs. ~~John~~^{Joab} nine
dogs are the largest and best that
I have had in South Greenland and
are the only ones near the northern
dogs in quality, that I have seen,
except two or three belonging to gover-
nor Mathiesen.

Left Kertak about 9 a.m. & reached
Sarkak about 12-30 p.m. - 16 engl.
miles. But they went 5 post mi. over land.

Conditions here seem good. Joun
Lange (52) is an intelligent man
apparently post Eskimo. He says
that I shall probably be able to cross
the Vaigatt by boat within a few
days. It is mostly open water now
but there is much loose ice in
it and too much strong young
ice forms every night now for safe
passage by boat. The first S.E. wind
to come will break up the young ice
and drive away the old.

Johas Gabrielsen lives here. Out
sealing in his kayak when I ar-
rived, but he called to see me
about 5 p.m. He said that he was
going to take me across land
that we should surely be able to

go soon. Temp 8:30 h - 0° C
Sarkak 32 houses 200 pop.
Kertak 100 "

Cost of journey from Upernivik
to Sarsuk Kr 335 or ca \$90 making
cost from Etah ca \$280, including my
own living for two months (but this would
have cost nothing at Etah) but not including
the cost of supplies taken with me from
Etah (Pemmican \$130, dog biscuit 4.50, whale
bisc. 4, Keweenaw 2.50, alcohol 3, Seal 10 = \$157)

25 May. Friday Clear night, Scattered thin
clouds this morning. Temp. Ea. -2°C wind
S. 1-2. or SE. in eve to 3 or 4 later. 2:30 p. +3°
This is first Danish house that I have met thus
far in wh. windows are not hermetically
sealed & last night I enjoyed having an
window open in my room.
Called on Tobias this morning. He has a little
house with two rooms & is a rich man for
an Eskimo. Proud of his pictures of Dan-
mark East Greenland Expedition & his de-
coration & will be mayor. Saw group
photo containing Peter Frenchem in a
dus suit & no beard except moustache
& short hair. He looked odd enough
qf. - Has been a cloudy rain day with the
easterly wind. Although this has not been
strong here, it has driven away much
of the ice in the Vaigat

V.Va.

16 May. Saturday B. calm.
Temp? but about 32° F.
Flag up in my honor

Had scarcely finished dressing (107)
this morning when Mrs Lange
came in and told me that con-
ditions seemed favorable for crossing
the Raigar today. Everything was in
a bustle at once. I changed to
my traveling costume, packed
my things, some of my clothing
still being wet from washing,
and the boat was off a few minutes
before 10 o'clock. My hosts would
take no pay for my accommoda-
tion, I think that Mr L. would
have done so but motherly
Mrs L. said "No, No! only
give Margreta something!"
So Margreta got 2 kr and the
other girl 1 kr., the former having
done my washing.

First time boat has been in the
water this season. A good whale
boat. Had six men, four oars-
men, one steerer and one man
in bow to fend off ice. Did
not need the extra man, for
we encountered almost
no ice the whole way across
+ the sea was like glass most
of the way. It was a summer
day's excursion, save for

the snow covered land and (108)
the sea ice and icebergs not
far away. Reached ^{the} packed
ice at Ujaragsagut at 3 p.m.
— very good time for the 16 miles.
Landed a cross 200-300 yards of
the pack. The men started back
again from the horn at 4.30
+ shld be at Sarkak in four to
five + a half hours, hence they
make a good thing of it, each
one getting two days pay for
the journey. — Rowers 1 sh per day
steerer 1.25 per day + boat 2 sh
per day Total 16.50 plus a fee of
25 ore each. — The men did
not start at 4.30 but at 7.45 after
the prices charged by the Royal
Danish Trading Co. for the goods sold
at their stores are low, e.g.; cut
sugar 25 ore 1/2 kg, candy sugar 44 ore
(Copenhagen 85 ore), matches 20 ore per kg
of 10 boxes, chocolate 2nd grade 1 sh 1.20 for 1/2 kg,
coffee green kr 1 for 1/2 kg, Cavendish pen
smoking tobacco 1 sh for 10 lbs or 1 sh 1.44
for 1/2 kg by the box. The prices are said
to be the same as or lower than at
Copenhagen for the same things.
Medicines are supplied bandages
and medical attendance are

