remedies

Upon the recommendation of Rear Admiral Melville, chief of the bureau of steam engineering, the secretary of the navy has appointed a board of officers, consisting of Commander Perry and Lieutenant Commanders Canaga and Bailey, to examine into the condition of the Nictheroe boilers on the new battleship. The board has been given a copy of the report received from Commander Bartlett, the chief engineer of the Maine, regarding her boilers. It is the intention of the secretary to appoint a board of constructors to examine the hull of the vessel, and a board of ordnance officers to make a report on the condition of the guns and turrets.

WENT THE ROUTE ALONE.

The derelict hull of the burned ship Fannie Kerr drifted ashore a few days ago on the coast of Formosa. The hulk drifted more than half way across the Pacific before it brought up in the breakers, and in its journey it weathered many a storm that sent more than one good, well-founded ship to the bottom.

The Fannie Kerr was bound from Newcastle for Honolulu, when it was found by her crew that her cargo of coal had heated and was on fire. For several days the sailors fought the flames, but when ghost-like sails of the island port appeared [illegible] forced to abandon their craft [illegible] heat from the [illegible] coal. The decks of the ship [illegible] exploded [illegible] accumulating gases in her hold. [illegible] the vessel was a veritable [illegible] the sailors put away from [illegible] in open boats. After consid[illegible] hardship, they all succeeded in [illegible] Honolulu, and there they re[illegible] the loss of the ship. It was believed that the vessel had gone down soon after she had been abandoned, and it was not thought that she would ever be seen again. About four months afterward the fire-wrinkled hull of the burned ship was sighted about midway between the Hawaiian islands and the coast of Asia, and the smoke was still coming from the burning coal in her hold. A few weeks ago, reports were received that the derelict was drifting off the coast of Formosa, and once it had been boarded by the crew of a [illegible] steamer, but all the sailors could find on her that had not been destroyed by the fire was a piece of soap, and that they carried away as a relic. The decks had been blown open by the force of the gas explosions, and the ashes in her hold were still warm and smoking. She was being carried along on the equatorial ocean currents that in the latitude in which she was in have a set westward. Soon afterward came news that the hulk was among the breakers on the shore of Formosa.

The Fannie Kerr was abandoned on May 29 of last year, and it took the currents almost a year to carry her from the point close to the Hawaiian islands across the Pacific and pile her up on the beach of the big Asiatic island. Many a typhoon swept over the ocean in which she drifted, and she weathered all of them, while more than one well-found craft was sent to her destruction by the same storms. The driftings of the old fire-scarred derelict will forever remain a mystery, and no man will ever know by what fate she was kept afloat with her buckled hull and open decks while other craft sound and well-manned, dropped from the bosom of the ocean.

AT THE BIJOU.

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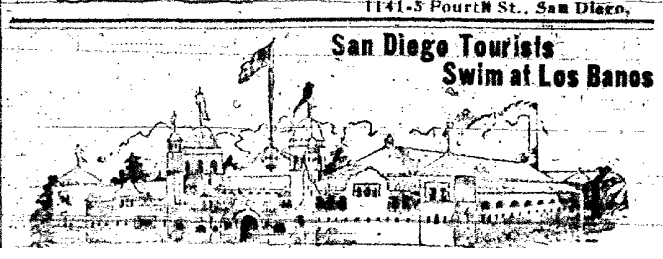

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