MONTHS ON A DESERT ISLAND

A Story Carrying the Salty Ozone of a Lonely Region.

HOW THE TROUBLE BEGAN

What Happened to the United States Ship Saginaw, Driven on the Breakers of Ocean Island.

Many years ago the Pacific Mail Steumship company awakened the Hawaiian lelands to a new life commercially. Plyorient, Honolulu made a convenient halt- lost, ing place for the vessels of that line. There was no coal in the islands, none could be profitably shipped there from the Atlant's seaboard and coal mining had not developed on or near the Pacific coast. The needful fuel came from Australia and was held in hulks at Honoluiu for sale.

Then the Hawalian king bethought himself of a scheme to swell his coffers; he owners of the Pacific Mail steamers didn't intend to be held up in that fashion, and decided to shift their fuel page 1,500 miles nearer Japan, and Midway Island was chosen for a coaling station. A shed was built there, coal was offed up, and the isolated speck on the bosom of the broad Pacific became a bit of entrance to the harbor was already huzardous enough, and a naval survey symptoms of insanity. showed that the danger would have, to \$50,000 to get rid of 150 feet of the reef, job. The United States ship Saginaw, under Lieutenant Commander Montgomthe work was under way to carry back to San Francisco the contractor's men. There was where the trouble began.

On Friday afternoon, October 28, 1878, San Francisco, Before heading directly swung to the westward for Ocean Island and took with me a can of dispatches of golden light. to look for shipwrecked sailors.

Believing that Ocean Island would not be sighted before daylight, Captain Sicthem on horseback over to Hanalei."

flood and clothing from the natives, and wisse their digaers into the sain with the standard out of the "That is a very them on horseback over to Hanalei." ard turned in at night after ordering that he be called at 2 a. m. Even before that hour Captain Sleard was on the Hawaiian government generously and with quick, easy movements the men deck again. According to the deck log started a steamer off for Ocean Island dug the dirty, leaking clams out of the the ship had run thirty-five miles since with the least possible delay. How narclearing Midway Island, and to make row was the margin between death and their baskets. sure of a wider margin of safety the survival aboard the little gig can be gathtwo knots an hour. The situation was flesh. Again, a day and a half later a the bottle. apparently satisfactory, for by the deck few flying fish landed on deck, and Hal- The clam digger is not a labor union reckoning the versel had at least six ford pounced upon five of them, which man, although he follows his calling and

Almost immediately afterward the deck break land was seen. officer reported breakers in sight. Runonly to turn the wheels slowly astern conspicuously in evidence. and the Saginaw struck the reef.

some provisions and all the boats but one, when the forward body was entirely under water, and broken up so as to be for the whole crew. very unsafe for the men to go upon."

All of that day-October 29-the ship's company worked tirelessly to save the to one-sixteenth a formight before the necessaries of life. Recovering what they island was abandoned. The officers and the heavy surf that broke over the wreck, and were much weakened for a long time cid was a hazardous task on account of but fortunately not a life was lost. The until they grew accustomed to the meat lated, means to soak, and this soaking the Rialto. In the height of the summer situation was a critical one and all hands diet, and eventually improved in health increases their bulk about one-third and. season the bluff is so deep in the district

The nearest port, Honolulu, lay fully storms was approaching. From the ship's sails and awning tents were made and raised for the shelter of all hands, a total of ninety-three persons. Four months' provisions were saved and albatross, fish and the meat of turtles

food and the character of it. At first can easily be imagined.—New York Sun. lent clam-and had a bachache for every a few rats appeared, and some of these preyed upon the precious stores until a place of safety was built for the hardlywon food. After a time the rate mysteriously multiplied and had to be fought away at night from the tents, but few of them were deliberately killed, because they might, at a pinch, save all bands from starvation.

The salvation of the shipwrecked lay in getting news of their distress to the of men willing and some of them actually fought to win the honor. In the ne beards." end the selection was made by the Sag-Inaw's doctor, who picked out the physleally best.

The boat was the captain's gig. a l'ttle craft less than thirty feet over all, and it was decked over and made as safe as possible after being raised a few inches at the gunwale. Out of odd pieces of metal one of the assistant engineers laboriously fashioned a fairly accurate the slightest provocation. The emperors sentant; another officer patiently spent days and days copying tables from the nautical almanae and a third made a 20 years ago which began through the drawing from the official chart of the necessary part of the Pacific, so that the gig could be properly navigated.

