

Feb. 20 Wed. The long list team of lady Crickley arrived at 11:30 last night; they had come thru from Ch. Ch. I was held up & stayed for 2 hours for a broken down. 9:35 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours. Word came this the two spans of the Kaniwa bridge had carried away & that the Hobolike railway bridge was 18 inches out of line. It was said when they were driving the piles for the bridge in 1906 that they had great difficulty in driving the piles thru a hard bottom but that the last two feet were into sand & the piles were driving easily. The flood came at the top of a spring tide & much of Hobolike was under water. There was a lot of water on the mountains with letters, needles, socks & mittens. Here I heard history in a few lines of them. Dinner with Miss Roberts & Miss Scott's party.

Feb. 21 Thurs. Went to the glacier with Miss & Thomas & Miss & had great a pleasant day. Capt. Mearns arrived, made all before 2:30 pm to the Washets.

Feb. 22 Fri. Rain began close to camp. I wrote letters & worked the diary. It was too wet to start.

Feb. 23 Sat. Jack Cox was off at 10:30 with a load consisting of the tent etc. Mearns remained & then I got off at 2:45 & got down to the camp 20 miles up the glacier at 4:15. It was cloudy on the way down & we saw nothing of the hills. It was a wonderful panorama & I had to take the road from the Paringa to the Head - a weary 40 miles of hilly road without a house in the old days. The camp was at the head of the landing ground half sheltered by projecting bluff & a little more. On the other side of the valley jumbled with ice is a big rock at the bottom of the bowl. The sandflies were very bad but we were free from mosquitoes. Jack had the Squaw tent up & we set to work & got the ridge tent up for the ladies & the firefly tent. It was cloudy but not too bad, we had a campfire in the open. Miss Roberts & Miss Scott of D. Mearns had arrived at 7:45.

All came in within limits in the Penn north, the party weighed 555 lb (818 lbs) & we had 800 lbs of gear & food. The amount of food was enormous! Capt. Mearns stayed the night.

Accounts

Feb. 24 (Sun) Sleight rain in the morning, before Mearns got away & got a plane of the Camp & the aeroplane. In the afternoon went into camp. Jack Cox split some trees about 10 inches in diameter & made a back to the fireplace at the end of fire fly & we carried up water & made a good fire place. Also got two ferns & made sides to the fire fly & the camp began to be comfortable. Later on we had a deer account the front of the tent. We had a Windsorian out of a horseman line top & a wasp line for hanging candle & had a piece of wood & nails to hang the traps, & the wood fittings about the fire. As the wind blew strong down the valley we had a black wind behind the ridge tent of a frame with branches laced in it, & several men between the tent & the smoke fly. After tea we walked up the river 1000 feet west of the tent to the end of the river.

Feb. 25 Mon. The wind was very strong in the night & we were up before hanging on to the poles & the ground was blowing away. The ground was not good holding & wood being chiefly still. One could drive a peg in 15 inches & pull it sideways easily. Jack Cox was out-spiced things & left. We were up late & after breakfast the Jack set off to the track up at the back of the tent toward Jaria. The ladies washed up & I set to work to set traps & pegged them down with several pegs & tied the ropes to the frame & then erected a Windsorian behind it. Capt. Mearns was at the office with the mail but it was too windy for him to come in with the mail. However he arrived about 8 with some food including cream free milk & some. Also of Jack returned at 4:30.

Feb. 26 Tues. Mearns went up & repaired water holes about the back side. We got off at 9:35 going straight up behind the camp. I had got a very good line. The hill side is very steep & a good many rocky bluffs but they were all by the river this time a acre of means of fallen trees. One plane was compelled with moss & Kierley ferns & orchids. We had two hills & got to the small creek at 11:45. Here we boiled lily & had lunch & left at 12:55. At 2:15 we reached the end of the track which they had cut the day before, leaving at 2:30 we had a bit of good going & then got to a clearing glad of 5000 ft of rain running across the hill