

backed by more steep cliffs crowned by a hanging glacier. The thing which pleased us most however was the abundance of life. There were about ten Weddell Seals when we landed, and a few more came up during the day. There is a big colony of Ringed Penguins on a ~~pin~~^{pin-} shaped rock beyond the creek: Gentoos were found about the shore, apparently visitors; Paddies, Shags, Cape Pigeons and Skua Gulls were all very common, and together with the Penguins kept up an incessant din all day.

We were all pretty busy squaring up in the afternoon: everything seemed confusion, and one's clothes were hopelessly wet. All cases and important gear were placed on the highest beach: tents were then pitched on the intermediate beach, in our case with some difficulty, as the hoops had been cut out a few days back: we managed to make some sort of a shelter with oars and boat hooks, but had to let the ~~tents~~^{rents} go for the present. A big meal of seal steaks, and then we turned in shortly after 5.0 p.m. for as sound a sleep as a man can get. Hourly watches had to be set in case of a high tide: fortunately I was one of the first on and spent the time with Hurley melting water for the watchmen to come. The night proved very mild; enjoyed working round the blazing stove and discussing events with Hurley. One still felt a heaving motion even now after four nights tossing about in the boats.

Breakfast of course was late on Sunday the 16th—a week since we left our camp on the floe, which Hurley calls Mark Time Camp—as everyone had overslept. One thing above all was absolutely necessary—to find a proper camping place: Cape Valentine was too risky should easterly gales come our way. Wild accordingly took the "Dudley Docker" westwards with a crew of four shortly after noon. I did not see her leave, for the Boss had sent Hurley and myself SSE along the shore to see if there was any camp site in that direction. Our quest was useless (indeed we could not go very far owing to the tide) for this ^{is} what W.M. Davis would call a ~~sunken~~ coast still far from maturity: here were the cliffs already showing differential erosion, the rock platform, etc., all/