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LOST ON THE WAIKIKI REEF

HELGA'S CREW GIVE HER BAD CHARACTER

SAILORS ABANDON WRECKED BRITISHER OFF DIAMOND HEAD

The British barkentine Helga early this morning went on the reef off Waikiki and is likely to prove a total loss.

Her crew, as has always been the case, it seems, with a ship in distress, immediately, as soon as the vessel is abandoned, rushes into publicity with stories of hard treatment and bad grub.

Unfortunately, the master, Captain Daniel Wall, has not yet been seen, but it is quite likely that his account of the incidents of the eventful trip will very considerably discount the orthodox yarn of alleged harsh treatment.

The captain, from all that can be learned, did all in his power, as a good skipper and a conscientious man, to save his vessel from the reef.

The British barkentine Helga, Captain Wall, bound from Newcastle, Australia, for San Francisco with a cargo of coal, went ashore off Waikiki at one forty-five this morning and will probably become a total loss before the day is over as she is fast breaking up.

For one hundred and twenty three days the vessel has met with misfortune which finally ended with her piling up this morning inside the reef off John Cassidy's place at Waikiki.

One day out of Newcastle a terrible gale was encountered which threw the vessel on her beam ends causing a leak which has never been stopped. The donkey engine that was not fit for use according to the crew who have been watching it for over a hundred days broke down so that hand pumps were necessary to save the ship from going down at sea with all hands.

According to the crew which is an unusually intelligent collection of men, the treatment and food they have received during the entire trip is of such a nature as to warrant the captain being severely punished by the English Board of Trade when the matter is reported to them officially.

Brackish water, decayed bread and biscuit, sour lime juice, stale and rotten pork and meat, foul coffee and spoiled sugar are only a few of the things that the captain will have to answer for, say the men.

Chief Officer Royle who was taken sick about sixty days out of Newcastle has been allowed to starve, while the captain and his family have been living on the best food that could be obtained from the ship's stores, the allegations assert.

The chief food that the mate received was given him by the men in the forecabin who stinted themselves to see that he had enough to live on. On account of his wasted condition it was found necessary to remove him to the Queen's hospital as soon as the crew were brought ashore this morning.

What food was given the crew was

badly cooked and many times the men were obliged to go hungry for days at a time, is a further accusation.

The water supply which gave out yesterday was of such a brackish nature as to be unfit for drinking.

On several occasions the crew went aft to complain to the captain about the food and the treatment of the mate, but were told that they would get a dose of lead if they did not go back to their work and mind their own business.

Eleven days ago the boiler broke down which made it necessary for the men to work on the hand pumps. The water in the hold at that time measured five feet, and if it had not been for the carpenter, the ship would probably have gone down with all hands as the men were too weak from the lack of food to properly man the pumps.

During the entire passage some of the crew were laid up with sickness caused by the lack of proper food. At one time three of the crew were in their bunks when they were routed out by the captain who told them that they either had to work or he would stop their food allowance.

Captain Wall with all hands with the exception of Mate Royle, were on deck this morning when the Helga struck the reef.

Diamond Head lighthouse was mistaken for Makapuu light, the result being that the ship was brought too close in. As soon as Captain Wall discovered his mistake, he attempted to get to the open sea, but the wind failed and the Helga drifted on the reef.

As soon as the ship struck soundings were taken, which showed eighteen feet forward and thirty feet aft.

Rockets were sent up before the ship struck but they were not seen until too late by those on watch at the pilot house and Diamond Head.

Charles Hegstrom, one of the crew, was painfully injured on the hands and legs, by one of the signal bombs exploding. The force of the explosion was so great as to splinter the skylight over the cabin.

Mate Royle came on deck in spite of his condition as soon as the ship had struck and ordered the boats made ready for immediate launching in spite of the contrary orders given by the captain and second mate Bias.

Every effort was made by the crew to save the ship, but shortly after she struck it was seen that nothing could be done as she was taking water rapidly and already starting to break up.

At daybreak this morning the tug Intrepid and the Inter Island steamer Noeau were sent out to lend assistance but it was soon found that their services were not needed. According to the crew the Helga was supposed to have been insured with Lloyds, although her certificate of register expired some time in June.

