

## THE FRAM AND THE AURORA.

### "PLEASURE TRIP" TO THE ANTARCTIC.

Yesterday there were, for the first time in the history of the port, two vessels belonging to quite distinct expeditions, and working in quite different parts of the Antarctic regions, in port at the same time. Captain Amundsen's *Fram* was still lying at her anchorage when, shortly after noon, the *Aurora* came up the river after landing Dr. Mawson and the members of his expedition on the edge of the Antarctic continent. As the *Aurora* passed the *Fram* the latter dipped her flag, and the crew of the *Aurora*, who had heard of the success of Captain Amundsen and his comrades from the pilot, gave hearty cheers.

Captain J. K. Davis, of the *Aurora*, was on the *Nimrod* during Shackleton's expedition, and in command of the vessel during the voyage homewards. When seen after the arrival of the *Aurora*, Captain Davis, on the success of Captain Amundsen being mentioned, said:—"I was surprised to hear that the *Fram* was in Hobart, but was very pleased to hear that Captain Amundsen had returned safely, having reached the South Pole. Those who have followed his previous work will probably not have been at all surprised at his success. We are anxiously waiting news of Captain Scott, and we hope that he also will return with a full measure of success."

Cablegrams continue to pour in from all parts of the world congratulating Captain Amundsen on his achievement in reaching the South Pole. In addition to those previously mentioned, he has received messages of congratulation from the British Royal Geographical Society, ex-President Roosevelt, Lord Curzon, and some half a hundred others.

In speaking to the toast of the guest of the evening, proposed by the Consul for Norway (Mr. James Macfarlane) at the dinner given by him in honour of Captain Amundsen, the Admiral (Sir George King-Hall) spoke very highly of Captain Amundsen's achievement, and expressed great pleasure at being able to congratulate Captain Amundsen on his success. Captain Amundsen, in replying, said that what credit there was was due to his comrades rather than to himself, and that no doubt others would do as much as or more than he had done.

Captain Amundsen, when asked if the *Fram* would come alongside the wharf before she leaves Hobart for Buenos Ayres, said that he could not say, but he understood that the quarantine authorities could not allow her to do so, owing to the Eskimo dogs which she carries on board.