

shot time we went all right but finally struck a blind lead in endeavoring to reach shore. This soon closed up and we were hard pressed - being obliged to haul our boats to a small floe. not more than 10 yards across. here we remained for the night.

Aug 24
1883

After the turn of the tide we drifted to the south and towards the shore and our prospects for a return increased, about 2:30 A.M. a large berg that had been following us down the coast grounded on one side and began swinging towards us. It looked very precarious, as she would, if the swing continued, bear down upon us. and crush our little berg. but the corner grounded and instead of being the means of our destruction proved to be a genuine Providence berg as the agitation of the water opened up the ice so that in a few hours we were able to make shore. with our boats - another miraculous escape. We found a niche in the ice foot where we were able to partially secure two of our boats. but the berg(?) began crowding down upon us. and the Cannick and Barnard's had to drop down the ice wall when at Cape John Barrows they found secure quarters. About 2. P.M. the ice clearing we joined them. The tides are getting quite complicated as we are now at or near the point where the two tides meet. and we can make no calculations on which way the current will set. Yesterday it ebbed both North and South - within a short distance and to day it was very strong from the South -

The log book from Aug 25th 1883 to April 18th 1884 was lost.
- Private Schnidau finished this book and sewed it up in canvas April 18th 84

April 18

1884.

7 AM. - 1.5 Shrimp stew.
9 " + 8.0 Bear stew - Ira -
11 " + 12.0 Ira -

At 7 am. cloudy strong wind from the E. dinner morning stew. Biderbeck sick. Shrimps so plentiful that all that can be put in pot. Ice in 9. AM clear but wind in gusts. Brainerd issued rations and then left for shrimps - at 9. AM C.B. in Shorty's bag visiting Ralston. Brainerd returned at 1. with 18 pounds shrimps. Long and I went up the hill to take a look into the straits some fears being felt about the kayak. Bider shows his true character again. Moulded 10 candles Ellis getting better. Finished one of my note books and sewed it up. Long and I found that the kayak was all right and then returned at 1/2. Shorty finds he is growing weaker. He begins to feel the effects of his late work.