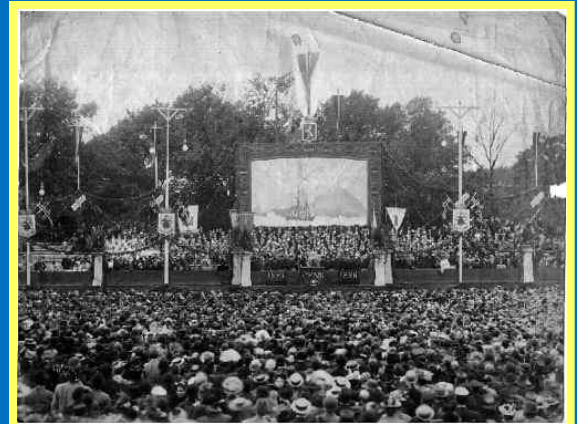


Amundsen's Inspirations

- * As youth, he was inspired by Nansen's crossing of Greenland and later Arctic *Fram* expedition.
- * He was in crowd welcoming Fridtjof Nansen home. See photograph at right.
- * Nansen a continual influence for all of Amundsen's life:
 - * Nansen provided advice, encouragement.
 - * Nansen allowed him to use *Fram* for Arctic expedition. But he surreptitiously sailed *Fram* to Antarctica for polar expedition.
- * Other inspirations:

Sir John Franklin: doomed NW Passage expedition.
"Secretly ... I irretrievably decided to be an Arctic explorer."
from Amundsen's autobiography.

Frederick Cook, controversial polar explorer.



Nansen, Liv Nansen, and Amundsen