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CAPTAIN BLAMES KUKUI FOR WRECK

Moi Wahine Skipper Says Kukui Left Him to His Fate.

KERIGER IS QUEER

Definite Statement Is Not Obtainable From Him.

(Special Wireless to The Advertiser.)
LAHAINA, Maui, March 2.—Captain Sam claims that the Kukui tried to cross his bows and rammed the Moi Wahine amidships and sank her before a boat could be lowered. The schooner had all lights burning and all hands on deck. The Kukui did not stop.

According to the statements of her skipper, the Island schooner Moi Wahine, while cruising with all lights burning, and with all the crew on deck, was struck amidships by the United States lighthouse tender Kukui and almost immediately sunk, before midnight of Monday, February 27, seven of the crew finding watery graves and only the captain, a sole survivor, reaching shore to tell the tale of the tragedy of the night. The vessel went to the bottom in mid channel between Oahu and Maui. Captain Sam, the master, drifted about the ocean on a plank and got ashore at Awala, Lanai, and from there was taken to Lahaina, whence he wired his agents in Honolulu yesterday afternoon.

The statement of Captain Sam, who is regarded as a competent navigator, a Hawaiian, who has spent the greater part of his life at sea, apparently accuses Captain Keriger, master of the government steamer, of being responsible for the terrible tragedy, but when Captain Sam declares that the steamer never stopped after ramming the vessel he charges Captain Keriger with worse than negligence. In the brief wireless received Captain Sam states that the steamer passed on after destroying his ship and left him to battle for his life, with only a plank between him and death. Upon this he floated from Monday night until Wednesday afternoon, and, as far as he knows, he is the only one who escaped with his life.

The collision may develop into a marine scandal, for those aboard the lighthouse tender have evinced a disinclination to discuss the matter.



ARE OPPOSED TO COUNTY RECORDS

One Central Land Office Fills All Needs of Territory.

ARGUMENTS HEARD

Complications in Titles Make Originals a Necessity.

One of the many bills which are before the legislature, taking from the Territory and giving to the county added power and a greater share of the revenues, is number sixty, introduced by Representative G. F. Alfonso of Hilo. This bill provides for the recording of all legal instruments, such as deeds and mortgages, in the office of the county recorder, the county clerk acting as recorder for this purpose, the fees to go to the county treasury.

The judiciary committee of the house held a meeting yesterday to discuss this bill, and invited a number of those who have expert knowledge in this line to express their views. The committee met in the office of the attorney-general, and Registrar C. H. Merriam, J. P. Brown, L. A. Thurston, C. R. Hemeway and others were present.

Registrar Merriam, as well as all of the others, opposed the bill, as not tending to relieve the complications of securing abstracts of titles for property in the various islands, besides the expense and time necessary to place the records in each county in proper shape to be of practical value.

Years of Work.

Mr. Merriam stated that it might take as much as six years to so straighten out the records now in Honolulu and properly index them for the outside counties as to make them available with any degree of accuracy, although this work might be done in four years if the legislature was generous and provided a large enough appropriation to accomplish the work in the shorter time.

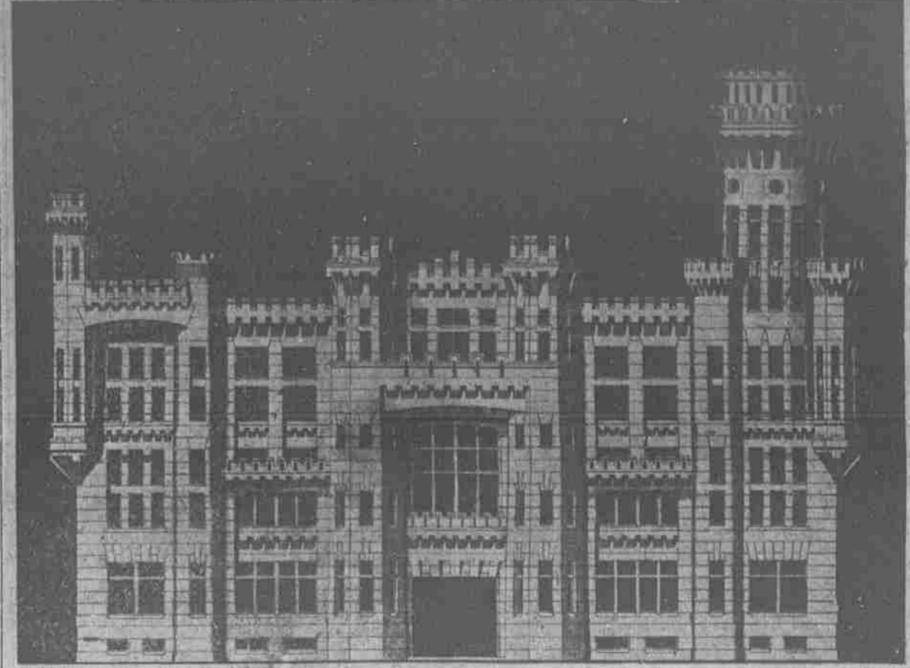
J. F. Brown of the Hawaiian Abstract Company did not think it would be possible to so arrange the details of a conveyance as to make it practical, and he cited a number of instances of delay in recording legal papers in one island from another, and emphasized the danger attending the operation as too great to be well overcome. He said he endorsed the old records, but that new methods were as superior as an automobile to a bull cart, yet the center of all records must be in Honolulu, where all could reach them impartially.

