

visited the ship reporting no open water
& Whalers in sight from "Green's Chest"

Thursday. June 4th 1884. En route to Cape York
and at anchor off Tessenisak. Clear and beaut-
iful weather. Calms and variable light airs
from South and East. Five spotted Narwhal
appeared near ship and after blowing a
few times sounded. No signs of open water
in any direction. During forenoon the ship
was visited by the Gov of Tessenisak. Mr
Kwennan. At 1 P.M. hauled up mooring and
stood up for Tessenisak accompanied by Bear.
At 3.10 P.M. made fast to ice off the Gov's house
Lowered steam cutter. At 6 P.M. sighted a
whaler in the offing steaming to N.E. Remained
on 6 o'clock sking for soling shoes. also
received two Esquimaux dogs in exchange
for one Labrador dog. At 6.30 P.M. cast off
and stood to N.E. followed by Bear standing
through narrow leads close to numerous icebergs
frequently finding flows closing in requiring
the vessel to be backed and then driven through.
At 10.30 P.M. in endeavoring to force a lead. struck
fast and could neither be forced ahead nor astern.
The Bear steamed up close astern. sent her
6 inch main gun a hawser and endeavored to pump
us loose. at the first attempt she parted the
hawser near the bits. We then sent our steel
hawser which she also parted at the first
attempt close to our after bits. Planted 5 gun
powder torpedos ahead in a line about 15 feet
apart sunk 6 feet from the surface in ice
8 feet thick. The result of the explosion was
to crack ahead a considerable lateral

for time reaching to open water beyond but
not sufficient to ease the ship from the "Kip"
Lined 6° to Starboard. at 10.50 P.M. planted
1 gun powder torpedo under Port bows with no
appreciable effect from the explosion. At 11.45
P.M. finding the ship not being eased any
planted 5 gun powder and 6 gun cotton
torpedos starboard bow and beam. the
result of the explosion was as follows
gun cotton. circular holes four feet in diam-
eter with no shattering effect. with mentioning
gun powder 4 small holes and numerous small
cracks. 2 failed to explode. Lat 73° 24' N Long.
56° 10' 30" W. Ther. 43°. Bar. 29.85

June. 5th 1884. Working way through ice
fields en route from Upernivik to Cape
York. Barentland - cloudy and cool. Light
N.E. and E. air. Nipped in ice in position
Lat. 73° 30' 40" N. Long. 56° 43' W. Backed engines
several times but has no effect at 5.00 AM
got out two hawsers astern to ice anchors and
two to bows of Bear at 5.20 AM signalled to
Bear to back full speed. at same time
heaving in with. Storm winch on ice anchors
and backing our engines. At 7.00 AM hawsers
and backed out of jam. 3 haw whalers in
sight to S. Backing and ramming ice
endeavouring to force lead. at 8.00 AM had
succeeded in getting 100 yards. Open water
to N. and W. Sea hazy and thicker than
usual. At noon "Horsis Head" bore N 53° W
Bar 29.80 Ther 40° at 4 P.M. steamed through
a lead to N. at 5.25 PM branched off to E.
reaching up for Duck Id followed by Bear.