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LAST EDITION KEARSARGE A WRECK.

Uncle Sam's Famous Old War Vessel Lost on Roncador Reef.

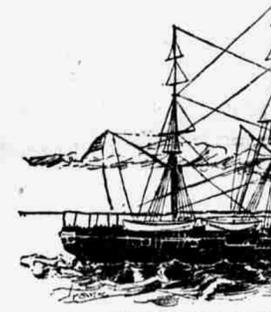
ALL HANDS REPORTED SAVED.

Wrecked Ship Was Noted as the Destroyer of the Alabama.

DISASTER OCCURRED FEB. 2.

Rear Admiral Stanton Was on Board the Ship at the Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The old United States ship Kearsarge is a wreck on Roncador Reef. She struck there Feb. 2, Lieut. Brainard managed in some way to reach Colon to-day, and a cable



UNITED STATES STEAMER KEARSARGE.

message from him this morning announced to the Navy Department the fact that the corvette was wrecked and the officers and crew were all saved. The Kearsarge sailed from Port au Prince, Hayti, on Jan. 29 for Bluefields, Nicaragua, to protect American interests there in view of the invasion of the military forces of Honduras. She was wrecked three days out.

Roncador Reef is a little over 200 miles from the Mosquito coast of Central America. Between the coast and the reef lies Old Providence Island, only seventy-five or eighty miles to leeward of the reef. It is believed at the Navy Department that the officers and crew would be able to reach Old Providence without difficulty, in case they were in danger of their lives on the reef. It is believed that they would be safe on the reef except in event of rough weather.

It is the impression, also, at the Department, that the Kearsarge has not gone to pieces and may not do so for some time, unless rough weather comes up. The tide and currents about the reef are, however, swift and dangerous. Immediately upon receipt of the news of the wreck, the Navy Department sent a cable dispatch to Lieut. Brainard at Colon, ordering him to charter a steamer and proceed at once to the relief of the shipwrecked crew.

It is conjectured that the Kearsarge went aground on the reef at night and foundered. Lieut. Brainard seems to have got aboard a small boat and succeeded in getting to Colon in six days. The relief can reach the shipwrecked men in less time than that.

Roncador Reef is pear-shaped, seven miles long by two and a half broad at the southeast end and three and a half miles across at the middle. On the northwest extremity there is a quay, 60 yards long and 30 yards broad, of sand and blocks of broken coral, heaped into a wall about seven feet above the sea. On the south end are some bushes and three or four dwarf palm trees. Usually there is a fisherman's hut on this end.

The Roncador Reef is well known to mariners in those waters as a dangerous impediment to navigation. Efforts have been recently made to secure the erection of a lighthouse on this point. Some time ago, when Warner Miller and others of the Nicaragua Canal Company were on their way to Nicaragua, they were wrecked on this same point.

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Munzinger and Beardsley May Be Arrested This Afternoon.

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The Grand Jury this afternoon handed up a batch of indictments to Judge Martin in the Court of General Sessions. Among the number was one against Lawyer John C. Munzinger and ex-Civil-Service Examiner Henry W. Beardsley, found on the complaint of Mrs. Lucy McCarthy, the disorderly house keeper, and Supt. Byrnes.



LUCY MCCARTHY.

Judge Martin refused to allow the indictment to be examined. He retained it on his desk. The others he handed to Clerk Hall. It is understood that bench warrants have been issued for the arrest of the accused men, and are now in possession of Supt. Byrnes.

The Superintendent concluded this morning that he had arrived to make good his declaration to force indictments. At an early hour he was at the District Attorney's office in consultation with Col. Fellows, and when he emerged from the inner office there was a self-satisfied air about his face.

At 11 o'clock Lucy McCarthy herself arrived and was quickly plotted to the Grand Jury room, where her story was gone over again. Then the additional facts which the Superintendent had gathered since the last inquiry were put before the Grand Jury, and the Grand Jury, after the details as much as possible, the Superintendent left. He seemed well satisfied that his efforts would prove successful.

It may be that the Superintendent's confidence communicated itself to the attaches of the District Attorney's office, for all seemed to be looking for indictments. From the bureau of the District Attorney, who generally draft indictments, it was believed that at least two were being made out, in the same mysterious manner the name of Beardsley was disclosed. His efforts would prove successful.

