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## STEAMERS CRASH IN CHESAPEAKE BAY

### SPLIT THREATENING REPUBLICAN SOLONS

#### Rivalry Between Chillingworth and Knudsen of Kauai for the Presidency of the Senate May End in Break-Up of Carefully Laid Plans

#### STATESMEN KEEPING CLOSE DETAILS OF STRUGGLE

Chillingworth Reported to Have Formed Coalition of Democrats and Republicans to Back Him for the Place—Reapportionment Bill Certain at Coming Session of Legislature

#### RESIGNATION OF GILMORE FILED

Board of Regents of College of Hawaii Immediately Accepts. President Will Quit Institution August 31 Next—No Successor Has as Yet Been Decided Upon Says Judge Cooper

### Democracy is at the Post!

Democratic administration in the city and county begins next Monday, and there are literally hundreds of applications by faithful workers who are looking for jobs.—News note.



### EIGHTEEN PERISH IN ICY WATERS

#### Survivors of Collision Cling to Rigging Until Numb by Freezing Wind and Driving Sleet and Spray—Some Rescued by Passing Vessel—Captain's Wife and Child Among the Lost

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 4.—Eighteen dead swept away in the grip of an ice-bound sea, is the record of the collision between the British freighter Indrakula and the American steamer Julia Luckenbach, in the lower reaches of Chesapeake Bay last night. Owing to the storm that swept these waters the day before the buoys and lights had been displaced and in some instances destroyed, and as a result of the blind channel the freighter was wide of her course in entering the bay.

The Luckenbach was also supposed to have been off her course, in leaving port, and had just passed Old Point Comfort when the Indrakula loomed up out of the mist and sleet that veiled everything. In the crash that followed, the Luckenbach was cut down to the water's edge and began sinking immediately. The Indrakula was also so badly damaged that it was impossible for her to give the injured and sinking American steamer any assistance.

In the darkness the Luckenbach sank in water that submerged her hull, but left her masts above water. Into the rigging the crew clambered and lashed themselves with ropes prepared to spend the remainder of the night. Among them was the captain's wife, who was wedged in between two men, her husband and the chief engineer, for warmth.

As the seas grew higher and the steamer sunk lower in the ooze of the bottom off the Riprap shoals, the members of the crew were snatched away one at a time. Huge blocks of ice were driven through the rigging by the winds and waves and the gray ice of the seas formed over all as they hung in mid air. One of these blocks struck the little group of captain, wife and engineer and swept it away, still lashed together. Another cut through the foremast, to which some of the crew were still clinging and snapped it off short, allowing the doomed men to topple over into the freezing, ice-coated waters.

It was nearly noon when the eight men still alive were sighted by a Danish steamer, the Pennsylvania, and after tremendous exertions by their crew were taken off in small boats. It is feared that most of them will die from the exposure.

There is grave danger that the Republican majority in the upper house of the Territorial legislature may be broken into and that carefully laid plans for the coming session may be brought to nothing. The trouble, it is said, arises over the rivalry between the followers of Senators Knudsen and Chillingworth for the presidency of the senate. Reports of the pending difficulty have been circulated about the streets and in certain political circles, with the result that the leaders are alarmed by the threat of dissension and strife in the G. O. P. ranks.

Efforts to obtain a definite statement regarding the matter brings one up against a stone wall of secrecy. None of the senators-elect or the hold-over seniors who could be reached by this paper would talk of the dispute beyond admitting that there was trouble in the air and that the matter might lead to unpleasant consequences unless harmony could be brought to brood over the face of the turbulent senatorial waters before the opening of the session.

Senator Chillingworth is accused of having already begun building up a following upon which he relies to place him in the coveted position, while the friends of Senator Knudsen are believed to be fighting hard for him already.

The attitude adopted by the adherents of the Kauai solon is that the bill providing for the reapportionment of the representation of the different islands will most certainly go through the legislature, this coming session, and that Kauai will suffer the loss of one representative in the upper house. This means that Knudsen will not have a chance to succeed himself, and, so say his friends, it is but fair to give him the post of president of the Senate before his retirement—for a time at least—from public life.