given to the Greenlanders gratis. (109)
The prices given for skins and other
products are low too but they com-
pare favorably enough with those
~~charged~~ elsewhere. They give 10 kr
for a bluefox skin. It seems as
if the Thule station were not
much of a missionary enter-
prise after all since the prices
charged there for goods are very
high and those given for skins are
but little better than here. Ras-
musen charges kr 12 for a spy-
glass which is not so good as that
sold at Upernivik for kr 7; 25 öre
for a pipe of tobacco sold at Upernivik
for 12 öre etcetera. He gives kr 12
for a bluefox skin. Ek told me
that Capt Hansen told him that
Rasmusen sold his fox skins ^{alone}
one year (1914?) at auction in Lon-
don for £18000. But Rasmusen
told me last summer that his
station had not met its ex-
penses for three years! What

one believe? K. R. sent me a (110)
box of "Alarm" cigars at Etah last
winter as a gift saying that they were
the "very best to be obtained in South
Greenland". But I learn from the
official pamphlet of the company
that these are the second best, Naville
being the best and on sale at Uper-
nivik when K. R. was there last
winter. K. R. saddled Tobias onto
last winter's C. L. I. party as "inter-
preter" ^{at Upernivik} but Ek + Hunt with their
knowledge of northern Eskimo +
Ek's command of Danish had
far less need of an interpreter than
I have had. I have gotten along
all right + much cheaper than
they did and Ek says that he
had no use for Tobias. It was
a way for K. R. to get Tobias home
again to Sankak at the expense
of the Museum for salary and
transportation. This and the
seemingly excessive cost of the
trip of Ek + Hunt to Upernivik
certainly have the appearance of
an imposition that I much dis-
like to set to K. R.'s account.

Undoubtedly the presence of Inuasho, (111)
Aenalungwa and Les Jensen, besides To-
bias as a passenger, added considerably
to the expense of the trip N.S.B. to Upernivik.
Who bore this? Les was sick all the
way across Melville Bay and had to be
carried from tent to sledge and back.
He was too sick to walk even that much
most of the way.

I find that I have three muskets to
carry to Godhavn for J. Lange of Sarsuk!
My conscience is clear regarding
not having to pay for my stay at his house.
And I have about ten pounds of mail
from Vinterberg et al. en route for
Godhavn and the south so I guess that
I am deserving of some of the favours
shown and help given me.

[N.B. Did not have to take muskets along.]

27 May Sunday. Thin clouds - N.W. 1-2.
Much ice has drifted back between here
and Sarsuk, so that this would not
have been as good a day for crossing
the Vaigat as yesterday was apparently.

Fred Lange, brother to John, has six ~~daughters~~
daughters and four sons. All and the
mothers are bright looking, sprightly and
clean. Quite a family to support on
a very small salary - of perhaps
Kr. 1000. - Flew up, being Sunday
attended service this a.m. in the little old
church. About 70 of the population 100

were crowded into ^{the} room ca 16' x 24' in 112
dimensions + geometrically scaled. 1/4-1/3 of
space occupied by altar, stove + melodeon.
Lutheran service conducted by catechist.
He + organist wore black anoraks with
and standing white (celluloid) collars. The
Lange girls + mother were togged out in
their best finery - white karnes, embroidered
white upper stockings, new pants and
furry anoraks + wore gay silk head kerchiefs.
The mother wore a black velvet anorak.

