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Captain Ginther Tells Why The Lena Came Here

In response to a request made by The Star, and for the purpose of setting at rest the many unfounded rumors and wild theories that have arisen and been circulated regarding the Russian cruiser Lena, and the reasons for her coming hither, Captain Ginther this morning authorized the following statement. In answer to a letter asking for such a statement and offering the columns of The Star for its publication, Captain Ginther commissioned Joseph Lugebil, his brother-in-law, and his guest on this voyage, to fully state on his behalf the reasons for putting into this port.

"The Lena sailed from San Francisco the last of October," said Mr. Lugebil, "bound to Vladivostok. It was expected that the voyage would occupy about twenty days, considering the weather reasonably to be expected at this time of the year on the course taken. The supply of coal and water taken would under ordinary circumstances have been sufficient for that voyage. But the Lena is not a vessel suited for long cruises, except under favorable circumstances. Her boilers are of the French tubular type, which will not permit of the use of salt water,, nor are they suited for use with any but the best coal, that is of coal of the Cardiff quality. Inferior coal so clogs up the flues with soot as to create danger of explosion by the irregular and superheating of the tubes.

"For the first week out, from San Francisco, the Lena had very good weather. But at the end of that time she began to meet exceedingly severe weather. There were heavy head winds and head seas, fierce snow-storms, and tremendous gales. The Lena is very light, and so presented the greatest surface to these head winds and head seas, and there were days when she was upable, with the quality of coal she had to make an average or more than three or four knots an hour. Under these baffling circumstances, her supply, both of coal and of fresh water for the boilers was rapidly exhausted without being able to make much progress toward her destination.

"Finally, on October 11, when the Lena was about 500 miles to the westward of Unalaska it became evident that even with as good weather as could be counted on in that latitude, she would not be able to make Vladivostok with her coal and water supply. It was then a question of whether the course should be changed to Unalaska or to Honolulu, the nearest points at which supplies could be obtained.

"It was uncertain whether, if the Lena went to Unalaska, she would be able at this season of the year to get a sufficient supply of coal. In the summer, there would be little reason to expect disappointment, but at this season of the year it was not by any means so certain, and as that region is practically deserted by shipping for the winter, if she were not able to get a supply there, she would have to remain at Unalaska until next April. Aside from the dismal prospect of such a wait for all on board including the officers' wives, no valid reason for going there, when a more promising port was attainable, could be given the Russian Admiralty. Accordingly Captain Ginther determined to sail for Honolulu, where there was every prospect of being able to secure supplies both of coal and water. He also felt that if weather conditions should be worse on this voyage than he expected, and his supply of coal should give out before reaching Honolulu, he would not be altogether out of the track of steamships, and thus might be able to secure enough coal to enable him to reach Honolulu.

"Thus, though the distance from the point where the course was changed to Vladivostok, and the distance to Honolulu, were not materially different, the difference was in favor of Honolulu, while the weather conditions were such as to make it practically certain that Vladivostok, or even a Japanese port could not be reached. Toward Honolulu, the weather conditions might be expected to be favorable, and so the supply of coal and water might be renewed.

"These are the reasons, and the only reasons for the Lena coming to this port. There was no trouble among officers or men. Simply, weather conditions exhausted a supply of coal that was not of the quality suitable for the Lena and her boilers, and made it impossible to make Vladivostok without additional supplies. For those supplies, we came here. We shall coal as soon as we can and then proceed at once, and direct to Vladivostok. We shall not be able to coal as soon as we hoped, and hence will not be able to proceed as soon as we expected. But we shall go as soon as we have coaled.

"That is the whole 'mystery' of the Lena.

"Captain Ginther wishes me to express his gratification at being afforded this opportunity of setting forth fully the reasons why the Lena came here, and of setting at rest, as he hopes, all rumors and theories of 'mystery.'"

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THE PORTE WILL YIELD

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 21.—It is believed that The Porte is prepared to yield to the demand of the Powers for financial reforms in Macedonia.

ROOSEVELT TO HAAKON.

COPENHAGEN, November 21.—President Roosevelt has telegraphed his congratulations to King Haakon VII, the new ruler of Norway, and to King Christian of Denmark.

AMERICAN TORPEDOERS GOING TO CANTON.

MANILA, November 21.—The first torpedo flotilla on the Asiatic Station has been ordered to Cantonese waters.

EIGHT HOURS FOR THE PRINTERS.

PITTSBURG, Penn., November 21.—The National Federation of Labor in its convention today endorsed an eight-hour schedule for printers.

GROVE JOHNSON IS DYING.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., November 21.—Ex-Congressman Grove L. Johnson is dying of hemorrhages.

NEW JUDGE FOR OREGON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 21.—C. E. Wolverton has been appointed district judge of Oregon.

PLATT ADMITS MORE INSURANCE GRAFT.

NEW YORK, November 21.—U. S. Senator Thomas Platt testified today in the insurance inquiry that the Equitable and the National Insurance Companies of New York had contributed funds to the Republican campaigns.

THE TERRITORY IS LOSING A WHOLE ISLAND

LANAI RAPIDLY BECOMING ANOTHER KAHOOLAWE, SAYS GOVERNOR CARTER—STARTLING FIGURES SHOWING HOW A ONCE FERTILE AND POPULATED ISLAND IS BECOMING UTTERLY BARREN—NATIVES NEARLY ALL STARVED OUT.

