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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MARINERS ARE CRUISER DECKS GIVEN A SWEPT BY JOLT SEAS

Appellate Judge Scores Magnificent Spectacle Those Who Aid During the Speed Disaster. Trials.

A principle in salvage cases has been laid down by the judge of the Appellate Court who reviewed the case of the owners of the cable steamship Restorer against the Pacific Mail company, for saving the steamship Manchuia which went on the rocks at Waimanalo Bay, which may have a far-reaching effect in future cases. The judge severely criticized mariners who stand off while a vessel in distress is going to ruin. His decision in this case was as follows:

"A salvor, said the court in the case of The Howard, 12 Fed. Cas. 630-633, who, regardless of personal considerations, gallantly rushes into dangers to preserve the lives and property of others, when exposed to the horrors of shipwreck, or he who promptly goes forward and contributes his aid when he believes his services will be beneficial in preventing impending loss, without stopping to inquire what amount in dollars and cents his exertions will bring to his own pocket, will always receive that liberal reward for his services which it is the policy of the law to allow, and which courts feel pleasure in awarding to generous and manly conduct; while he who holds back and quietly looks on at approaching ruin until his own services become indispensable to the preservation of the property he sees exposed with the expectation that his reward will thereby be increased in proportion to the increased dangers from which the property is ultimately rescued, will find that he is disappointed in the realization of his golden hopes, and that a display of avarice at such a time renders him an object of contumely and reproach."

GOVERNOR ASKED FOR MATRIMONIAL ADVICE

Governor Frear in his official position is called upon for nearly all sorts of information and advice, but the limit was reached yesterday in a letter he received on the Alameda mail. A woman in Brooklyn wrote to him to get some information concerning the man with whom she is in love. She knows that she loves him, all right, but she is in doubt as to whether or not it is safe for her to marry him. She wants to be sure first that he has been divorced from his former wife, and she asks the Governor to look the matter up and tell her. She also wants to know how many children her chosen one has left in the Paradise of the Pacific.

The man about whom the inquiries are made is a Hawaiian who formerly lived in Honolulu but who left here several years ago.

MAY ARREST ELGIN FOR RUNNING A BLIND PIG

The seventeen dollars and eighty-five cents worth of hospitality so generously tendered the Congressional party by R. R. Elgin of Mahukona is liable to prove a losing venture for the gentleman. It has brought him into trouble with the government of the United States and may result in his arrest by the United States Marshal on a charge of selling liquor without an Internal Revenue license. The minimum punishment for that offense is \$100 fine and six months in jail.

Mr. Elgin, however, is to be given a chance to square himself with Uncle Sam before any drastic measures are resorted to. Collector of Internal Revenue Walter F. Drake stated yesterday morning that he would send notice to Mr. Elgin to pay the Internal Revenue tax for selling liquor, on pain in the event of his refusal, of arrest by the Federal authorities. The license tax will cost him about \$37.

But this is not all, for Mr. Elgin has already violated the law in that he sold booze to the members of the Congressional party and made a charge for it, which has been paid. He will have to square that matter with Uncle Sam, too. If he is good and comes to time, he may escape arrest by making an offer of compromise to the Collector of Internal Revenue. The amount which he will have to pay in lieu of a fine is optional with the collector, but in view of the gravity and aggravated nature of the offense, it is probable

The cruiser Maryland returned to port last night about 7 o'clock, followed later on by the West Virginia and this morning the major portion of Admiral Sobree's fleet will be off port. The West Virginia is believed to have one of her engines a little out of commission, but this happened since the speed trials on Wednesday.

On Tuesday the first division which undertook the test comprised the flagship Tennessee, California and Maryland, the division formation having been altered somewhat since the vessels left Honolulu.

On Wednesday the West Virginia, South Dakota, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Not an accident occurred during the two days' trials despite the fact that every pound of steam was crammed on and the vessels on the first days' test plunged into a rolling sea with strong head winds. The bows dug deep into the brine and great windrows of water curled up and kept the forecastle section awash on the outward trip. Down in the stokeroom the men worked like beavers and it is reported that the men were certain that on some warships more steam was worked up than could be utilized by the engines.

On the first day the Tennessee got away first, followed by the California and the Maryland. The California pulled away from the Maryland shortly after the start but things were equalized later on.

The tests are pronounced the severest that any of the vessels have so far undertaken and that everything resulted satisfactorily is regarded with satisfaction by officers and crews.

KALUANUI BEACH ROAD IS NOW CLEARED

Mayor Fern, Supervisor J. C. Quinn and other county officials visited the Kaluanui Beach road yesterday and found that the Chinese are complying with the terms of the agreement by which they were to remove their houses and rice threshing floors from the right of way granted by them to the county for the location of the new stretch of road near Kaluanui beach. The present road on the beach proper was found to be absolutely unfordable yesterday, the water having washed the sand away. With the aid of a number of Hawaiians, a partial road was constructed over which Jim Quinn's machine was driven after some difficulty. The contractor for the new road is already at work cutting out underbrush and turning material onto the proposed route.

that a good round sum will be required of him. If he refuses to come through, the United States Marshal or one of his deputies will go to Mahukona and arrest Mr. Elgin and bring him back to Honolulu to stand trial for the offense with which he is charged. If convicted, he may not only have to pay a fine, but also go to jail for six months. It is doubtful if, in that event, all his numerous salaries would be allowed to run on.

