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SHIP NOT LIABLE.

United States Judge Hanford has handed down a decision in the case of Doctors J. W. Scammel and G. W. Overmeyer, who libeled the schooner Laura Madsen for services in treating a stowaway who was injured on board the schooner. He holds the schooner was not responsible for the stowaway. In his decision Judge Hanford adds: "It is a principal of maritime law that a ship is liable for necessary medical treatment and expenses incident to the cure of seamen who become ill or suffer injuries in its service, but in this case the man who was injured imposed himself upon the vessel and neither the vessel, her owners nor master owed him any debt, except to give him humane treatment while he necessarily remained on board. He came to Astoria as a waif from the sea, helpless and destitute, and having no claim upon any particular individual, and was necessarily a public charge or an object of private charity. The captain of the ship, however, was not authorized to pledge the ship for the expenses of his cure or maintenance as an act of charity. The authority of the captain of a ship to pledge the credit of the ship is limited by necessity. In procuring things that are necessary to preserve the ship and enable her to proceed upon her voyage, his authority is ample, but he has no authority to enter into any contract which can be enforced by suit when not required to make his ship seaworthy or to meet his obligations as a carrier or to her crew. The act of staining a ship's articles at sea under compulsion did not attach the stowaway to the vessel, nor create any obligation different from what necessarily arose from the fact of his being aboard by his own voluntary and wrongful act."

SCHLEY IN COMMAND.

The people of the United States had long since acquired Admiral Schley of the slanderous calumnies of his accusers. On one point only were they puzzled, and that point was who under the rule of war was generally and technically in command of the American squadron during the battle off Santiago. They knew who directed the battle and whose ships did the work. They knew who was in command and under the rules of naval warfare who is entitled to all the glory due a commander who fights a successful battle. They have the feeling of the one man in the United States best qualified to decide that question—Admiral Dewey. "Commodore Schley," he says, "was the senior officer of the squadron off Santiago when the Spanish fleet attempted to escape. He was in the absolute command and is entitled to such credit as is due for the glorious victory which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish fleet."

This was a thunderbolt to the clique that have so persistently endeavored to despoil Schley of his well earned glory and it is gratifying to note it has pricked them deeply and brought forth from them howls of baffled rage.

It is a dull day in Europe, says the New York Journal of Commerce, when some powerful paper or eminent statesman is not worrying the public or the government against the dangers of American competition. The warnings are getting tedious and we are watching for some prescription or remedy. Of course the Austrian invention was a general combination of Europe against the United States; but France, if no other nation, intimated that that was inadvisable. The German remedy is to increase its own protective tariff, but this is chiefly on agricultural products, and the result is a good deal more dismay in Russia and Hungary than in the United States, while Germans who have to buy food instead of selling it are protesting in mass meetings and appending millions of signatures to remonstrances against the tariff. We can

assure Europe that there is only one way of meeting our competition, and that is to adopt our methods, which involves for the present adopting our machinery. Europe has got to cheapen production and transportation, and it can do this only by economizing labor, the one thing it has always been lavish with.

In speaking of trade conditions Henry Clay's weekly financial review says: "The home situation in many respects continues highly satisfactory. From all parts of the interior come reports of great business activity and rapid development. How long this condition will continue no one dares predict, and while the end is not yet in sight, still in the nature of things it cannot continue indefinitely. The iron trade is still highly prosperous in some of its branches, and mills have orders that will keep them busy for months. Pig iron production continues to exceed all records and there is more danger of famine than oversupply. New productive capacity in the manufacturing branches is steadily growing, and the next twelve or even six months may witness a cutting of prices as the new concerns begin their efforts to share the business. Some iron products are already weakening under new competition."

