

CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN'S SILENCE.

The silence of Captain Amundsen appears to have distracted newspaper men all the world over. So soon as it was known that the Fram had arrived at Hobart, we received appeals for news from all quarters. Yesterday morning the London "Daily News" cabled us, "Has Amundsen succeeded?" and we could only reply that Amundsen was dumb. Then came an urgent cablegram to us from the London "Times" respecting the rumour that Scott had reached the Pole, and asked us to cable "Confirmation, denial, or any facts immediately." This time we were able to send Captain Amundsen's curt denial of the report. In the evening the "New York Times" cabled to the American Consul (Mr. Baker), wanting to know all about it. It seems that Captain Amundsen has been filling in his time since landing in cabling his story to Norway and to the London "Daily Chronicle." Even when dragged out of bed last night, to be confronted with the news from London that he had reached the Pole, this dour Norse sea king stubbornly said, "I confirm nothing." He has faithfully guarded the interests of the people to whom he was committed, but "Silence is golden" puts a very sordid aspect upon the heroism of exploration.