

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, AUG. 20.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 82; Min. 78. Weather, cloudy to fair.



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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1905.

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## AWFUL DEATH OF A SAILOR LATE AT NIGHT

### Chased Off the Ship James Nesmith, He Falls Upon the Wharf—Ship's Watchman Jailed For Investigation.

A wild leap from the rail of the American bark James Nesmith to the wharf below ended the mortal career of Ole A. Eidam, a Norwegian sailor, at 3:45 a. m. yesterday. The body lies at the morgue, and William Olonski, the nightwatchman on the bark, occupies a cell at the station awaiting the outcome of the investigation of the coroner's jury.

According to the stories of Walter Timms, first mate of the James Nesmith, and William Olonski, the deceased was intoxicated and came aboard the bark shortly before the event took place which caused his death. In short, the mate and watchman thought the intruder had his eye on the chicken coop and its feathery tenants. They challenged the supposed marauder, who, after being ordered off the bark, fled toward the gangway. Mounting the rail he started to step upon, the gang, but missed his footing and plunged to the wharf below. His head struck, crushing in the skull and breaking the jaw.

Mate Timms at once went to the police station and notified the authorities of what had taken place. Police Officer Punohu accompanied the mate back to the wharf. The officer, after viewing the body, returned to the station and the dead wagon was sent down and removed the remains to the morgue. Officer Punohu made the following report:

"At 3:45 a. m. found body of unknown man lying on the wharf just opposite the top of the gangway of the ship James Nesmith. I was informed by Walter Timms, first mate, that the deceased was seen on deck by William Olonski, the watchman, who told him to go ashore, and in doing so, stumbled and fell from the deck to the wharf below, the watchman being in pursuit of deceased at the time of the accident."

Deputy Sheriff Kalakiela summoned a coroner's jury, which viewed the remains and the inquest will be held some time to-day. The jurors are John K. Hana, John Lowell, H. Rivers, John Bright, A. Dunn, C. A. Mann.

**FIRST MATE'S STATEMENT.**  
First Mate Timms of the Nesmith stated to an Advertiser reporter that he was in his bunk when the difficulty between Eidam and Olonski arose. Olonski is a Russian who understands

little English. He heard him order some one off the vessel, and heard the intruder tell the watchman to go to the mate. The mate then left his room, which opens out upon the main deck, and close to the short ladder which connects the deck with the top of the gangway.

As he went out he saw a large man walking along the deck rather unsteadily. The watchman was retreating at the time. When the intruder saw the reinforcement in the person of the mate, he hurried up the ladder and got out upon the circular gangway head. This, and the whole length of the gangway, is guarded by stanchions and a rope reeved through eyelets in the tops.

Either the man stumbled accidentally and went over the rope, or he thought the gangway led down to the wharf at right angles to the ship, instead of being parallel with the side. In any event he went over and struck the wharf about thirty-five feet below. Mate Timms hurried down the gangway and lifted the man's head, but he was practically beyond medical aid then.

Mate Timms gives Watchman Olonski a fine reputation. "He's a quiet young fellow about 25 years of age, and a very willing worker," said he. "He shipped with us at Newcastle, and, although not much of a sailor, he is willing and ready to perform any duty asked of him. He is a Russian and came from Port Arthur. He is well educated, and speaks, besides Russian, German, French, Polish and a little English."

Eidam was a sailor aboard the British ship Carradale, whose flag was half-masted yesterday. The Jas. Nesmith lies near the Mauna Loa's berth in the slip, which is also occupied by the British bark Lord Templetown.

**BOY KNOWS NOTHING.**  
Edward Gehrke, cabin boy on the British ship Lord Templetown, was taken to the police station last night as a witness in the case. But it developed that the lad knew nothing whatever of the case happening aboard the Nesmith. He states that some time previous to the trouble on the Nesmith, Eidam had been aboard the Lord Templetown, where he had trouble with some of the sailors and was put off the vessel. After reaching the wharf he remained there for some time. The boy did not know of his own knowledge that Eidam had gone aboard the Jas. Nesmith.

## SPARTAN TOTAL LOSS

### The Tug Fearless Could Do Nothing With the Wreck.

With her hull smashed in and twelve feet of water in her hold, a strong gale blowing and tugs unable to budge her, the American ship Spartan is rapidly becoming a total loss on a reef a mile and a half from Spreckelsville, Maui. This news was brought to Honolulu last night by Captain Olsson of the tug Fearless, which made a special trip to Maui to ascertain whether there would be any salvage on the vessel.