Got away at 1 p.m. my Kahmootik having
11 dogs with Emil Lange as driver + the
other 9 dogs with Samson Petersen driving.
Day so warm that I wore my sweater
only without net, till 11 p.m. - Drove
for several miles (2 hrs) on ice foot ex-
cept over one point for short distance.
All very well except for the close prox-
imity of a drop into the sea. Took to
land and crossed extensive flat for
miles. Samson shot an old squaw
the bullet taking it in the throat and
the bird flying up into land and dis-
appearing about 100 yards from us. I fired
at one showing only its head, but the
shot was too fine for me. Emil fired
at two ptarmigan who were almost in
line and tore one all to pieces with
bullet from my gun. Had to feed
it to a dog. Lots of water birds
around

along the extensive shoals east end (113)
of Disko Island - Saw nine ptarmigan
on the journey. Crossed the bay on the sea
ice and came to an empty igloo at 10.30
p.m. Snow now seven or more feet
deep here since it covered igloo com-
pletely leaving only the stove pipe stick-
ing up to mark location. My boys dug
out doorway and went into house,
but came out saying that it was "no good".
Lighted mild primus had coffee and start-
ed on at 11 p.m. - over land. A pretty good
crust had now formed on the soft snow
bent along south side of island sometimes
on the land and sometimes on the sea.
Reached Stamsen at just 5 a.m. of

28 May, Monday after a rather stren-
uous but not un-

interesting journey of 18 hours. Guss-
ler, Eskimo, is factor here & his wife is
sister to We We. They were much in-
terested of course to get news from Itah.

The trip from Ujeragsagut had not
been without incident additional to oo-
took & bids. Ice is getting treacherous
now. Crossing a crack Samson's sledge
broke the case which it struck and
let its rear go down 15 inches into the
water, but my tin box probably pro-
tected its contents & Samson did
not get wet. While crossing the open

ice of the bay and at least a mile from (114)
the water, Emil's sledge broke through
a rotten place ~~in the ice~~ and let his side
down so that ~~he~~ he got in above his knees
and part of the load got wet. Fortunately
for me the dogs dragged us out onto solid
ice before my side broke through com-
pletely, and I did not get in. But I
lost my relish for sea ice travel so
far south at this time of year!

The night was clear, calm and not
very cold. The disk of the sun was well
above the northern hills at midnight
and the moon in her first quarter
hung in the west.

Went to bed about 6 a.m. & slept fairly
well till 1 p.m. Homemade seal was cut
in corner of the single room, partly pro-
tected from the drafts. Pot-baked ptarmigan
for my breakfast-dinner. Geissler
said that we had better start at 9 a.m.
with those sledges. Lay on bed platform
for a time and probably dozed off into a
deep sleep when I heard someone was
playing an harmonica and soon a
lively dance was in progress, the
Greenlanders being very fond of this
kind of amusement. Flag up
in my honor. Gave the wife a paper
of needles. Geissler is a skillful
carver, inlayer and maker of model
kayaks etc.

[Written 31.V] Got away from Skansen at 11¹⁵
9 p.m. on Geissler's kulmoothik, 9 dogs, my bag-
gage being taken by Adam, 8 dogs, and Gus-
tave, 8 dogs. There was so much water on
the sea ice that we kept to the ice foot for
about two hours, wallowing along on deep
soft snow with slight but increasingly
thick crust on it. When the men jumped
off they sank into it knee deep & sometimes
mid-thigh deep. About 11 p.m. we went
down onto the sea ice, but it was bad and
we broke through two or three times but
not badly. Then we struck an area
where we cut through thin ice covering
slush under which was firm. This
not thick ice and near Nuk (?) we took
to the land and ice foot again for some
miles. At Iouanquit we went again
onto the sea ice. I did not like it much
but Geissler assured me that it was all
right, and it was. He said "me plenty
savvy ice - all right. Aisungela." & Geissler
is proud of himself, surely enough, but he
was one of the best drivers that I had,
keeping the other men in front, guiding
them - especially Gustave - and not letting
his dogs over run the kulmoothik
in advance. The ride here was a-
long the base of some of the remarkable
cliffs of columnar basalt - which
I sketched in the Chet's motor boat

