

## Hero of the Pole.

### Capt. Amundsen Reticent.

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Capt. Roald Amundsen, who was again interviewed this morning with regard to his voyage to the south pole, declined positively to furnish any details as to his experiences or of his discoveries. There is, however, no doubt of his success. "I have not yet received a telegram," he said, "informing me that The Daily Chronicle has published my story in London, and in the circumstances I must refuse to say anything until I am absolutely certain that this has appeared." When Capt. Amundsen was shown the published cable messages announcing the successful outcome of his voyage, he still refused to be communicative. He went so far towards confirming the correctness of the statements, however, as to

representatives to inspect the Fram, which is at anchor here, and to show them on Monday the charts of the route he followed. Until then he declines to supply further information.



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admit that he had received congratulatory messages from King George V., King Haakon, and the Norwegian Government, in addition to numerous other communications of a similar character. In face of this admission, no further assurance was needed that he had actually reached the pole, although nothing that he let fall would indicate that Capt. Scott, his English rival, had been equally successful. Capt. Amundsen expressed his great pleasure at the receipt of the message from King George. It is considered that the message previously published as to Capt. Scott's supposed arrival at the south pole really referred to the arrival of Capt. Amundsen. The Norwegian explorer has promised that if in the meantime he receives the message which he expects announcing the publication of his story in England he will allow press representatives to inspect the Fram, which is at