

STEAMSHIP CLAUDINE AGAIN FOUND AT FAULT Judge Estee Lays Carson Collision to Mate McNeill.

DECISION FOR PILTZ AND LOW. UNITED STATES COURT FINDS THAT BARKENTINE'S LIGHTS WERE IN PLAIN VIEW.

Steamship Was Trying to Cross the Sailing Vessel's Bow—Was on a Southwesterly Course—Concurs With Supreme Court.

United States Judge Estee and the Justices of the Hawaiian Supreme Court are much of the same mind in the matter of the collision between the steamship Claudine and the barkentine William Carson.

Judge Estee's main ground for the decision is the feature of the case regarding the disputed view, or lack of view, of the lights of the approaching barkentine just prior to the collision.

The Claudine people made a strong effort to show that one of the side lights of the Carson was obscured. The court holds that they failed to prove it.

"The fact is apparent that the second mate of the Claudine did not know his duty," says the decision in referring to the fact that that officer left his post twice in the midst of impending danger, and the orders given to the quartermaster are held up to the incandescent judicial light.

The court held in conclusion that Claudine did not slow down or stop, that she attempted to cross the bow of the Carson when the latter was in motion, which must result in a collision, and it was clearly the fault of the second mate, that the Carson did not contribute at all to the collision.

A decree for the sums mentioned is entered but nothing is allowed libellant Piltz for the personal effects of his wife, as it does not appear to the court that he was authorized to sue for the same.

South American Immigration. From the Philadelphia Press. Secretary Root was widely criticised last winter for his assertion that the protection of the Monroe doctrine might yet call for the possession by the United States of a strong military force.

South American immigration, as described in the London Spectator, shows plainly enough whence the cause may come. By a treaty recently signed at Washington, and scarcely noticed in our own newspapers, between Argentina and Japan, the former grants 200 square leagues, about 1800 square miles, or an area as large as Delaware, on the Pilcomayo river, for a Japanese settlement.

The German immigration now pouring into the southern provinces of Brazil goes there under an agreement that "their perfect political independence is guaranteed." An Italian colonization society made an arrangement in 1896 with Venezuela to introduce 1,000 families a year for fifteen years, and while this immigration has been interrupted by the long out-

standing quarrel between Italy and Venezuela, when it begins it will create an Italian community.

Such a community now exists in Argentina, where the Italian population is large. If it were as large anywhere else, outside of South America, Italian interference would follow.

Japanese emigration to the Hawaiian Islands would have led to their occupation if the group had not been early claimed by the United States. But for our flag Japan would look to be ultimately the owner of the Philippines.

Stores of Gold.

The United States treasury now contains more than \$451,000,000 in gold. This is the largest single gold fund in the world. France comes next in line with \$442,000,000.

Hurricanes of Guam.

From the Philadelphia Press. Unfortunately for Guam, it is directly in the track of the typhoons, as the tropical cyclones—called hurricanes in the West Indies—are designated in the East Indies.

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them as Barbados is to the westward-moving hurricanes, that originating in the Eastern Atlantic, pass over the West Indies in a northwesterly direction and recur on the coasts of the United States. As was the case at Galveston, the southeasterly vortical winds that blow in and about the center of the cyclone seem to have been the most destructive at Guam, while on our coasts the northeasterly winds are usually the fiercest.

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