

THE FRAM IN ISOLATION.

During the course of an interview with a "Mercury" reporter yesterday, Captain Amundsen spoke in high terms of the oceanographical work done by Captain Neilsen and those on board the Fram during her voyage from Buenos Ayres to the Cape of Good Hope and back. He added that Captain Neilsen could give more detailed information with regard to this work. "I suppose Captain Neilsen would have no objection to giving these details?" hazarded the interviewer. "None whatever, I think," answered Captain Amundsen, "and I do not see any reason why you should not ask him about them." "Is Captain Neilsen coming ashore, then?" was the further question, "or could I go aboard the Fram this evening and have a talk with him?" "Well, no," said Captain Amundsen, "he is not coming ashore to-day, and it would be of no use your going out to the ship, because you could not go aboard just at present; later on, it may be different. It seemed, therefore, that there was something of a difficulty in getting into touch with Captain Neilsen on the question of the Fram's voyages and oceanographical work.