in 1915 - The eastern of these beds, between ⁽¹¹⁶⁾
Siinglik & Pailasok, have some beds of
poor coal intercalated with them. In the
cove west of Pailasok we took to the land
again ^{at 1:45 a.m.} and began ~~the~~ an ascent of 1800 ft
(file Lindor) behind the mountain east
of Godhavn ^{Skarvefjeldt} which is 2680 ft high according
to the map. The climb is about 4 miles long
but I had to walk for only about 50-60 yds
of it up the steepest part, soon after we left
the sea. about 4:15 a.m. we began the
descent to Godhavn and much of it was
a wild ride over a good crust with rope
brakes ^{thru} under the one or both runners.

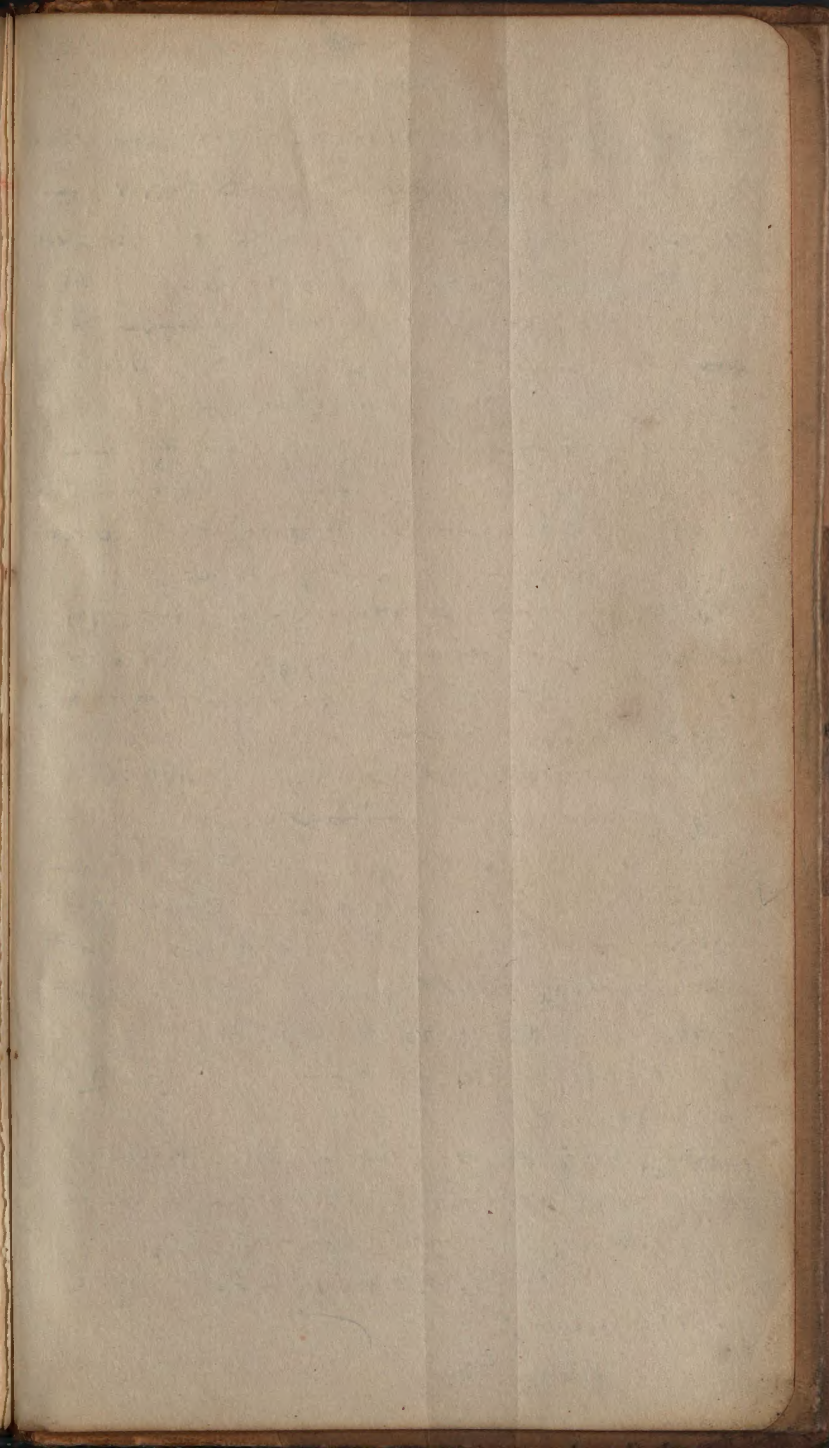
Weather was fine all night. Little or
no wind, except an upper part of divide
where there was a strong easterly breeze
at our backs. 29 May - Tuesday