The Fearless left Honolulu shortly after midnight yesterday morning and reached the scene of the wreck about 9 a. m. A line was passed aboard the doomed vessel and for more than an hour the strong tug pulled, but without budging the derelict an inch. At that time the ship had twelve feet of water in her hold and she was grinding heavily on the reef. At 12:15 midday Captain Olsson quit the Spartan and started for home, arriving here last night at 8:25 o'clock.

Captain Olsson learned while busy about the wreck that Captain Flynn was bringing his vessel to Kahului to enter, his destination being Kaaupali, on the opposite side of the island, near Lahaina. His chart, according to his statement, gave 30 fathoms of water near where he struck, but the lead showed only five. He let go his anchor, but with the strong wind blowing at the time she did not hold where he wanted, and she swept upon the sharp rocks. A hole was soon made in the hull and she began to fill. Her planks were ripped wide open.

The scene of the wreck is about three and a half miles northeast of Kahului, from which place the little tug Leslie Baldwin came to render assistance. Yesterday the Baldwin took the crew ashore, with their personal effects. The captain stood by and was there when the Fearless left. He is removing all personal effects and the ship's instruments.

A northeast gale is blowing steadily and the Spartan is getting all there is to it. Captain Flynn stated that if there had been no wind blowing at the time the vessel struck, she could have been brought off.

Captain Flynn stated that the Spartan was in distress when nearing Kahului, having been aleak for some time, and this probably had something to do with her sticking so fast to the rocks. Captain Olsson does not believe there will be much to salvage after the bark goes to pieces. The sails, of course, may be saved, and possibly the masts and spars when the sticks go overboard.

## THE LAST LONG VIGIL

### Applicants for Palolo Homesteads Spend Wakeful Night.

The weary wait is over. The last vigil has been kept and today at 9 a. m. personal applications for the Palolo kula and taro homesteads will be received at the Public Lands Office.

Last night 14 natives, men and women, and their friends and relations to the number of as many more camped in the hallway of the Judiciary Building. The first applicant arrived over a week ago and the number has steadily grown ever since.

Fourteen lots are to be apportioned and the requisite number of applicants are already in sight.

For a week the landseekers have unintermittently held the fort, their food having been brought regularly by friends.

Last night few of the applicants slept. They were taking no chances of having their places in the line preempted by more enterprising competitors. The crowd reclined on mats and blankets and while the long night hours away with conversation and cards. There was plenty of pot and fish on hand and every now and again the coffee pot would circulate.

Tonight fourteen sons and daughters of the soil will have a place that they can call home and life's prospects will have become brighter for a number of natives whom circumstances, until now, have prevented from realizing their hearts' desire—the right to a lot of land in the beloved Hawaii nel.

May their homes be happy ones!

**Y. M. C. A. HOLDS BRIGHT SERVICES**

J. E. Higgins conducted the services at the H. R. T. & L. Co.'s Club House yesterday at 10 a. m. It was a strong and inspiring talk on the necessity of having high ideals, both of our work and our religion.

Mr. Martin had a bright and interesting program at the prison service, Mrs. Mayfield being his chief assistant.

The 4:30 meeting at the Association hall was in charge of Mr. Mayfield of the Peniel Mission. Mrs. Ewing's accompaniments showed sympathy and skill, helping to make an otherwise good meeting better. From the text, "Is the young man safe?" Mr. Mayfield gave a stirring and very earnest address, uniting fervor to reason and sobriety to strength.

## HE PROPOSES ARBITRATION

### President Roosevelt's Latest Move to Save the Peace Conference From Failure.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

PORTSMOUTH, August 21.—President Roosevelt's proposition submitted to Baron de Rosen is that the questions of indemnity and Saghalien Island be arbitrated.

**BEING CONSIDERED IN RUSSIA.**

ST. PETERSBURG, August 21.—The Czar is considering President Roosevelt's proposal. It is the official impression that peace is impossible unless Japan concedes the withdrawal of her demands for indemnity and the cession of Saghalien. It is thought that the Japanese demands for limitation of the Russian navy in the Far East and the relinquishment of interned warships are susceptible of arrangement. A majority of the press is not enthusiastic over the situation.

**TOKIO CONSIDERING PROPOSAL.**

TOKIO, August 21.—The Cabinet is considering President Roosevelt's proposal.

**RUSSIAN TRANSPORT SEIZED.**

The Japanese have seized the transport Australia bound for Petropavlovsk.

## ENORMOUS ARMY CLAIMED TO BE UNDER LINEVITCH

MOJI, August 21.—General Linevitch's defenses are complete. He has 2,500,000 men.

