

drifted backward, thereby putting Amundsen into a very bad temper. It was a remarkable fact that during the whole time the *Fram's* bow turned towards the south, generally S. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., and shifted but very little during the whole drift. As I say on May 14th: "She went backward towards her goal in the north, with her nose ever turned to the south. It is as though she shrank from increasing her distance from the world; as though she were longing for southern shores, while some invisible power is drawing her on towards the unknown. Can it be an ill omen, this backward advance towards the interior of the Polar Sea? I cannot think it; even the crab ultimately reaches its goal."

A statement of our latitude and longitude on different days will best indicate the general course of our drift:

May 1st, $80^{\circ} 46'$ N. lat.; May 4th, $80^{\circ} 50'$; May 6th, $80^{\circ} 49'$; May 8th, $80^{\circ} 55'$ N. lat., $129^{\circ} 58'$ E. long.; May 12th, $80^{\circ} 52'$ N. lat.; May 15th, $129^{\circ} 20'$ E. long.; May 21st, $81^{\circ} 20'$ N. lat., $125^{\circ} 45'$ E. long.; May 23d, $81^{\circ} 26'$ N. lat.; May 27th, $81^{\circ} 31'$; June 2d, $81^{\circ} 31'$ N. lat., $121^{\circ} 47'$ E. long.; June 13th, $81^{\circ} 46'$; June 18th, $81^{\circ} 52'$. Up to this we had made fairly satisfactory progress towards the north, but now came the reaction: June 24th, $81^{\circ} 42'$; July 1st, $81^{\circ} 33'$; July 10th, $81^{\circ} 20'$; July 14th, $81^{\circ} 32'$; July 18th, $81^{\circ} 26'$; July 31st, $81^{\circ} 2'$ N. lat., $126^{\circ} 5' 5''$ E. long.; August 8th, $81^{\circ} 8'$; August 14th, $81^{\circ} 5' 5''$ N. lat., $127^{\circ} 38'$ E. long.; August 26th, $81^{\circ} 1'$; September 5th, $81^{\circ} 14'$ N. lat., $123^{\circ} 36'$ E. long.