The National Bureau of Animal Industry has in the last few years won a higher place in the scientific world, and from all the civilized countries comes high praise for what it has accomplished and for the impetus it has given to investigation along similar lines. "Veterinarians, agriculturists and the consumers of meats the world over own much to the American Bureau," said a distinguished scientist from Europe recently, who had come to this country to study the methods of this department. "It is far above any other institution of the kind in the world, and our debt to it cannot be overestimated. Its officers are the most enthusiastic and devoted scientists I ever met, and richly deserve the applause of humanity for what they have already done and what they are doing."

In his speech before the New York Bankers Association recently Secretary Gage told of the condition of our national treasury which shows the United States is financially in the best condition of any of the leading governments of the world. "The cash," he said, "under the control of the government is larger than at any previous time in its history, so large indeed, as to cause anxiety in your minds and in the minds of those who more immediately responsible for government finances. The financial strength of the government is now unsurpassed. Other nations struggling with debt are involved in the enormous expenditures incident to perpetual war or to the maintenance of great armies, look with envious eyes upon the happy condition of this people."

Schaffer, America's champion swimmer, will probably be sent to England next summer. His recent series of victories have shown the National Swimming Association of Philadelphia that for the first time America has a man worthy to measure strokes with the best of the British swimmers. In the recent championships Schaffer made a complete list of new records from 100 yards up to 200 yards. He won all his races with ease, and in several instances he could have broken the records made by the Englishmen had he been at all pushed. He is a swimming marvel, and if he goes to England, Derbyshire, Lane and Jarvis will have to improve on their present world's records to ward off defeat.

The shrinkage in British securities since the beginning of the South African war is without precedent. The Bankers' Magazine says that the net decrease in the value of 225 selected British securities amounts to \$142,346,000. The common stock of nineteen British railroads has lost in two years \$55,000,000, and declines in railroad debentures and preference is some \$25,000,000 more. And this is only a little fraction of the total.

Co-education on American lines is growing in popularity in England. Another large school, where boys and girls will mix in the classes is shortly to be opened at Kewstok.

In the matter of shipwrecks and railroad disasters the month of December will stand pretty near the top for the year 1901.

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NEWS OF THE DAY BRIEFLY TOLD

Argentine Minister Announces He Will Not Suspend Military Operations.

A MURDER NEAR VANCOUVER

Jim Jeffries Will Meet Winner of Sharkey-Maher Fight in Denver—Honored by the Pope.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Maclay incident is now closed as far as the Brooklyn navy yard is concerned, said Rear Admiral Albert Barker, in an interview. Maclay has been notified of his removal and is out of the service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—According to a recent mandate of Pope Leo, John D. Crimmins of this city, has been created a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory. This title is conferred only for real relation or special acts of charity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Reciprocity with Canada in the matter of touring vehicles crossing the border free of duty is the chief topic now being discussed by the law committee of the Automobile Club of America at its sessions now being held in this city.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The State Forest Fish and Game Commission reports that express companies which operate in the Adirondacks earned last season during the past season. This is believed to indicate that deer were killed in this section during the year.

ANDERSON, ILL., Dec. 27.—At 10 a. m. five broke out in the two-story block occupied by Buck, Prichley & Co., drug store, Haynes & Co., furnishing store, Western Union Telegraph office and several private offices. The extent of the damage cannot be given at this hour.

PROGGERKESIDE, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Albion L. Allen, one of the original trustees of Vassar college, is dead aged 82. In 1876 he was chairman of the committee appointed to welcome home the late Professor F. B. Morse, in honor of his return from his first protracted trip to Europe.