Reached Godhavn about 6 a.m. by
my watch (Skansen time), and it was so
early that I told Geisler to take me
to the house of some friend of his, where
we could get coffee and I could wait
till a decent boat arrived for me
to call on Inspector Lindor. This was
done and I found that it was only
5:15 a.m. About an hour later
the cry arose outside "The mail has
come", ^{three} two kayakers having arrived
from Sogdesmunde. Quite some
excitement for this little town!

about 7 o'cl I was out wallowing (117)
around in the deep snow looking for a
convenience to which I was conducted
in the governors house. Then I was sum-
moned into the main house, where I
met the governor himself, a hospita-
ble, genial young man by the name
of Olsen. Bistrup is now at Rittenburg.
Olsen had been roused by the ar-
rival of the mail, he being post master
in too. Some letters for the "Dumme"
came but none for any C. L. E. men -
Three weeks or more late in getting here.

At 9 o'cl. I went over to the inspectors
house and received a cordial welcome
from Mr. Lindow. He invited me
to come to his home and here I am,
installed as Green and Allen were
a year ago. But I expect to divide
my time, spending part of it with the
governor and part with Mr. Persid.
Mrs Lindow too is very cordial, tho she
is expecting to become a mother again in the
course of a few weeks.

Godhavn is buried under three feet of
snow and the season is very late after an
unusually open winter. "Hans Egede" I
was late in reaching Holstenborg and
will be correspondingly late in getting here
probably not before 1 July on her second
trip. U. S. A. is in the war & who knows
what may happen?



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En lykkelig Mand



Tegning af Eigil Petersen

O Fædreland, hvad har du tabt, Knud Rasmussen er borte,
med Sæl- og andet Hundespand ad Grønlandsisen gaar de',
mens vi gaar her og piner os i Lak og stivet Lintøj,
kan han paa Strøget stilfuld gaa i Ulvepels og Skindtøj.

O lykkelige Knud, som kan gi' Fa'en i Slagteprisen —
for dér er nok, saa vidt jeg ved, slet ingen Ko paa Isen!
Mens alle andre Folkeslag har Krigshumør i Sindet,
deroppe, dér forstaar de da at holde sig — i Skindet.

sm.

Et Paaskeminde

Det var i 1913, det lykkedes mig at rive mig løs fra min sædvanlige Beskæftigelse i Konstantinopel for at faa et Ønske opfyldt, som jeg længe havde næret: at se Livet i Jerusalem i Paasketiden.

