

SOME MISSING WARSHIPS.

NAVAL VESSELS OF WHOSE FATE NOTHING IS KNOWN.

The List Not Long, Even in the British Navy—The Condor, the Twelfth—Five American Ships That Have Never Been Heard From—Mystery of the Wasp.

The practically certain loss of the British warship Condor while on her way from Esquimaut, B. C., to Honolulu, adds another to the comparatively short list of naval vessels which have gone to the bottom of the sea, leaving nothing to tell of their fate.

Merchant ships in great numbers have disappeared, and war vessels in disproportionate numbers have foundered or been wrecked, but few national vessels have disappeared wholly leaving no survivor to relate the story of their end.

The Condor, a screw sloop of 13 knots, built in 1868, carrying six guns, 890 tons displacement and with engines of the successful 1,400 horse power, was the successor on the Royal Navy list of the Condor named by Capt. Lord Charles Bessard at the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882.

She carried a complement of 130 officers and men, and sailed from Esquimaut about two weeks before Christmas, her company expecting to spend the holidays in the harbor of Honolulu.

Sailing vessels which left after her have reached the Hawaiian Islands but she has been seen since she passed on.

One of her boats has been picked up by a vessel sent to look for her, but there is little expectation that Commander Clifton Sclater or any of his men will ever again be borne on the rolls of the British Navy.

As is natural in view of the size of the British Navy, its list of ships that are missing and have never been heard from is not in itself short.

The Reptun, a British two-gun sloop, disappeared off Bermuda in 1776, the only one of her four guns, is supposed to have foundered about January, 1804, in a great storm in 1805 the Seagull, the Hawke and the Mary are supposed to have foundered.

In January of February, 1807, the Blenheim and the Java are thought to have foundered somewhere in the Indian Ocean.

On the Blenheim was Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Troubridge, who had served under Nelson and was close friend of the author.

The Blenheim had run aground in the Straits of Malacca, but Troubridge brought her to Madras, whence on Jan. 12, 1807, he sailed on his way home.

The ship was last seen near Madagascar on Feb. 1, showing signs of distress and making bad weather.

Since then nothing has been heard of her or of her little consort, the Java.

The British Navy lost vessels in 1809, 1813, 1815 and 1816, from which nothing has been heard of them, and in 1817, the interval during which, according to the naval histories, no British naval vessel disappeared completely.

It was not until 1860 that the next case is recorded.

This is that of the Atalanta, a training ship, which, in command of Capt. Striving, sailed from Bermuda on Jan. 31 of that year.

She carried fifteen officers, a crew of 100, and was bound for Bermuda, but on board amounting to 285, a total of 285 souls or boys. She has never been heard of since.

Only five warships of the American Navy have disappeared without leaving a trace of their fate.

We have lost vessels by fire and sinking, but of these only five have been lost, and only one has been lost in a battle.

On the list of the navy against their names the words "Never heard from" are written.

The first of these was the Saratoga, built in 1777, a ship of eighteen guns, in command of Capt. James Young, she sailed from Philadelphia in October, 1780, bound for New York.

On Oct. 3 she sighted three ships and gave chase for three days when she was captured by the British.

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A heavy gale came on that night and, with sails set and gun-ports open, the Saratoga was blown to pieces and has never been heard of to this day.

On Feb. 9, 1799, the French frigate Insurgente surrendered to our Constellation off the coast of the Chesapeake.

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On Sept. 21, the Wasp met and captured the Albatross, a five Baltimore privateer, and sent her home with a prize crew.

On Oct. 6, 1814, she overhauled the British bark Albatross.

From her she took two American naval officers, Lieut. McKnight and Master's Mate Lyman, who were passengers from the Albatross, and naturally preferred to travel on the Wasp.

As the Albatross lost sight of her that evening, the Wasp disappeared forever.

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It is said in naval histories that the English frigate La Cadie was lost after a heavy fight with the Wasp.

