

PREPARED TO PROSECUTE THE CASE OF THE BARK HESPER

Joseph H. Lester Accused of Passing Forged Checks.

Goes to Los Angeles, but Returns, and Is Placed Under Arrest.

Joseph M. Lester, formerly a soldier, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives Wren and Coleman and was locked up in the "tank."

Lester is a young man and has apparently had a good education. He belongs to New York and came out a sergeant in the 68th Infantry.

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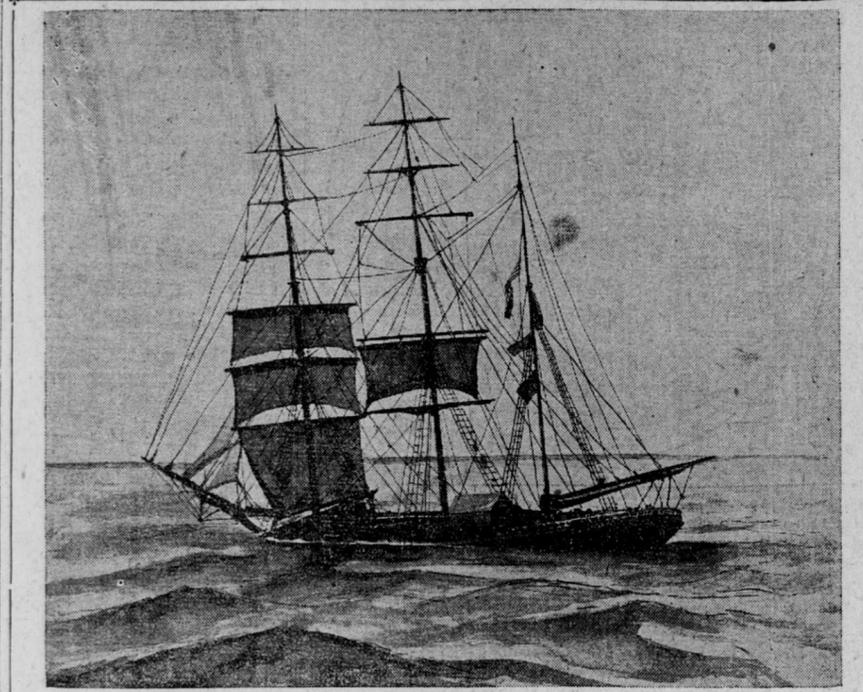
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BARK HESPER ON HER MARCH TO MAKE MORE COME INTO THE CITY

Captain F. O. Sodergren and Mate Nelson Stuart of the Unfortunate Vessel Convicted of "Cruelty on the High Seas."



THE BARK HESPER, WATER-LOGGED AND ON HER BEAM ENDS OFF THE CHINESE COAST. THE CAPTAIN OF THIS NOW FAMOUS VESSEL IS AGAIN IN TROUBLE, HAVING BEEN CONVICTED OF "CRUELTY ON THE HIGH SEAS" IN HONOLULU.

HERE is perhaps no better known bark that sails the seas than the Hesper of San Francisco. Captain F. O. Sodergren has been master for years, and he is almost as well known as the vessel he commands.

Everybody will remember the determined fight that General "Jim" Smith made to save the necks of the "Hesper" by a jury in Judge Estee's court at Honolulu, and that his chances for spending a year on the reef were extremely good.

The Hesper was on her way from Newcastle, Aus., to Hawaii with a load of coal. The men asserted they were ill-treated, so one night they mutinied, killed Mate Fitzgerald and attempted to seize Captain Sodergren and his wife.

December last the Hesper started again for Honolulu from Newcastle. There was trouble during the run and the forecastle hands had a hard time of it. March 31 last the bark arrived at her destination, and Edward Hamlin and R. Carpenter at once went ashore and filed complaints against Captain F. O. Sodergren and Mate Nelson Stuart.

Sodergren did not help his case any by beating a Hawaiian who was working on the Hesper over the head with a piece of chain a few days before the trial came off.

ZEALANDIA ARRIVES. Is a Day Behind Time Owing to Detention at Honolulu.

The Oceanic Steamship Company's Zealandia arrived from Honolulu at noon yesterday. She was a day behind time owing to being detained in the islands. A. L. Conlon, a fireman on the steamship, struck Patrick McEntee, a crew member, over the head with a monkeywrench.

WELL-KNOWN JESUIT WILL LABOR IN ALASKA. The Rev. Father Jaquet Selected to Act as Missionary Among the Miners.

SUN, MOON AND TIDE. United States Coast and Geodetic Survey—Times and Heights of High and Low Water at Port of San Francisco.

Water Front Notes. The American ship Thillie E. Starbuck has been tied at Honolulu, having made the run from Hilo in the smart time of twenty-three days.

Korean Loan Agreement. YOKOHAMA, May 5.—Advices from Seoul, capital of Korea, say: In the Korean loan agreement, the Yung Nan Syndicate retains a tenth part for the ostensible purpose of establishing a bank.

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WOMAN PASSENGER ON THE CAPTAIN

Jumps Overboard From a River Steamer at Night.

Passenger on the Captain Weber From Stockton Ends Her Life.

A woman whose name was not learned jumped overboard from the river steamer Captain Weber, en route from Stockton to this city, Saturday night and was drowned.

Among the passengers who boarded the steamer at Stockton were a man and woman who purchased tickets for this city. Purser Joseph S. Hale assigned the couple, who represented themselves to be married, to room 83.

At 10:30 p. m. when the Weber was making Bradford landing the man came running forward, excitedly calling, "Stop the ship; woman overboard!"

The man said the woman seemed in good spirits when leaving Stockton, and looked forward to her return to the Sacramento, whither they were bound. About 9:30 p. m. Saturday she asked him to get a pitcher of water.

SIR THOMAS LIPTON IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC Confident That His New Challenger Will Make Fine Fight for the America's Cup.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 5.—None of Sir Thomas Lipton's party came ashore here after the return of the Shamrock II from the spins. Sir Thomas, it is understood, is more enthusiastic than ever.

OPERATIONS IN MANCHURIA. Russian Troops Have Fought More Than Twenty Battles.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 5.—The Russian invalid publishes a representative of the Associated Press "that the new challenger will make the finest fight ever made in contest for the America's cup."

Weather Report. (25th Meridian-Pacific Time) SAN FRANCISCO, May 5-5 p. m. The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date, as compared with those of the same date last season, and rainfall in the last twenty-four hours.

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MAKES THE SKIN SOFT AND SLEET

Advertisement for Wilkinson's Witch Hazel Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman and child. Text: "WITCH HAZEL SOAP CURES ALL SKIN DISEASES"

RAILWAY TRAVEL

Advertisement for Burlington tourist sleeping-car, featuring an illustration of a train. Text: "A Holiday on Wheels"

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Table of Southern Pacific train schedules, including routes to Los Angeles, San Jose, and other destinations.

CALIFORNIA LIMITED

Table of California Limited train schedules, including routes to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

CALIFORNIA NORTHWESTERN RY. CO.

Table of California Northwestern Railway Company schedules, including routes to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

CREEK ROUTE FERRY

Table of Creek Route Ferry schedules, including routes to various points along the coast.

NORTH PACIFIC COAST RAILROAD

Table of North Pacific Coast Railway schedules, including routes to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

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