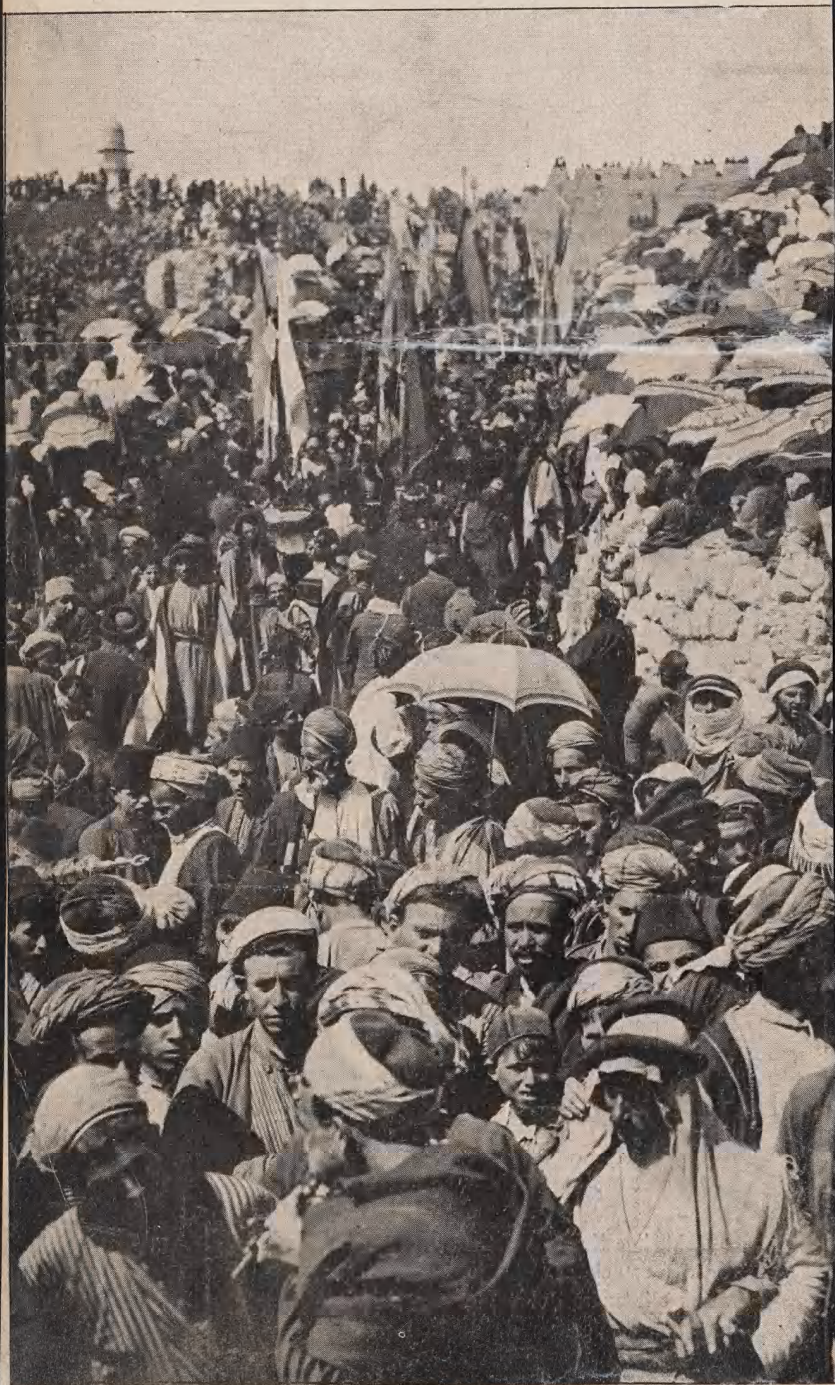
Dette mærkelige orientalske Billede er skildret saa ofte af behændigere Penne, at jeg ikke her skal gøre noget Forsøg derpaa. Men en Oplevelse havde jeg, som gjorde et dybt Indtryk paa mig, og som heldigvis er ret enestaaende.

Det var Langfredags Eftermiddag — den ejendommelige, halvt rørende, halvt komiske Korsvandring langs *Via dolorosa* havde fundet Sted. Synet af disse Børn af det 20. Aarhundrede, som kappedes om at vise deres kristelige Offervillighed ved at slæbe paa et mægtigt Plankekors i Solheden, havde gjort et dybt Indtryk paa mig.