LYNN, MASS., Dec. 27.—The strike of the employees of the American Express Company line has been settled. At the meeting of the Transmitters' Union, the express company agreed to give the men \$12 a month for a 10-hour day. The arrangement, which was the board of trade arbitrators, was unanimously accepted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Although the number of four plays had been announced in the death of Edward T. Bradford the former manager of the Broadway theatre, the story shows that the man really died from fatty degeneration of the heart. The coroner's jury said it surprised him that the man had lived as long as he did.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 27.—A Japanese schoolmaster was murdered last night by a man on the Canadian Pacific line from Vancouver. The Japanese was held by two fellow countrymen, who had a grudge against him, while a third cut his head open with an axe. The murderers were captured and tied to a tree and will be brought to trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Tonight the Victoria team of Montreal, champion hockey players of Canada, will line up at the St. Nicholas rink in the first international match of the season. Their opponents will be the St. Nicholas Skating Club of this city. This is the fifth year that the Victorias have visited the United States in search of international honors.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—Jim Jeffries will meet the winner of the Sharkey-Maher bout in this city in either March or April. When Jeffries was here he was asked by local promoters if he would consent to such a match and he stated that he would. A letter has since been received in which he expressed a strong desire to meet the winner of the fight which takes place in Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Jacob Schaffer, champion billiardist of the world by reason of winning the recent tournament at Madison Square Garden, has sailed for Paris, on board the Savoie. With him went Leonard Howison of Canada, Louis Barette of Paris, Jose Ortiz of Spain and John Moulds of this city. They go abroad under engagement to play daily with the local French professionals, Bent, Durand and Ferdinand.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Although a protocol has been signed settling the controversy between Argentina and Chile the Argentine minister of war has announced that it will neither mean a suspension of military preparations nor affect the call of the reserves into active duty, says the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald. The newspapers announce that hostile demonstrations are likely to take place tonight (Friday) when the protocol is published.

"Man always wants what he hasn't and fails to appreciate what he has." "Yes; that's what keeps the marriage bureau and the divorce courts going."—Chicago Post.

Charles Replage, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again, now I am entirely well."—Hart's Drugstore.

Victor—One hundred and eight years old, eh? How long do you expect to live, Uncle Hamp? Uncle Hamp—Lawdy, chile, but ain't hardly no use for me to die. I ain't got no insurance.—Chicago News.

AN EVANGELIST'S STORY.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from malady of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For cough it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

"Did you show 'Jesse' the contractor, the Wash'n'ton monnymint?" asked Mr. Rafferty. "I did," answered Mr. Dolan. "An' he was deeply impressed." "What did he say?" "He said it was the tallest one-shiny building he ever saw."—Washington Star.

SAVED HIS LIFE.

"I wish to say that I feel I owe my life to Kodol Dressing Cure," writes H. C. Christensen, of Haystack, Mont. "For three years I was troubled with dyspepsia so that I could hold nothing on my stomach. Many times I would be unable to retain a morsel of food. Finally I was confined to my bed. Doctors said I could not live. I read one of your advertisements on Kodol Dressing Cure and thought it fit my case and commenced its use. I began to improve from the first bottle. Now I am cured and recommend it to all."—Bleeker's Food. (Copy all stomach troubles. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.)

"Some children," said Uncle Eben, "is powerful good 'ole 'fore Christmas, just the same as some grown folks is powerful good when dey's bakin' fish off."—Washington Star.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

A poor complexion is usually the result of a torpid liver or irregular action of the bowels. Unless nature's course is restored it will surely cause impure blood. Pimples, boils and other eruptions follow. This is nature's method of throwing off the poisons which the bowels failed to remove. Do Wingo's Early Bile Beans work. Wingo's Early Bile Beans work. This stimulates the liver and promotes regular and healthy action of the bowels, but never causes griping, cramps or distress. Safe pills. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Services commencing tomorrow morning, I offered "my own water, as it were," into a hot and frothy at the mouth. Mistress (much alarmed, thinking the water to be deadly) "Gracious, Jane! What can it be—hydrophobia?" "Services—No, mum, a tramp."—Chicago Evening Times.

INFORMATION WANTED.
The manufacturers of Banner Salve having always believed that no doubt or question can arise in every case, but never having heard where Banner Salve failed to cure ulcers, sores, tetters, eruptions, or other matters of similitude would like to know if there are such cases. If so they will gladly refund the money. Hart's Drugstore.