As witness after witness was led into the Grand Jury room, the Superintendent, Mrs. McCarthy's story, the belief became stronger. Police Capt. Haughey was called before the Grand Jury again and subjected to further questioning. All the others had testified, she was called before the Grand Jury again and subjected to further questioning.

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The cross examination of Police Justice Richard Van Brunt Newton, of Coney Island, was continued by Lawyer E. M. Shepard when the trial of John Y. McKane was resumed to-day in the Brooklyn Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Yesterday Justice Newton proved to be the best witness the defense has been able to produce thus far. He skillfully parried the tricky questions put by Mr. Shepard, and only once or twice did he contradict himself, and then only in slight details.

Everything went along smoothly this morning until Mr. Shepard asked the witness if he had ever been asked to furnish a copy of the Democratic Registry rolls. "I can't say really whether I did or not," was the witness's answer.

Mr. Shepard here produced an affidavit to the effect that Newton had furnished a copy of the Democratic Registry rolls to a certain person. "Now, with your memory refreshed, do you remember having promised to furnish a copy of the Democratic Registry rolls?"

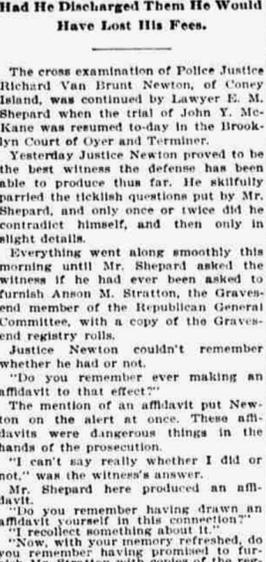
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FATHER KNICKERBOCKER WEEPS.

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persons to Police Headquarters on the mere statement of Macius, is that so? "Yes, that's so."

"Did Macius state any fact that would show that they were vagrants?" "Yes, sir, he couldn't give an account of themselves."

"Is that all?" asked the Court, rather sternly. "Yes, sir," answered Sutherland, meekly.

"Did you expect thirteen vagrants to be a sort of all-around man down at Gravesend. He was, Sutherland said, employed as a copyist by the Democratic association and was also a policeman 'without pay,' but could be called upon when required to make arrests, as in this case."

Sutherland was questioned as to his authority to call on a policeman who was laid off for the winter to make arrests. "The Coney Island Justice thought that he had that power, both as a police commissioner and as a justice of the peace," he said.

"You treated him, didn't you?" "Yes, I think I did treat him," answered Sutherland, rather sheepishly.

RAPOWSKY CAUGHT.

Exciting Chase After the Meyers' Alleged Poisoner.

Called at Their House, then Flew Over the Roof Tops.



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Isaac Rapowsky, the young Russian peddler, accused of attempting to poison the Meyer family, of 9 First street, was captured at 10:20 o'clock this morning.

Mrs. Meyer and a friend, Mrs. Fein, were sitting in the Meyer home when a knock was heard at the door. When it was opened Rapowsky stood before them as cool and collected as possible. He bowed to both ladies and was about to speak when Mrs. Meyer denounced him as a "murderer," "scoundrel," &c.

The noise attracted the attention of the neighbors. The fellow explained that he had come for a book he had left in the kitchen. Mrs. Meyer sent her friend for a policeman, and in the meantime she informed Rapowsky that he could not leave.

He, however, ran out into the hall and up to the roof. Then Mrs. Meyer opened her window and screamed for the police. Rapowsky ran along the house tops to No. 12, where, seeing an open scuttle, he went down and gained the street.

Mrs. Meyer had seen him disappear down the scuttleway, and immediately ran down through her own place to the street. She reached there at about the same time as Rapowsky, saw the crowd and joined in the chase.

They caught up with him at the corner of Houston and Allen street. He was taken to the Fifth street police station, where he refused to make a statement. The Health Department, notified Inspector Williams to-day that he had made a partial analysis of the soup alleged to have been poisoned by Rapowsky. The analysis has not yet been made.

"GREATER NEW YORK" WINS.

Interesting Assembly Debate Opened at Noon To-Day.

Mr. Burts' Preliminary Bill Came Up as Special Order.

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—The "Greater New York" bill has passed the Assembly. Years, 106 yeas, 7 nays.