Da pludselig lød det gennem alle Byens Gader: Muhamed-
anerne er i Færd med at myrde alle Kristne i Byen!

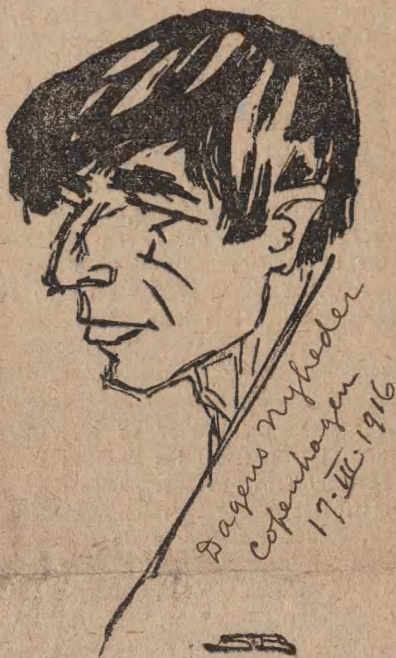
I Løbet af faa Minutter var alle Gader folketomme. De Kristne skyndte sig til deres Hjem eller Logis — Muhamedanerne ligeledes, for ikke at udsætte sig for Mistanke om at være Delta-
gere i Massakrerne.

I en halv Time laa Byen som uddød. Imidlertid var den



Galeriet købte i Gaar paa *Peter Hansens, Johs. Larsens og Fritz Sybergs* Udstilling i Den frie Udstilling: *Peter Hansen*: „Havnefogeden, Rebslageren og Skipperen“ 800 Kr., *Fritz Syberg*: „Aalekrager“ 500 Kr. og „Svaner og Gæs“ 500 Kr.

—
Knud Rasmussen.



I vort moderne Liv er Grønlandsfareren *Knud Rasmussen* en af de mærkeligste Skikkelser — mærkelig ved den Uro, der aldrig lader ham blive bosiddende Borger i almindelig Forstand. Han ejer i sit Sind den evige Higen uester — mod nye Oplevelser, nye Farer, nye Eventyr. Der er i ham en medfødt Længsel mod Polarlandene, mod deres Is og Sne under den tindrende Frosthimmel og deres korte Sommers blomsterrige Blussen.

Nylig udsendte *Knud Rasmussen* — foruden en Oversættelse af *Mathias Storcks* „En Grønlænders Drøm“ — et nyt, livfuldt og poetisk bevæget Værk, „Foran Dagens Øje“, fra de Egne, som ingen anden Dansk kender og elsker, et Monument over hans Færd paa de endeløse, øde Vidder, — og nu skal han paa Langfart igen. Han hører til de sjældent udrustede Personligheder, der formaar at leve udenfor Civilisationen og lide haarde Afsavn i en stor Idés Tjeneste.

Det kan hænde, at man en smuk Sommerdag møder *Knud Rasmussen* i en eller anden nordsjællandsk Egn, hvor han har slaaet sig ned for at skrive en af sine Bøger. Maaske kommer han vandrede langs Stranden, eller han suser forbi paa Cykle ved den støvede og stenede Landevej — han er vant til ganske anderledes ufremkommelige Passager end dem. Han nyder nu i nogle Maaneder Sjællands Blidhed, ytrer ogsaa Ønsket om at behandle denne Ønatur i en Bøg, — han følte sig f. Ex. nylig saa fægslet af Grib-Skovs kelige Ensomhed, at han tænkte paa at gøre den til Midtpunkt for en Skildring.

Men det grønne Sjælland er kun en Station paa Færden — et andet „grønt“ Ejland staar Dag og Nat for hans Tanke, og han bliver det aldrig kvit.

Der er Energi og Spændstighed i denne smækre, lille Skikkelse, en Forsker, en Sportsmand, en Digter og Eventyrer, en fremmed Fugl i vort Samfund og dog saa hjemligt knyttet til alt, hvad der er Dansk.