GODZYADANI, August 21.—The Russian force in the interior of Saghalien is impregnable. The convicts are supporting it.

## THE ACCIDENT RECORD.

PITTSBURG, August 21.—A platform containing five hundred people, at a Jewish church corner stone laying, collapsed and many were injured.

BUTE, Montana, August 21.—Fourteen were killed here in a railway collision.

## CURZON THROWS UP HIS JOB.

LONDON, August 21.—Lord Curzon has resigned as Viceroy of India owing to differences with General Kitchener, commanding the forces. The Earl of Minto, late Governor General of Canada, is named as his successor.

## VENEZUELA ARMING HERSELF.

NEW YORK, August 21.—Venezuela has ordered torpedo boats and ammunition to the value of \$2,500,000 from Europe.

## ROYAL MARRIAGE ARRANGED.

MADRID, August 21.—The marriage of Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria and the Infanta Maria Teresa has been arranged.

## GERMANY'S TROUBLE IN AFRICA.

BERLIN, August 21.—The situation in Africa is worse. Reinforcements have been ordered thither.

## CHICAGO'S MAYOR FINED.

CHICAGO, August 21.—Mayor Dunne has been fined for speeding his automobile.

## BOYCOTT MOVEMENT WEAKENS.

SHANGHAI, August 21.—The American goods boycott is weakening.

## NOTED MEN PASSING.

PARIS, August 21.—Bourgereau the artist is dead. MILAN, August 21.—Tamagno, the tenor singer, is dying.

## STATION HOUSE PRISONER ONCE PAROLED BY JAPS

### Siberian Was With a Port Arthur Scouting Party When He Was Captured by the Japanese Cavalry.

In a cell at the police station there is at present one Olonski, held as a witness in the tragedy which occurred aboard the ship James Nesmith yesterday, who was once before taken prisoner, but under far different circumstances.

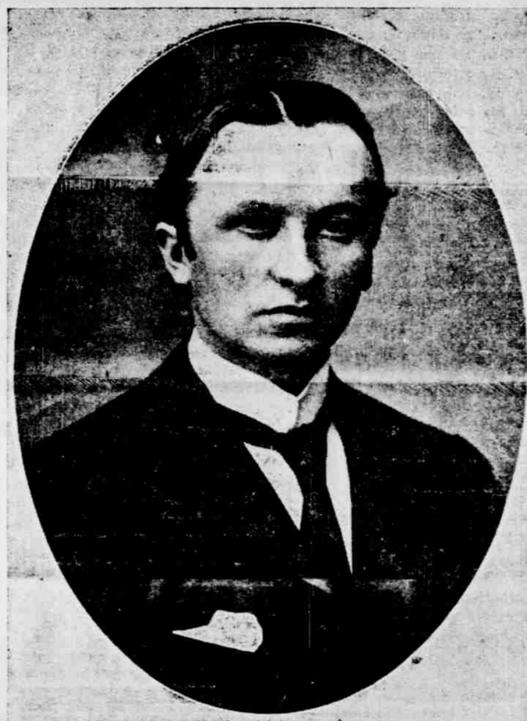
Olonski is a paroled Russian prisoner, released by the Japanese on condition that he do not return to Siberia or any Russian territory, or bear arms again, until the war in the Far East is over.

When the war broke out Olonski was stationed at Dalny with his regiment. Olonski is a native of Siberia and was with one of the Siberian rifle regiments. When Dalny was attacked efforts were made by the Russians to destroy the city so that the captors would have only a wrecked municipality as the spoils of war. The troops were then sent back to the rear and eventually became merged with the Port Arthur garrison.

Every day it was the custom to send out scouting parties, sometimes num-

bering one hundred, sometimes two hundred men. Sometimes the whole party failed to return to the besieged city. Frequently only remnants were left to fall back. One day last fall a party of thirty-three, including Olonski, was sent out. Thirty miles from Port Arthur a detachment of Japanese cavalry was encountered. A stiff fight was put up, but the Russians were outnumbered and half of them were killed. Eighteen men fell into the hands of the Japanese as prisoners, and Olonski was one of these. Five of the eighteen were wounded and these died later on. During this skirmish Olonski came out with only a scratch, made by a bayonet, on one of his fingers.

The prisoners were taken to Nagasaki in very small boats with numbers of other prisoners. Olonski was kept in one of the prisons for awhile and, after giving his parole, was taken to Nagasaki. Knowing that he could not return to Siberia, he shipped aboard a vessel and went to Australia, where he joined the ship James Nesmith.



LORD CURZON, WHO HAS RESIGNED THE VICEROYALTY OF INDIA.