Much anxiety is felt over the attitude said to have been taken by Senator Chillingworth. The G. O. P. leaders, scenting sedition in the ranks of the party are reported to have approached Chillingworth with requests for information. These reports that the Senator has reaffirmed his devotion to the party and declared that he is willing to stand by the party caucus in every case.

House Also Involved.

The rivalry between the Knudsen and Chillingworth forces may very likely involve the House speakership. Representative H. L. Holstein is a candidate for the speakership again, but there is a strong movement under way to elect Clarence H. Cooke, of Oahu. From time to time there have been reports that the Cooke house forces are trying to get an addition of strength from the Kauai representatives, and that the Kauai representatives are willing to support Cooke if the Oahu senators will support Knudsen.

From the way things are now framing up, it looks as if the fight will bring in both houses, the Cooke-Knudsen senators and representatives forming one faction and the while Chillingworth and Holstein are expected to work together. The split, if there is any, however, will probably not come into the open until a few days before the legislature convenes.

The Pacific Engineering Company has brought suit in circuit court against James Steiner to recover \$1,100, the balance alleged to be due the firm for the construction of the Steiner home at Waikiki. The sum of \$500 is wanted to complete payment of the original contract price, and \$150 is added for extras, alleged to have been supplied by the building concern.

### CHAMBER OFFERS PEACE PRIZES

On the editorial page of the Star-Bulletin today will be found announcement of the Chamber of Commerce Peace Essay contest for 1913, open to students of Hawaii. Handsome prizes are offered for essays on "The Price of War." The announcement on Page 4 contains full particulars.

### "Scotty" Weeps As He Takes Oath To U.S.

Harry Scott Gray, the local commission merchant, successfully passed the examination and was admitted to United States citizenship this morning. Gray is a "Scotchman and proud of it," and Attorney Blitting asked him if, in the unfortunate event that war should be declared between Great Britain and the United States, he would be willing to shoulder arms and fight against the "Japs from the land of his nativity. He hung his head, a mist came into his eyes and there were palpable tears in his voice as he answered after much hesitation, "Yes."

This is the ordinary question and oath of fealty demanded of every intending citizen and is a stumbling block over which many have fallen. One of the first things asked a man of foreign birth who wants to be known as a citizen of the United States is whether he will renounce allegiance to all other kings, potentates or rulers and particularly the ruler of that country from which he personally, has come. Court Clerk Murphy has known several such applicants to be aroused by the question to a terrible heat that caused them to swear horrible oaths that they would do nothing of that kind. The affair is always made so solemn and impressive that they are inclined to feel they are on the verge of going directly into war against their country, whereas the truth is that there is not one chance in 1,000 they would ever be called upon to do it.

An important special meeting of the Hawaiian Tobacco Company, to consider whether to go on with the enterprise, was held yesterday at the office of Frank E. Johnson, and was further postponed, owing to the non-arrival of an expected letter, till Saturday next.

### Literacy Test Need Not Injure Hawaii

#### Commissioner of Immigration Clark Points Way to Continue Bringing in European Laborers

Hawaiian immigration will be only temporarily stopped if the literacy test provision remains in the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill and the bill comes out of conference and passes Congress. There are other sources for immigrant laborers than those affected by the literacy test, and these sources will supply all the immigrants that Hawaii can absorb and adequately look after until they look after themselves entirely.

Such is the belief of Dr. Victor S. Clark, commissioner of immigration, brings back with him from his globe-circling trip, which included both the new sources of labor to which he refers and Washington, where he got a pretty good line on immigration legislation.

Commissioner Clark, while declaring that there is no certainty as to what Congress will do with the Dillingham-Burnett bill and the Burnett house bill, says frankly that Hawaii is perfectly safe in figuring that the bill has a good likelihood of passing with the literacy test retained. Under these circumstances, he believes that the Territory will do well to prepare for the future by making ready to get immigrants from northern and central Europe.