Store Modsætninger synes han at rumme i sit Sind, men han hører os dog til, selv om han elsker at se Nordlysene flamme og de hvide Bræer skinne.

Absalon.

Assessor *Rant*, der har fungeret ved
6. Kriminalkammer, afløses i Morgen af
Assistent i Justitsministeriet *Beckmann*.

Sagføreren vil i Fængsel.

Sagfører *Valdemar Andersen* i Oden-
se, der ved Højesteret fornylig blev
idømt en Bøde paa 1200 Kr. for For-
nærmelser mod Øvrigheden, har meddelt
Autoriteterne, at han ønsker at afsone
Bøden med Fængsel paa Vand og Brød.
Han vil da faa Bødebeløbet omsat til
3 × 5 Dages Vand og Brød.

Frimærke-Auktion.

Paa Tirsdag Eftermiddag Kl. 5 af-
holdes Auktion hos Falkenberg over en
sjælden Frimærke-Samling, som udstyk-
kes i 500 Numre, der hovedsagelig be-
staar af gamle skandinaviske og tyske
Mærker. Samtidig sælges en stor Fri-
mærkesamling, som ikke udstykkes.

Stor Ladning Petroleum, Olie og Benzin.

Damperen „Pioneer“ af New York
ankom i Gaar hertil fra Batoum Rouge
med 6000 Tons Petroleum, Olie og Ben-
zin til Det danske Petroleums-Aktiesel-
skab. En Del af Ladningen losses paa
Reden til Lægtene. Resten skal losses
ved Refshaleen.

En Vinduespudser styrtet ned fra 3die Sal.

Udfor Ejendommen Østerbrog. Nr. 1
styrtede i Gaar Midd. en Vinduespudser
Holger Larsen fra Howitzvej 65 ned fra
et 3die Sals Vindue. Han forslog sig
meget uhyggeligt og blev i Ambulance
kørt til Hospitalet.

Afværget Indbrud paa „Bikuben“s Filial.

To Betjente af Frederiksberg Politi
anholdt i Gaar udenfor „Bikuben“s Fi-
lial derude en mistænkelig Mandspers-
on, der ved nærmere Eftersyn viste sig
at være i Besiddelse af en Mængde Dir-
ke og Brækjern. Rimeligvis har han
villet begaa Indbrud i Sparekassen.

Der flages.

I Morgen fejrer Snedkermester *Han-
sen Højbo*, Nørrebrogade 100, 25-Aars
Mester-Jubilæum. Jubilaren har i de
forløbne Aar beklædt flere Tillidshverv
indenfor Snedkerlauget.

I Morgen fylder:

Læge i København *S. Hytten* 70 Aar.
Telegrafbestyrer *A. P. Lund* 61 Aar Her-
redsfoged i Rougsø Herred *J. V. Jørgen-
sen* 60 Aar. Konsul *F. L. Hey*, M. L., 59
Aar. Rigsdagsmand *H. P. Hanssen*, Aa-
benraa, 54 Aar. Direktør i Helsingør
Charles Tvede, M. L., 54 Aar. Stabsin-
tendant *C. E. Pallis* 53 Aar. Vicekonsul,
Fabrikdirektør i Fredericia, *Chr. Loehr*
52 Aar. Kaptajn i Fodfolket *O. S. Lund*
47 Aar. Direktør i Københavns Flyde-
løk *Ove Munck* 43 Aar. Ritmester *R. O.
Pontoppidan* 42 Aar. Kaptajn i Artille-
riet *H. V. K. Rasmussen* 40 Aar. Over-
retssagfører *Carl D. Wagner* 39 Aar.
Overlæge i Hæren *Georg L. C. Biering* 38
Aar.

„Hellig Olav“

har maattet

aflevere Pakkeposten.

Fredag Aften ved 5½-Tiden ind-
kom „Hellig Olav“ til Christianssand,
og Skibets Fører, Kaptajn *Holst*, te-
legraferede herfra til Rederiet, at
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