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—The probable fate of the "Greater New York" bill, which was made yesterday a special for to-day at noon, was the subject of more or less conjecture among the members of the House, especially those from New York and Kings counties, this morning, before the business of the session began.

Promptly at the hour of noon Mr. Burts moved a call of the House, which was ordered. Messrs. Smith, Clark, Berry and Douglas were found in the corridors by the sergeant-at-arms and brought before the bar of the House. They were excused, and on motion of Mr. Burts former proceedings under the call were suspended, and the "Greater New York" bill was taken up.

Mr. Martin moved to speak in opposition to the bill. He declared it was ambiguous. The idea of enlarging the City of New York was one of sentiment with many people in the City of New York. It was also a gigantic real-estate scheme in which the real-estate dealers were interested. He opposed to extending the City of New York in the direction contemplated, taking on a lot of waste and worthless territory.

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BURNED SOFT COAL AGAIN.

Secretary St. John Says It Was Due to an Error.

None of the Steam Company's Officers Arrested Up to 2 P. M.

An air of expectancy this morning pervaded the office of the New York Steam Company, 2 Cortlandt street, where the arrest of President Andrews, and its other officials was momentarily looked for.

This expectation was founded upon yesterday's threat of the Health Department, whose order to discontinue the use of soft coal by the Company had been disregarded.

It was thought after the statement of Secretary St. John to the effect that soft coal had been burned by accident and only for a few hours at that, and that the Company's men had been careful not to use any hard coal, there would be no more cause given for complaint.

Let and behold, however, this morning the clear blue sky began to be obscured by a thick fog of smoke, which caused further delay. However, when the attention was called to the black smoke that was belching from the factory chimneys, they hurried around to give orders that the burning of soft coal, if any was being used, should be discontinued.

When he returned Mr. St. John told the reporters that some green man had been shoveling some soft coal into one of the hard coal consuming stokers. Shortly after Mr. St. John had given his order the black streak disappeared from the sky.

At 2 o'clock no arrest had been made.

LAST EDITION FREE FOOD IN PLENTY.

Commission Merchants Stock a Store for "The Evening World."

VEGETABLES FOR THE POOR.

To Be Distributed in Connection with the Free Bread Fund.

DESTITUTE CASES RELIEVED.

Generous Produce Dealers Quickly Respond to the Appeal for Help.

"The Evening World" Free Food Commission opened this morning at 90 Murray street with a room packed from floor to ceiling with vegetable food of every description. Within an hour more than half a hundred families had been relieved from a state of utter destitution.

The publication in last "Evening World" of the formation of the Free Food Commission attracted the attention of thousands of its readers. Many letters were received to-day specifying particular cases of destitution here and there through the city. The idea caught the people instantly, and the hearty cooperation of not only the commission men, but people in business of every class, is promised already.

With a depot of its own, and with the able assistance of those mentioned, "The Evening World" enterprise is a big success. The Free Food Commission will be operated in connection with "The World's" Free Bread establishment at 210 East Houston street. All poor people who apply there for free bread will be given a ticket entitling them to a supply of vegetable food at "The Evening World's" commission. Only those who are really deserving will be given anything.

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Fifty barrels of potatoes, 50 barrels cabbage, 20 barrels Russian turnips, 20 barrels white turnips, 20 barrels carrots, 1,000 soup greens, 500 Swiss (colored) cabbage and 10 barrels parsnips. B. C. VETTE, 80 and 88 Murray street. Fifteen barrels potatoes, ten barrels cabbage, five barrels Russian turnips, five barrels carrots, five barrels parsnips. A. T. ROUSE, 88 Murray street. Twenty cases of eggs. CHARLES HAMMER, 80 Murray street. One hundred pounds of meat, ten barrels potatoes, ten barrels turnips, 20 barrels carrots, 200 heads white turnips, 20 barrels carrots, 10 barrels parsnips, 2 barrels squash, 20 barrels rutabaga, and 500 cabbages. JACOB HAMBURGER, 202 Green street. Twenty barrels potatoes, 15 barrels sweet potatoes, and 10 barrel turnips. BENJAMIN HAMBURGER, 274 Greenwich street. Five hundred cabbage, 10 barrels white turnips.