Its Complications.

"Under the proposed system a man could go through the records here, and a certain conclusion would be reached. Then he would have to write to another island and ask if John Smith had made a certain conveyance, and the answer might be that he had not. Yet between the time that the letters were delivered something might happen. So that as a general proposition the only thing that seems to meet the case is that each officer have a complete record of those records here. Even the indices here are imperfect, so that I can not see at present how it can be done better here."

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PROPOSED NEW HOME FOR NATIONAL GUARD AS PLANNED FOR BY BILL IN LEGISLATURE



PROPOSED NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY.

At last there is a chance for the Territory to have a home for its national guard which will be commensurate with its importance. Representative Kellinof of Maui introduced a bill in the legislature yesterday for the building of a proper armory, one which will house the militia on the Island of Oahu.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$125,000 for the local armory and \$10,000 for additional storerooms, to be

built of concrete at Hilo and Waialua, and for an armory for the militia of Lahaina, Maui. So that no time may be lost in getting to work on the projects, the bill is made effective as soon as approved by the Governor.

The plans for the Oahu Armory have already been drawn up, under the supervision of Col. J. W. Jones of the national guard and are considered to be practical and complete by the experts who have seen them.

The general plan of the building gives the effect of a medieval castle, properly turreted and easy to defend.

At the same time there is provided large and airy company quarters, officers quarters, an arsenal and a drill room, beside other quarters for attendants and storerooms for quartermasters' supplies.

Altogether the general plans predict a building which should be a source of pride to the Territory as well as to the members of the national guard, and the members of the legislature familiar with the plans are in favor of them as a whole.

NO BILLBOARDS FOR PUNAHOU

OFFENSIVE COLLEGE ADVERTISING WILL COME DOWN, NEVER TO BE REPEATED.

Oahu College pupils, for Oahu College events, will not use the billboards again. Not only has that been decided, but the publicity man of the Oahu College Glee Club is now doing his best to have taken down as soon as possible the billboard posters advertising their coming concert.

Yesterday morning President Griffiths addressed the assembled scholars on the billboard question, strongly endorsing the stand taken in the matter by The Advertiser. He stated that he, personally and as head of the college, strenuously opposed the use of billboards, and as a citizen and a man who wanted to see the beautiful Honolulu he resented the presence of billboards in the city.

In discussing the matter previously with the publicity man of the glee club, President Griffiths pointed out the folly of advertising on billboards. The newspapers of the city have always been found willing to give full publicity to college events; therefore money spent on flaming posters was money thrown away, while the patronage given these advertising monstrosities was encouraging something detrimental to Honolulu.

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NO RELIEF FOR ANXIOUS ONES

Judicial Appointments Not Before the Adjournment.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It was announced yesterday at the White House that the President had decided to defer making any appointments for the judicial vacancies in Hawaii until after the adjournment of congress.

WALKER.

Does It Mean Lewis?

Just what is to be inferred from the above cablegram from the Washington correspondent of The Advertiser is a question now puzzling a number of the members of the bar association, to whom the cablegram was shown yesterday.

"It may be that the way is to be left open by the President for that 'dark' horse, shown in The Advertiser's cartoon," suggested one. "The name of Lewis of Boston was sent to the senate on Tuesday last as the President's choice for assistant attorney-general. If the senate does not condemn him for Washington, it may be thought that a confirmation of his appointment for the federal bench here might be obtained."

May Hear More Today.

Another attorney, who is watching the judgeship fight very closely and who is in touch with the situation as it exists at this end of the line, suggested that the letters sent to the President and the attorney-general from Honolulu have just reached Washington and may have decided the President to hold off his appointments for a few days until further information is obtainable.

"Probably someone will get a cablegram from Wickersham tomorrow," he said. "There is evidently some even chances among candidates."

ORRELL SAYS MEXICO NOT ASKING PEACE

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Eulogio Orrell, the minister of foreign affairs, strongly denies that Mexico is negotiating with the insurgents for terms upon which peace can be again restored in the republic.