"The island of Lanai needs saving" said Governor Carter speaking of his trip there. "If it is left as it is, fifty years or so will see it become as desolate and lifeless as Kahoolawe. It is a forlorn sight in riding about the island to see the deserted native homes. Two old natives both claiming to be over a hundred years old, are all that remain of about four hundred settled there under Gibson in the eighties. These two would have died but for assistance given them by Mr. Gay. They are the whole population of the island aside from Mr. Gay and his employes. Lanai probably presents an example of what all the islands of the group might come to if denuded of all forest"

Thousands of wild goats and constant heavy gales are the two causes which in the opinion of the governor and others are slowly depriving the Terri-

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RUSSIANS COMING TO HAWAII

IMMIGRATION MOVEMENT OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO THE ISLANDS ABOUT TO RESULT FROM THE VISIT HERE OF P. A. DEMENS OF LOS ANGELES—LARGE COLONY OF FAMILIES ANXIOUS TO SETTLE IN THE ISLANDS.

Governor Carter and Land Commissioner Pratt this morning had a conference over arrangements about to be consummated by which a large colony of Russians will probably come to Hawaii as settlers. The negotiations have been going on for some time, and were opened when P. A. Demens, a wealthy Russian American of Los Angeles, was in Hawaii some time ago. It is said that Demens is coming back here to complete the proposition, and that the result will be a very large immigration movement. In fact the proposition is

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WANTS TO SEE COMPANY'S BOOKS

WRIT OF MANDAMUS AGAINST WAIALUA SODA WORKS BY A STOCKHOLDER.

John Smeaton, by Attorneys Thayer and Hemenway, this morning asked Judge De Bolt for a writ of mandamus to compel the Waialua Soda Works and E. Hore, treasurer thereof, to allow him to examine the books of the corporation. Judge De Bolt signed an order to show cause, returnable November 27.

Smeaton says he is the owner of 36 shares of the capital stock of the company, and that he has been refused access to the books. He says that Hore has failed to make the usual reports as to the condition of the company's affairs and that though it always paid dividends up to this year, it has now ceased to do so.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

California Health Board Coming Here

THE STATE BOARD WANTS TO MAKE A TRIP TO INVESTIGATE LOCAL HEALTH CONDITIONS—A PLAN TO SATISFY THE CALIFORNIA AUTHORITIES THAT HEALTH CONDITIONS HERE DO NOT WARRANT A QUARANTIN E.

The California State Board of Health is coming to Honolulu to investigate local health conditions. It appears that the authorities at the Golden Gate have suddenly become suspicious of the conditions here, and are disposed to impose a sort of quarantine unless they receive satisfactory evidences that there is nothing to be feared.

The visit of the Board, it is thought will set at rest the sensational reports being circulated on the mainland. It is believed that a thorough expert examination of Honolulu will satisfy the visitors that no quarantine against Hawaii is called for. President Pinkham and others will escort them about the island and they will have every opportunity to learn the truth.

AMERICAN WITH RUSSIAN CRUISER

HE IS BROTHER-IN-LAW OF THE MASTER OF THE VESSEL AND TRAVELS AS HIS GUEST.

There is an American citizen aboard the Russian cruiser Lena. He is traveling as the guest of Captain Ginther the commander. Joseph Lugabil is his name and he has had quite an interesting career.

He was born in Alaska when that territory was Russian domain and was living in Alaska in 1867 when the transfer of sovereignty occurred and the territory became a United States possession. By this annexation he became an American citizen. He is well acquainted with Alaska and for a number of years was in charge of various trading posts for the Alaskan Commercial Company. For the last nine years he has resided in San Francisco.

Captain Ginther married a sister of Lugabil and is taking his brother-in-law to Russia as his guest. Mrs. Ginther is not aboard the vessel with her husband. Lugabil acts as English interpreter for his relative. Captain Ginther can speak excellent English but at times he desires to have an interpreter, especially when technical terms are apt to be used.

STAR BOYS WIN.

The Star newsboys played a special match game of football today with the Bulletin newsboys and defeated the latter team by the score of 15 to 0.

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COUNTY SOLONS MEET TONIGHT

SEMI-MONTHLY PAY ROLLS WILL BE PASSED AND THE HEARTS OF GARBAGE MEN MADE GLAD.

The Oahu Board of Supervisors meets tonight at half-past seven for the purpose of passing the semi-monthly pay rolls of the Road and Garbage Department. These amount in all to about $4200.

It is possible that the matter of the alleged high-handedness of Supervisor Paele in dismissing Road Boss Keanu and retaining $10 of his pay may come up for discussion.

It is a matter of comment among people interested in County Government that if Territorial Auditor Fisher intends making his suggested changes in the County warrant system to bring it into conformity with the Territorial system ,he had better prepare his blanks well in time to avoid confusion and it is also pointed out that the simple warrant used by the Territory will not conform with the County Act, which expressly provides that the work done to justify the issuance of the warrant shall be specifically stated thereon.

Automobiles can be hired day or night at Club Stables, Fort Street.

The Territorial Teachers' Association with have its next meeting on Tuesday evening, November 28, at the High School. An interesting talk will be given on a very popular subject.

NEW ANIMALS AT THE ZOO.

The Kaimuki Zoo has just received the following new animals: Wild Cat, Ring Tail Possum, Storks, Coyote, Crows, etc. Take a trip to the Zoo and see the animals and birds and get some fresh, cool breezes.

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