He said this morning that there is no question that when the present war cloud's blow over and the contingency of a European embroilment becomes too remote for alarm, Hawaii can get all the laborers the territory can adequately absorb from such countries as the Balkan states, Austria and parts of Russia, Western Russia, he says, will furnish some of them, and, as he stated in an in-

terview with the Star-Bulletin upon his return from the mainland, trans-Siberian railway rates can be secured at a figure which will make the bringing of such immigrants to Hawaii a financial possibility.

These immigrants, said Dr. Clark this morning, are literate to a large degree, the percentage ranging much higher than the percentage of literates among the Spaniards and Portuguese.

"Even with the literacy test, applicable to Hawaii, we could continue to secure immigrants, for those I have mentioned could pass the test," he says.

"We are now preparing for a little 'ploughing and seeding' of the ground, and if Congress passes a bill for a literacy test from which Hawaii is not exempted, we can turn at once to the new fields. There will perhaps be a cessation of immigration for a year, as the steady, settled peasant takes time to prepare for emigration."

"No one knows what will be done with immigration by this Congress or the next, but at any rate, the conditions I found on my trip assure Hawaii that immigrants in small lots can be obtained for this territory. There will not, of course, be the large shipments that we have obtained from Southern Europe."

Dr. Clark says that there is no danger of immediate stoppage of Hawaii's recruiting work in Spain and Portugal. Even if the immigration bill should pass Congress in the present form and the President should not veto it, four months' time will be given before the bill goes into effect, so that all immigrants who have made active preparations to leave their country may do so.

### IGNORANCE OF CONSTITUTION BARS VON HAMM

#### Merchant Fails to Pass Examination for Citizenship Papers and is Given One Month to Brush Up In

Because of his unfamiliarity with the constitution of the United States Conrad Carl von Hamm, vice-president of the von Hamm-Young Company, was unable to obtain his citizenship papers in federal court this morning. His eligibility in every other respect, such as general intelligence, knowledge of the English language and character was unquestioned however, and he was given another month in which to pursue the constitution.

On appearing before U. S. District Judge Clemons, von Hamm at once confessed that he had not read the constitution since his schoolhood days, and explained that though he had a practical knowledge of its meaning he might not be familiar with some of the technical provisions.

Asked by Deputy Attorney Blitting if he knew the provision of the constitution regarding contracts, the eminent merchant admitted he did not remember it offhand.

"Do you know what it has to say concerning the government's right to take private property for public or governmental purposes?" he was asked.

"By condemnation," was the reply.

"But how does it provide for condemnation?" He was unable to answer.

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### NORMAN SMITH GIVEN A YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT

Norman B. Smith, whose activities have kept the Hawaiian federal officials busy for a good portion of the time during the last fifteen months, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, with cost attached, by U. S. District Judge Clemons this morning. Smith entered a plea of guilty a few days ago to the charge of smuggling opium. Five statutory charges which had been preferred against him in the last six months were not pressed.

Smith made no comment in court, either at the time he pleaded or upon the passing of sentence today. In naming the punishment the court remarked that in view of the prisoner's plea he seemed entitled to some leniency, but the fact that he had already served one sentence on a similar charge prior to the present time, and that in committing his last offense he had dragged another man into the illegal traffic with him, required greater punishment than ordinarily would have been inflicted.

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### Z-RAY SPECIAL REPORTS THETIS AS MUCH AT SEA

[Thought-Wave Special to the Star-Bulletin]

ABOARD THE U. S. R. C. THETIS with Governor Frear and former Attorney-general Alex. Lindsay, Jan. 3.—We are still at sea. However much certain members of the party would like to deny it, it must be admitted that none save the captain knows our exact whereabouts. It is presumed, however, that we are somewhere between Midway and Laysan islands, homeward-bound.

Judge Lindsay has at least ceased propounding his troublesome query, "Who put the 'mere' in 'mal de mere'?" and the only turbulent thing around us in the last few days has been the waves.