MEXICAN REBELS AGAIN VICTORIOUS

EL PASO, Texas, March 2.—Chihuahua is besieged by the Mexican rebels, who have captured Camero, Sinaloa and Tama. The rebels have gone into camp on the outskirts of the city.

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. BRINCKERHOFF

BRIEF CABLE ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF BRILLIANT CAREER OF BACTERIOLOGIST.

Dr. Walter R. Brinckerhoff, formerly a resident of Honolulu and for many years connected with the United States Marine Hospital service and in charge of the federal leprosy hospital on Molokai, died yesterday morning in New York city, according to a cable received by Doctor Moore. It was stated that Doctor Brinckerhoff was found unconscious in his room, but the cause of his death was unknown. George P. Castle received a similar message.

Doctor Brinckerhoff left Honolulu in July, 1910, for Boston to accept a professorship at Harvard and became assistant professor of pathology at the Harvard Medical School. He came to Honolulu in 1905 under appointment of the United States Government to assume charge of the leprosy hospital, prior to coming here having been investigating leprosy in Manila.

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LABOR AGITATORS CONCLUDE PEACE

WIN RIGHT TO SPEAK ON STREETS IN FRESNO—JAILS WERE OVERCROWDED.

FRESNO, California, March 2.—The city authorities and the members of the Industrial Workers of the World, labor-socialist union, have concluded a peace on the understanding that the agitators now gracing the city jail will leave town if released, while the resident agitators are to be given permission to address street meetings in certain specified localities.

Arrests of Industrials have been made at the rate of six a day for the past month, nearly two hundred agitators who refused to obey the law against street speechmaking crowding the jails. The fight between the authorities and the agitators has attracted laborites from all over the West, who have been flocking to Fresno with an idea of swamping the jail accommodations and forcing the city to surrender. From the north, armed bands have been arriving on stolen freight trains; from St. Louis an expedition arrived, reinforced by labor leaders from Denver, Kansas City and other large centers en route. Numerous others have been intercepted by the local authorities on the way.

NAPIER FOR THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—James C. Napier of Tennessee was today nominated registrar of the treasury.

MILLION DYING AMID AWFUL SCENES

Chinese Pestilence Worst in Modern History of World.

PLAGUE AND FAMINE

Two Millions Digging Roots for Their Only Food.

PEKING, March 3.—Plague and famine are working fearful ravages north and south and those fighting against the former now realize that they are in the midst of the greatest pestilence that has ever come to the world since the middle ages.

Already, between the scourge of the pestilence and the hunger pangs in the famine districts thirty thousand known deaths have occurred during the past month.

It is estimated by those with a full knowledge of the situation faced by the Chinese that at least one million persons will die this spring before hope of conquering the plague and feeding the famine-stricken can be realized.

In the famine provinces of Kiangsu and Anhwei, two million people find their only sustenance today in the roots they can dig out of the frozen ground. Heartrending sights are on every hand and the living, in many districts, are too weakened by sustained hunger to be able to bury their dead.

DEADLOCK BROKEN; SEVENTY-NINTH BALLOT

HELENA, Montana, March 3.—Henry Myers, Democrat, a district judge of this city, was yesterday elected by the legislature as United States senator to succeed Senator Carter, whose term expires tomorrow. Myers was elected on the seventy-ninth ballot taken in the fight.

SENATE WRANGLES ALL DAY AND NIGHT

STILL LEGISLATING AT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING—VOTE TOMORROW.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The senate was in continuous session last night and no adjournment had been taken up to five o'clock this morning. The fight over the bill creating a tariff board, which had been carried on until one o'clock yesterday morning, was resumed at midnight and carried on fiercely for over an hour. The matter was finally settled by both sides agreeing to eliminate further debate and call for a vote on the bill tomorrow.

As soon as the tariff board question was agreed upon, the senate took up the supply measures.

During the day the Sulloway pension bill was passed, increasing the general pension appropriations to \$155,000,000. Other measures appropriating five million for fortifications and four millions for the consular service were carried through third readings.

House Resting Easy.

The house of representatives has cleared itself of business and is waiting restfully for the arrival of midnight Saturday. Yesterday the one matter of importance to come up was a resolution calling for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the Brazilian coffee monopoly alleged to exist.

Hurry Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—It is now considered certain that an extra session of congress will be called before April 4, a date previously named, for the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity bill.

ITALIAN OFFICER KILLS PRINCESS

ROME, March 2.—The Princess di Trivona, lady-in-waiting to Queen Helena, was strangled and then shot to death by Lieutenant Piffero of the Italian cavalry. It is supposed to be the tragic ending to secret love intrigues.

THE U. S. LIGHTHOUSE TENDER KUKUI, Which rammed and sunk the schooner Moi Wahine on Monday night.