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## FOREWORD

At this time of year there is usually news from the Antarctic, but it has come too late for more than a brief reference in our editorial note.

Lincoln Ellsworth, now a veteran of the polar regions, has made yet another flight from his ship, *Wyatt Earp*. He has been operating in what may be loosely termed the Enderby Land Sector, but the flight appears to have been over Princess Elizabeth Land, well to the east of Enderby Land itself. He flew far inland over a plateau which seems to have been about 9000 ft. high, and saw no bare land.

The Norwegian Government has made formal announcement of its claim to the sector of the Antarctic which lies between the Falkland Islands Dependencies and the Australian Dependency. It will be remembered that this stretch of coast, lying to the south of the Atlantic, has been the field for many Norwegian expeditions in recent years, and, except for Coats Land, all the coastline yet known there has been discovered by Norwegians. It was, curiously enough, in this sector that the first undoubted land of the main mass of the continent was seen, though not recognised as land. Captain Bellingshausen on February 5, 1820, only six days after Bransfield had sighted Trinity Land, when he was 50 miles from what is now known as Ragnhild Land, described what he saw in the following terms:

“The edge of the ice to the S.S.W. was perpendicular and formed into little coves, whilst the surface sloped upwards towards the south to a distance so far that its end was out of sight even from the masthead lookout.”

It is a pleasure to record that Miss Louise A. Boyd, on her return from her seventh expedition to the Arctic, six of which she has led herself, has been awarded the Cullum Gold Medal by the American Geographical Society.

The naming of the new Admiralty survey ships after Sir John Franklin and Captain Scott deserves a special note. H.M.S. *Scott* was launched and so named by Lady Skelton at Dundee on August 23. The Antarctic Club, at its annual dinner, had the pleasure of presenting to the ship, represented by her captain, a set of silver tankards and a portrait of Captain Scott. Vice-Admiral Skelton also presented a silver cigarette box, which had been given to him by Captain Scott after the National Antarctic expedition of 1901-4.

We regret to have to announce the death of several people of prominence in polar affairs.

The death of Herr Daugaard-Jensen, the wise and kindly Director of the Greenland Administration, is given a full note elsewhere, but the Editor desires to put on record the great services he rendered to the Polar Institute in the past, as well as to many young men who have visited Greenland with his permission and guidance. The portrait for our frontispiece was kindly given to *The Polar Record* by the editor of *Berlinske Tidende*.

The passing of Lady Ellison Macartney, sister of Captain Scott, removes one more of the intimate circle of his relations who have helped the Institute both in spirit and in deed.

Petty Officer Crean, of Captain Scott's two expeditions and Sir Ernest Shackleton's Weddell Sea expedition, is the subject of a separate note in this issue.

The sudden death of a youthful explorer in the field always strikes a more poignant note. The loss by drowning of Reynold Bray in Foxe Channel has been a tragic one; we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and particularly to his young widow.

## OBITUARY

The recent death of the head of the Greenland Administration has brought to an unexpected end a life devoted entirely to Greenland and its inhabitants. In 1894, at the age of twenty-three, Daugaard-Jensen went out to Greenland as an assistant in the Administration, and six years later he became Inspector for North Greenland. In 1905 he first put forward the detailed proposals for the reorganisation of the Administration which became his life's work. He became Director in 1912.