Mr. Elgin appears also to have laid himself liable to penalties under the territorial law. He made a charge for coffee, flour and sugar, and the sale of these was made without a merchandise license, which is a violation of the laws of the Territory of Hawaii. Worse than this, also, Mr. Elgin is accused of running a blind pig, and has laid himself liable to arrest by the territorial authorities on the charge of selling liquor without a license.

Altogether, the hospitable resident of Mahukona has got himself into a pretty bad fix, and it is liable to cost him a good deal more than \$17.85 to get out of it.

Full particulars as to the nature of Mr. Elgin's offense against the laws of the United States were sent last night by Collector Drake to Deputy Collector Walter Doyle, who is now at Hilo, and Mr. Doyle may drop in in a day or two to see Mr. Elgin and ask him what he is going to do about it. If Mr. Elgin charges Mr. Doyle for entertainment while he is at Mahukona, the United States government will pay the bill.

Crowds Gaze in Awe at Rain of Meteors

For twenty minutes last night it rained meteors. Persons who happened to be outdoors between 10 and 10:30 o'clock were treated to a display of fireworks of the most spectacular sort, for the sky was brilliant with rockets such as no earthly pyrotechnic laboratory ever turned out. The more superstitious folk saw an omen in it all, and the wildest of wild reports were circulated.

In Palama district, crowds of Hawaiians and Japanese gathered in the streets and on the housetops, and gazed with awestricken faces at the wonderful play of unearthly fire. In many quarters conditions existed which bordered on a panic, and it was not until several hours after the celestial disturbances came to an end that the people quieted down and returned to their homes.

The first meteor made its appearance shortly after 10 o'clock. It traveled in a northeasterly direction, flying at a great rate of speed and leaving a long, luminous trail in its wake. A few minutes later another made its appearance, and then they came in rapid succession, sometimes as many as three or four being visible at one time. Sparks appeared to be dropping from the flaming bodies, and the scene was awe-inspiring.

One man reported at the Advertiser office last night that he had counted twenty-four meteors, while several persons told of counting twenty or more. The marvelous display lasted until about 10:25 o'clock.

PRICE OF SMOKES TAKES A JUMP

Manila Cigars Advance Owing to Great Demand for Goods.

The smoker's halcyon days are over; Manila cigars have advanced in price. Fitzpatrick brothers yesterday received a cablegram from the Manila manufacturer from whom they buy their goods reading:

"Prices have advanced since writing you. Shall we ship?"
Though the cable does not state how great the advance has been, Thomas J. Fitzpatrick believes that it will prove (Continued on Page Five.)

CONCRETE POST OFFICE LIKELY

Architects Promise Substantial Federal Building for Honolulu.

By Ernest G. Walker.
(Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, September 24.—The announcement was made here today that Architects York and Stone will design the new Federal building for Honolulu. It is further officially stated that the new building will be constructed either of reinforced concrete or of volcanic rock.

RODERICK O. MATHESON, THE NEW ADVERTISER EDITOR

Roderick O. Matheson, who becomes editor of the Advertiser today, is thirty-three years old. He was born at Simcoe, Ontario, and got his collegiate education at the University of Ontario. He edited several Canadian weeklies before coming here which was about five years ago. He did special work on the Advertiser before joining the editorial staff. In a very short time Mr. Matheson was entrusted with the more important functions of staff work and, about a year and a half ago, was notified that he would be asked to succeed Mr. Smith on the latter's retirement. Mr. Matheson was night editor and editor of the Monday morning paper when he left to take a confidential position with the Governor, though it was understood then, that he would return on call. Today he assumes the duties of editor-in-chief.



R. O. MATHESON.
The New Editor of the Advertiser.

UNIVERSITY CLUB GIVES BANQUET TO RETIRING EDITOR

Last evening a number of University Club friends of the retiring editor of the Advertiser gave a farewell banquet in his honor at the clubhouse. Judge Ballou presided and Frank E. Thompson was toastmaster. Sonny Cunha and his quartet supplied the instrumental music, with Jimmy Dougherty as vocalist. A beautiful silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Smith by Judge Ballou on behalf of those present and many speeches were made. The menu was as follows:

FAREWELL DINNER
To W. G. Smith, Esq.
Toke Point Oysters on Half Shell
Ripe Olives
Volcano Celery
Salted Almonds
Consomme a la Nivernaise
Filets of Halibut, Sante Meuniere
Iced Cucumbers
Pommes a la Reitz
Diamond Backed Terrapin a la Maryland
Larded Sweetbreads a la Financiere
Punch Romaine
Roast Guinea Fowl
Bohemian Sauce
Cauliflower en Creme
Garden Peas
Pommes Rissoles
Shrimp, Mayonnaise
Neapolitan Ice Cream, Fruit Gellies

Fromages, Fruits Various, Cafe Noir
A feast to speed the parting guest,
Our comrade, Walter G.—
And a toast, boys—Here is hoping
Soon with us again he'll be.
For to take his place among us
There is none who need apply.
For a substitute shines brightly
Only till a King be by.

