

A Woman Adventur in the Arctic

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FROM the comforts of a fine home, social surroundings and all the luxuries enjoyed so long as to become necessities, to the deck of a small

miles south of Point Hope, where her propeller and the ship became unmanageable, and was hauled to the beach at Point Hope for repairs.

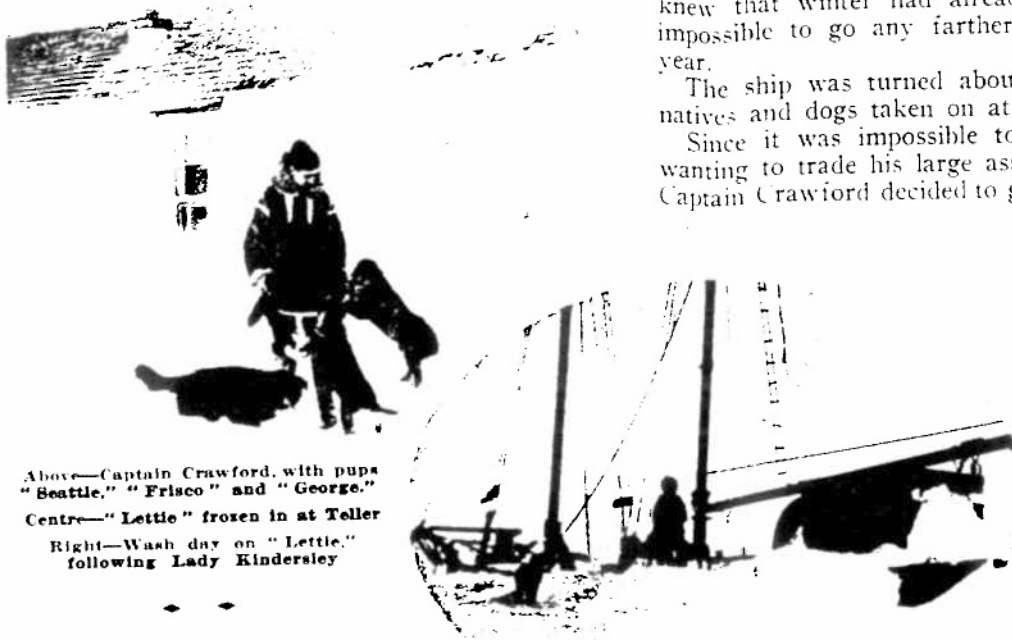
By short runs from heavy ice cakes to larger ice small schooner worked her way east past Point Hope. On September sixth, young ice was encountered, so she knew that winter had already set in and that it was impossible to go any farther east in the Arctic that year.

The ship was turned about. At Point Hope the natives and dogs taken on at various points was taken.

Since it was impossible to go farther east than Point Hope, wanting to trade his large assortment of trade goods, Captain Crawford decided to go across to Siberia to

Mrs. Crawford was lighted. Being a woman she thought no man could go across the ice-cake to the bleak and desolate shore of Siberia and trade among the uneducated Siberians. She thought it was more than to go to Siberia for a new silk dress.

She thought it was in fact, Captain



Above—Captain Crawford, with pups "Seattle," "Frisco" and "George."
Centre—"Lettie" frozen in at Teller
Right—Wash day on "Lettie," following Lady Kindersley

trading schooner plying among the Arctic ice between Siberia and Point Barrow, Alaska, is a step that few women have nerve enough to take.

In April, 1922, Mrs. James Crawford sailed alone to Unalaska, in the Aleutian Islands, where she met her husband, Captain Crawford, well-known Arctic trader and one time associate of Vilhjalmur Stefansson on his Arctic exploring trip in 1914.

With Captain and Mrs. Crawford was C. Bates, the engineer, and three Aleut natives. They sailed away from Unalaska on the two-masted thirty-horsepower, trading schooner "Lettie," laden with trade goods, towards Banks Land.

At Nome, seventeen Eskimos and families, without which they never travel, together with their many children and twenty-eight quarrelling dogs, desired to make the trip to Point Barrow.

Fighting ice almost constantly with the "Sea Wolf," the "Amy," the "Fox," the "Herman," the "Lady Kindersley," the "Homes" and the Government ship

Mrs. Crawford and the young engineer, with help to man the seventy-five-foot schooner, sailed across to Kolyuchinsk Bay, Siberia. Unusually weather was encountered, together with a snow, before the anchor was dropped in the Bay. The many natives camped there were well-stocked with food, and wanted only white