One of these stories is very likely likely to be true.

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The experts of the Department thought that excellent results might be obtained in experimental farming on the ground, and that the soil was thicker than water.

According to those who ought to know, the results achieved exceeded all expectations, not, however, in line with the preconceived ideas of the expert agriculturists.

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One of the most remarkable was a "bread" man, which was developed from the planting of shoots from ordinary slow-growing and orderly vines.

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\$75,000 EXECUTOR'S FEES.

Frederick Mead Asked to Explain How He Could Earn So Much Money.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 15.—For five years and a half to-day Frederick Mead has been connected with the late Solomon Mead, the Greenwich Library and Reading Room Association and the Corporation of Yale College, beneficiaries under the will, cross-examined the executor, Frederick Mead of New York, in Judge Russell's probate court room on the amount of service he had rendered to the estate that would entitle him to receive \$75,000.

Item by item Mr. Fessenden went over the schedule of the bonds and stocks that comprised the largest part of the estate and over which the executor said that he had spent much time in securing advice regarding their sale and disposition.

The executor was unable to give the names of a single financier with whom he had consulted for the sale of the estate's assets, and that now it was worth \$1,061,697. He thought that an increase like that was a service worth paying for.

Mr. Fessenden's line of questioning was to bring out the fact that the increased value was due to the rise in stock, and not the business shrewdness of the executor.

Though loath to tell the Court the executor admitted that for three years prior to his management of the estate he had collected \$1,500 a year, another fact developed was that all of the estate was deposited in the Produce Exchange Bank of New York, which was closed for a week.

William Ives Washburn of New York, counsel for the Congregational Home Missionary Society, the American Missionary Society, the Congregational Home Missionary Society, beneficiaries under the will, asked the Court to have the funds belonging to the estate brought from New York and deposited in a Connecticut bank.

One of them remembered conducting a publication of the facts of this case he was surprised they hadn't done something about it already.

Judge Russell said he would consider the matter.

THIEF IN NURSES' ROOMS.

Look for Man in Expressman's Cap, With Odor of Wine in His Mustache.

Miss Cady, superintendent of the Skin and Cancer Hospital at Nineteenth street and Second avenue, went to the West Twenty-second street station yesterday afternoon and told Sergt. Jordan of the hospital some time on Friday night, got away with a bundle of medicine.

One of her companions got home from the theatre rather early and went to her room. She thought it was funny and odd to find a man in a nurse's uniform in her room.

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CLEAN-UP IN CHINATOWN.

50 POLICE AND 4 PATROL WAGONS GO FOR CAUCASIAN DIVES.

Where Baines Law Has Been Violated—Tom Foley and Fred Fleck Sent For to Give Hall—Chatham Club Paid Down—Diamond Dan O'Rourke's Valited.

Inspector Brooks, Capt. Wendell and fifty plain-clothes men from the Elizabeth, Eldridge and Mulberry street police stations, armed with twenty warrants issued by Magistrate Cornell, descended upon six resorts near Chatham Square and rounded up forty-seven prisoners shortly after 11 o'clock last night.

The places raided were 88 Bowery, 8 Doyers street, 10 Doyers street, 7 and 8 Chatham Square, 180 Park row and 184 Park row, the charges in each case being either violation of the Baines law or the possession of disorderly houses or both.

Most of the prisoners were charged with being disorderly persons.

Although the places raided are in Chinatown, none was a Chinese dive. The first visited was the Chatham Club, a dance hall at 8 Doyers street, with a wonderfully crooked staircase and a wonderfully sonorous steam organ.

Here four men were taken prisoners, one the proprietor, John J. Murphy. The club was crowded and there was a rush to escape by windows, fire escapes and roof, but few got away, as all the exits were blocked by police.

The police assured the crowd that they wanted only the proprietor and his assistants, and the women of the place were much relieved at conducting a hurried exit.

The warrant against the proprietor of this place was issued for violation of the excise law only.

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