He—Of course, dear, I'll be back from the club in time for the opera, but in case it should turn out to be impossible, I'll send you a note by a messenger. She—That's not necessary; it just dropped out of your coat pocket.—Brooklyn Life.

OF BENEFIT TO YOU.
D. S. Mitchell, Fulford, Md.: "During a long illness I was troubled with bed sores, was advised to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and did so with wonderful results. I was perfectly cured. It is the best salve on the market." Sure cure for piles, sores, burns, fissures of counterfeits. Chas. Rogers, Druggist.

Wife—I am going down town this morning to try and match a piece of silk. Husband—Very well, my dear; I'll tell the cook to save some dinner for you and I'll put the children to bed myself.—The Bells.

Editor Lynch, of the Daily Post, Philadelphia, N. J., has tasted the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say too much in praise of it."—Hart's Drugstore.

Tess—I wouldn't make Bess my confidante if I were you. She told me that secret of yours. Jess—But Jennie was very confident. Bess must have been Jennie's confidante, or her confidante's confidante.—Philadelphia Press.

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Not Dangerous.—Tess: It seems she was taken with Mr. Dolan's intelligence. Jess: Well, if that's all she's taken with it, but a very severe attack. Philadelphia Press.

SATISFIED PEOPLE.

Are the best advertisers for Foley's Honey and Tar and all who use it agree that it is a splendid remedy for coughs, colds or sore lungs. Hart's Drugstore.

Kentucky is getting ready to organize a state bar association. We had been under the impression that there were few men in that Commonwealth who did not belong to such an association. Detroit Free Press.

A cold, cough or a gripe can be stopped in the bud, with a dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar. Beware of substitutes. Hart's Drugstore.

The persons who are attending to construct a lot house on the Kansas reservation at the World's Fair evidently want something that will be a novelty to the Kansans.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

J. W. Bryan, of Lowder, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with pneumonia. Unknown to the doctors we gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. The result was magical and puzzled the doctors, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered." Hart's Drugstore.

The topical index of the debates in congress upon which Mr. Peffer of Kansas is working seems to be an ill-considered scheme for populating the Congressional Record.—Chicago Times.

C. W. Lynch, Winchester, Ind., writes: "I owe the life of my boy to Foley's Honey and Tar. He had membranous croup, and the first dose gave him relief. We continued its use and it soon brought him out of danger." Hart's Drugstore.

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ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts	3240,974 00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,978 11
U. S. Bonds to secure deposits	12,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	115,911 74
Other real estate owned	6,160 45
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,154 29
Due from State Banks and Banks	52,391 60
Due from approved reserve agents	92,362 24
Internal Revenue Bonds	199 00
Notes of other National Banks	2,145 90
Notes and cents paid out	200 12
Lawful Money Reserve in bank	111,300 00
Specie	111,300 00
Legal tender Notes	1,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	114,300 00
Total	1645,270 79

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50,000 00
Surplus fund	25,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	24,445 79
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500 00
Due to State Banks and Banks	169 36
Individual deposits subject to check	1,001,028 22
Deposits of certificates of deposit	120,113 35
Total	1645,270 79

STATE OF OREGON, County of Clatsop, ss: I, R. S. Gordon, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. S. GORDON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December, 1901.

C. R. THOMPSON, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 1st day of December, 1901, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the City Hall of Astoria, in the County of Clatsop, Oregon, the Board of Assessors, constituted by the Board of Equalization of the City of Astoria, will meet and examine, correct and equalize the assessment roll No. 44 for the improvement of Sixth street from a north line to Commercial street to a point in said Sixth street, when the same would be intersected by the north line of block 6, extended west. All persons interested in said assessment must be made in writing and filed before said time. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria.

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First	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Second	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Third	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Fourth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Fifth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Sixth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Seventh	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Eighth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Ninth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.
Tenth	10:00 a. m.	11:00 a. m.

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