Replying to your Z-ray inquiry as to our reasons for quitting Midway so abruptly, there were two contributing causes. The first and minor one was Lindsay's ambition to get home and start drumming up a new law practice. The second was a fortuitous and unforeseen obstacle which arose to prevent a thorough enjoyment of Christmas by indulging in golf.

The golf course on Midway is an excellent one. The governor was overheard to remark that it beat the Country Club links four ways from the jack. But the goonies have interrupted Midway and the attempt to play the game was extremely short-lived. Governor Frear, garbed conspicuously in a pair of smoked goggles, led off with a long drive, sending the little ball, painted red so that it might be found in the white sand, about 400 yards.

Your correspondent, condescending to serve as caddy on the auspicious occasion, never found that ball. To be accurate he did, but could not recover it without violating the law. A large male goony, mistaking it for food, swallowed the pellet. Goonies cannot be killed within the statute. A similar fate caught Lindsay's ball on his first drive. It was the same goony gander. He saw it coming and, leaping into the air, caught it before it reached the ground. In short, the goony broke up the game. Almost heart-broken, the governor and Lindsay wandered back to headquarters and bade a sad farewell to the human inhabitants of the isle, at the same time informing the captain of the Thetis that their vacation had been ruined and they wanted to go home at once.

The homeward trip thus far has been a gloomy affair. Adverse winds have delayed the vessel's progress, and high seas, breaking at regular intervals over the deck, have kept the members of the party indoors much of the time. The governor has become impressed in cogitating over legislative propositions and Lindsay, who now professes a consuming admiration for the president-elect, devotes much of his time to reading a volume entitled "Woodrow Wilson on — something or other."

### Turks Reject All Allies Terms

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 4.—The council of ministers today sent explicit instructions to the peace plenipotentiaries in London to reject the terms offered by the allies. Whether this means the cessation of the peace conferences remains in the hands of the allies and the great powers. It is believed that Turkey has had all of the time she wants to prepare her army for a renewal of the hostilities with the Balkan states and finds herself strong enough to encourage her statesmen to believe that she can now beat back the allies from the ground which they have won.

### BULGARIANS STAND PAT

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Bulgarian representatives here today announced officially that unless Turkey agrees to surrender Adrianople the Bulgarian armies will again begin pounding at her door. It is said that the Allies have also managed to put the long delay to good use and that they are now ready to push forward their campaign to the gates of Constantinople and further if necessary.

### Call Newspapermen Martyrs

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—Sheridan and Broxon, two editors of a local paper, sentenced to jail for contempt of court, have been swamped with letters and telegrams of sympathy and condolence from all over the country since their arrest. Their cells have been turned into flower gardens and have been crowded with visitors, many of whom have been among the most prominent men of the State. The men were found guilty of contempt in having reprinted a statement of Theodore Roosevelt attacking a decision of the supreme court of the state in the pre-election fight over the matter of national electors of the Progressive party.

### GALE KILLS THREE

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—An eighty-eight mile gale started here last night and before it subsided early this morning killed three persons and damaged more than a half million dollars worth of property in the city. No list of the injured has been made as yet, but it is believed to have been large.

### EDITOR TO SUCCEED JOE BAILEY

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 4.—R. M. Johnson, editor of the Houston Post, has been appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Joe Bailey from the United States Senate. Johnson will hold office only until the state legislature can meet. He left today for Washington.

### TAFT DECLARES FOR ARBITRATION ON CANAL TOLLS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 4.—President Taft today came out in open and emphatic declaration in favor of arbitrating with Great Britain the Panama Canal toll controversy. In making this announcement, President Taft said that he is in favor of arbitration "precisely because it is uncertain whether or not we will win, and if the United States cannot win by arbitration, we have no right to enforce the canal toll act."

### WHITELAW REID BURIED AT SLEEPY HOLLOW

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 4.—The body of Whitelaw Reid, late ambassador to England, was borne to its last resting-place at Sleepy Hollow, the historic spot up the Hudson, and buried with simple and dignified ceremonies today.