YAU TUCK IS CHARGED WITH STEALING WATCH

Yau Tuck was arrested last night on a charge of larceny in the second degree. Yau is alleged to have entered a house on Desha lane and to have stolen a gold watch.

G. E. OFFICERS ON THE S. S. CLEVELAND

Among the passengers on the S. S. Cleveland when it is to make a tour of the world calling at Honolulu in January en route from the Far East to San Francisco will be many members and officers of the Society of Christian Endeavor of Boston. Among those already booked are Dr. and Mrs. Francis Clark, William Shaw, general secretary; Mrs. Lathrop, wife of H. N. Lathrop, treasurer. It has been suggested by an officer of the society at Boston that Rev. Moses Nakuna and others arrange a Christian Endeavor rally while the Cleveland is in port Sunday and Monday, January 23d and 24th.

PIRATES THOUGHT TO HAVE MURDERED CREW OF CUSTOMS CUTTER

Shonts Sues Distiller for Alienating Wife's Affections---Taft Greeted Pinchot Heartily--- Cook May Sue Peary.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

MANILA, September 25.—Official dispatches received here yesterday say that there is a rumor current at Balabac that the customs cutter Sora has been captured by Moro pirates and the entire crew of fourteen Filipinos murdered. The Sora sailed from Balabac for Sandakan, North Borneo. She was commanded by Captain E. A. McGerty and had Customs Inspector J. L. Perrine on board.

All efforts at tracing the Sora from the time that she sailed from Sandakan have been fruitless; the cutter has disappeared as completely as though the sea had swallowed her up.

SHONTS BRINGS SUIT CHARGING ALIENATION OF WIFE'S AFFECTIONS

NEW YORK, September 25.—Theodore P. Shonts has brought suit for \$25,000 against F. F. Hispech, the millionaire distiller of Kentucky, whom he charges with having alienated his wife's affections. The suit is the talk of the hour. Mr. Shonts' attorney intimates that the whole affair may be a case of mistaken identity.

GRAND NAVAL DISPLAY AT HUDSON-FULTON PAGEANT

NEW YORK, September 25.—The Hudson-Fulton historical pageant will open tomorrow and the festivities will continue during the next two weeks. The spectacle will be unique and magnificent in the extreme. A line of warships, representing all of the great powers of the world, will be stretched along the river in close formation, over a distance of more than eight miles.

NEW YORK, September 24.—The German cruisers Victoria, Louise, Bertha and Dresden arrived today to take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration. The British battleship Inflexible, with Admiral Seymour, also arrived.

The expectation now is that about seventy-five vessels of the American and foreign navies will be present to participate in the naval parade. More than fifty vessels of the American Navy will be available. Of the larger fighting craft there will be at least sixteen battleships, three armored cruisers and three scout cruisers. Twelve torpedo boats, four submarines and their parent ships, the Dixie and the Castine, are to be sent. For the first time in history, according to the naval officers, there will be a parade of marines and blue-jackets in the Bronx. Major David Wilson of the New York National Guard has been informed by the Navy Department that a regiment consisting of five battalions will participate in the great army, naval, civic and historical parade on September 29. This regiment will be made up of a battalion of marines and four battalions of seamen.

DR. COOK MAY BRING SUIT AGAINST PEARY

NEW YORK, September 25.—It is stated here on apparently good authority that Dr. Cook contemplates bringing suit against Civil Engineer Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for slander in connection with the charges made by the naval officer that Cook is a faker and did not reach the North Pole during his dash into the Arctic.

BALLINGER AND PINCHOT MEET, BUT DO NOT SPEAK

SALT LAKE CITY, September 25.—Gifford Pinchot arrived here yesterday and was cordially greeted by President Taft. Ballinger and Pinchot later met but the men did not speak. Despite the protests of local ministers of the gospel, the President will deliver an address next Sunday in the Mormon tabernacle.

AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT

MADRID, September 24.—It is believed that a general Spanish-Moroccan war is imminent, the Spanish government desiring a decisive victory in order that its prestige may be maintained. Bomb-throwing in Barcelona has been resumed.

CHICAGO, September 24.—The visiting representatives of Japanese commercial organizations today inspected the stockyards.

WASHINGTON, September 24.—The remains of General Corbin were today interred at Arlington near the graves of Generals Lawton and Wirt.

NEW YORK, September 24.—Wright and Curtiss are making ready for aeroplane flights.