The Helga was built in 1896, and was two-thirds owned by Captain Wall. This is the fourth accident she has met with since her appearance on the high seas as a merchantman. She was formerly called the Fortuna, but her name was changed a few years

TOO MUCH RUBBISH IN CAPITOL PILE

Whether U. S. Internal Revenue Collector Walter F. Drake moves from the basement of the Territorial capitol or not is still an open question.

It develops that while the aforesaid capitol is crowded in regard to rooms being occupied, it is also evident that many of the rooms in that historic pile are uselessly occupied.

Downstairs there are several rooms taken up with nothing but rubbish, three or four rooms being full of things that should be either in the archives building or should be destroyed as trash.

Also there is the throne room, or Hall of Representatives, which will not be used until February next, which might be used by the United States hydrographers and topographers for more.

COMES TO INSPECT HAWAII'S STRENGTH

(Special Cable to The Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 11.—Admiral Southerland, inspector of all shore stations, has been ordered to the Hawaiian Islands to inspect fortifications and conditions there as affecting his department.

MEAT MAN A PERJURER

(Special Cable to The Star.)

CHICAGO, August 11.—Thomas Lee of the Armour Company has been indicted for perjury in connection with the meat trust inquiry.

RILEY DANGEROUSLY ILL

(Special Cable to The Star.)

INDIANAPOLIS, August 11.—James Whitcomb Riley, the celebrated poet, is critically ill.

RESUMES MAIDEN NAME

A lady calling herself Spanish, who is apparently part Porto Rican, was on the stand in Judge Robinson's court this morning in a horrible case in which she testified, seeking divorce from her husband, Lang, that he took advantage of the fact that he had married her and that he endeavored to lead her into wrong that she would not tolerate.

Leon Straus represented Lang, a barkeeper, and Judge Weaver represented the woman.

The latter waived costs of court, alimony and attorney's fees, saying all such had been settled, or would be settled out of court.

Straus wanted to know if the woman had not been intimate with the barkeeper several months before marriage but such questions was ruled out Judge Robinson holding that what might have been a privilege before marriage may have been considered by the husband as a right after the ceremony.

The Judge declared the bonds of matrimony dissolved, the evidence certainly supporting the decision providing the explicit testimony of the woman was true. Her words led to but one conclusion and that was that the man, if the woman told the truth, had been peculiarly brutal, he having

endeavored to compel certain services on her part which could be demanded only of a slave. She maintained that she had a right to remain a lady and the court sustained her. She resumes her maiden name.

FAMOUS VIOLINIST ENTERTAINS HOTEL GUESTS

Ethel Canfield, the famous violin virtuoso, accompanied by Prof. Anderson of New York, will entertain the diners at the Alexander Young Cafe on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Tuesday and Thursday nights she will be heard at the Young Hotel dining room, on the sixth floor, and at the Moana Hotel on Sunday night.

A PRICELESS POSSESSION.

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A civil service examination for the position of stenographer and typewriter in the office of the U. S. District Attorney will be held on August 20. Applicants will obtain the forms from the secretary of the board of examiners at the custom house.

KILLS WIFE, SON AND WIFE'S FATHER

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CHICAGO, August 11.—W. J. Meyers, proprietor of a shooting gallery here, has killed his wife and his son, and his father-in-law, and then committed suicide.

FEARS FOR SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

LONDON, August 11.—Much anxiety is felt here in regard to the Scott antarctic expedition, the steamship Terra Nova not having put in an appearance at Capetown, where she was scheduled to stop en route to the South Pole.

CHILDREN SIGNED LAND CONTRACT

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

McALESTER, August 11.—It has developed that a great number of Indian children signed their names to the McMurray land sale contracts.

MAYOR GAYNOR STRONGER

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

NEW YORK, August 11.—Mayor Gaynor is growing stronger and no serious effect of his bullet wound, caused by the shot of J. J. Gallagher, the dissatisfied city employe who blamed his discharge to Gaynor, is expected.

MADE GRAND COMMANDER

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CHICAGO, August 11.—William B. Melish, of Cincinnati, has been made the Grand Commander of the Knights Templar; W. F. Pierce, of San Francisco, is generalissimo.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 11.—Troops have been ordered to fight the forest fires in Montana.

NEW GOODS AT SACHS.

New trimmings in Persian colors and designs on silk and net were received by the N. S. Sachs Dry Goods co., per S. S. Lurline. Striped Madras Waists, special \$1.00; Automobile Vests \$2.75; the new wash fabric "Luxury Silk" 25c, a yard.

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