MESSAGE FROM GREENLAND ANNOUNCES SUPPLIES REACH GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION

Local Radio Station Receives Word Of Arrival Of Dog Team At Arctic Weather Camp

Bringing supplies to the hand of four men who are spending the winter in southern Greenland to study meteorological phenomena, a dog sled has arrived at the northern weather station of the University on Mount Evans, according to a message to Prof. William H. Hobbs, of the geology department, from Paul C. Oscanyan, radio operator of the expedition in Greenland. The message was picked up by the local short-wave station of the W. U. T. C. under the direction of Lieut. Richard T. Schlosberg, professor of military science. It read "Dog sled and first shipment arrived, also mail. Thank you for letter."

The import of this terse message from the radio operator at Mt. Evans might not be clear to one not familiar with the plans of the expedition or the conditions in Greenland today," said Professor Hobbs.

"The navigation of Greenland waters closes about Nov. 15, and no ship is willingly caught there after that date. It is hazardous to cruise in Greenland waters when the season is closed, in part only because of the few hours of daylight, but mainly because of the fierce blizzards in which the driving snow effectually blots out all objects. The skipper has then no alternative to but to stop his engines and drift at the mercy of the wind on a coast where there are no beacons of any kind.

"The Disko this summer was far behind her usual schedule and therefore unable to leave Copenhagen for Greenland on her last cruise of the season until Oct. 23. This would bring her to Holstenborg, her destination, much too late, and it was arranged therefore that she should not go beyond Sukkertoppen, a little settlement on the coast about 100 miles further south. She carried mail and supplies for our expedition. The Danish director for Greenland agreed to make arrangements, if possible, to charter a small motor-schooner at Sukkertoppen which would make the attempt to shoot along the coast and forward our mail and supplies to Holstenborg.

"Arrangements had been hastily made with the Danish official there to have the supplies taken by dog sled during the winter to our camp 100 miles away inland as the crow flies, and much further by the route followed. The message tells us therefore that these plans worked out successfully and that the first dog sled with supplies and mail has just reached our base. Though those supplies were not in the class of first essentials, they will greatly add to the comfort of the little party marooned there.

"It also tells that the fjords of Greenland are frozen. The range of the tides along these fjords is everywhere as much as 15 feet, and because of it, all the ice never except a narrow band on either shore moves up and down each day much as an elevator car moves up and down within its shaft. Separated from this moving ice by a so-called tide-crack, there is a narrow ribbon of ice along each bank which remains stationary as a shelf known as the 'ice-foot,' and it is along this foot that the dog sled is able to make its way, though it must go up over the ranges between one fjord and another.

"Our instructions were that the first dog sled should include in its load 100 pounds of Klorr's erbswurst, the brew of pea soup, which as a German army ration proved its high value, and which in two seasons our expedition has found an excellent supplement to the pemmican crackers and tea diet of our ice-cap expeditions. This consignment will therefore be a welcome addition to Helge Bangsted's supplies for his ice-cap expedition of next February or March."

PRINCETON CLUB TO GIVE ANNUAL PLAY IN DETROIT

The Princeton Triangle Club will make its yearly visit to Detroit, Jan. 2, this time presenting "Napoleon Passes," a comic presentation depicting incidents that might have happened to Napoleon in Russia.

LITTLE WILL GIVE ALUMNI MEETING PLAN FOR FUTURE

A centennial send-off dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Michigan Union. It will be the occasion of the first formal and complete announcement by President Clarence Cook Little of his program for the next 10 years for an alumni university and will embody his statement of University needs.

The dinner will be held in the ballrooms of the Union and attendance will be limited to 500. The affair will be for men only. Admission will be by invitation, from President Little, the Board of Regents, and President Ottaway, of the Alumni Association of the University. There will be a similar dinner at a later time at which President Little will deliver his message to the Women's League.

The Alumni Association has sent announcements throughout the country to the officers and governors of University of Michigan Clubs, requesting a reply as to attendance and asking for information regarding the size of the delegation they expect to send to the dinner. President Ottaway expects that every University of Michigan Club in the association will be represented at this function by a delegation.

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