A Venturesome Voyage. On November 18-and Friday at that-Lieutenant J. C. Talbot with a volunteer crew of four set sail in the little gig upon a venturesome voyage. But one of the boat's crew, William Halford. coxawain, survived the trip. The story

he fold afterward is a thrilling one. "The boat was furnished with a small tin cooking apparatus for boiling with off and wick. Five days out we lost all dignant at his favorite loss that he sent light and fire and the means of making out a punitive force and a long war rither. About five or six days before began which resulted in the death of making Kausi we succeeded in getting a 500,000 men.

When we left Ocean Island we ran to took the westerly winds, and ran east to the longitude of Kauai, as Mr. Taibot supposed, but it proved in the end that We were a whole degree out in the reckoning because of the impossibility of taking observations properly with our sextant in our bobbing boat. Then we sailed southward.

"Had heavy weather while running eastward. Hove to with sea anchor twice. Last time we lost it. Made another drag with three oars, which were also lost; then made another drag with two oars and the square sail, and that lasted for three hours of bad weather. ing between San Francisco and the The last time it broke adrift and was

because of the food; got better, but atill suffered from fatigue and hardships. Muir and Andrews were sick two or three weeks. Francis was always well. The deck was leaky. Did not make land by a week as soon as we expected.

"The first land we saw was Kauholaua Rock, near Nilhau Island, on Friday morning, December 16. It was not proposed to levy a heavy import duty until Sunday night that Hanalei Bay upon that necessary coal. The Yankee was abreast, and we didn't make the entrance to Hanalei harbor until 2 in the morning of Monday. I remained below CLAM DIGGERS ON THE JOB till I felt the boat getting into shoal

water and the beginning of the surf. "Just as I got in the cockpit a and broke aboard abaft. Mr. Talbot ordered the boat to be brought to the wind. I hauled aft the main sheet. Francis was America by reason of the stars and at the helm. Just then another breaker stripes unfurled there. But that was not broke on board and capsized the boat all that was necessary to fit the island Andrews and Francis were weahed away for a halting place. Unfortunately polyns and never seen afterward. Mulr was shell that go by freight. Hundreds of had reared a coral reef just where the still below and did not get clear until the boat was righted, when he gave ging and opening the clams for market.

"Mr. Talbot had been clinging to the be removed. Therefore, congress granted bilge of the boat, and while attempting to get up on its bottom was washed off and an American contractor took rise and sank. He was heavily clothed and much exhausted. When the boat righted Mulr put his head out of the cockpit and ery Sicard, was sent to the Island walls I helped him onto the deck. Soon after and over it went twice.

knots yet to go before reaching the reef. were eaten without any to-do. At day- works under laws far stricter than any

of the Saginaw struck the reef.

Within ten minutes the surf swept the hip on the rocks so that a hole was overhauled and repaired and made ready in two at a time.

As soon as Lieutenant Taibot had sailed retreats. The full baskets are loaded in a malice."

I am in two at a time. made in its blige and at once its holds for a similar voyage to Midway Island, flooded. Inside of an hour after striking it being the intention to dispatch the the forward body of the craft broke party about January 10. It was not long nearly off. As Captain Steard described before the food problem became a source The heavy swell on the reef did of anxiety. Seals and birds were killed, not give us any time and the yessel went but after a month of this the seals were to pieces so fast that I could barely save nearly exterminated and it was found necessary to cut the allowance down to only one seal and twenty birds per diem

At first the ration in breadstuffs was reduced to one-eighth, and this dwindled could be found upon the island, and a flavor 1,500 miles away, and the season of distiller was rigged up out of a boiler and the Saginaw's condensers, the latter rerisk. Eventually fresh water was found than that of any other. while digging a hole in which to plant a large signal staff.

rations were reduced to one-quarter, but on the northern horizon and just before On January 3 a steamer was discovered flavor native to the succulent clam. that scanty allowance was augmented by sunset it came near enough to the island to be recognized as the Hawatian governpatched immediately after Coxswain Hal- hands and have knocked on the stones It was not long, however, before the ford reached Honolulu with his news. men felt severely the reduction in their The joy of the Saginaw's stranded crew

TRIFLES PROVOKE BIG WARS

The Beard of the Prophet, a Smashed Teapot, a Petty Debt and a Salary Cut.

The history of warfare contains numerous examples of conflicts that have originoted through trifling causes. For instance. Turkey suffered greatly in a war from the sea and with your hands quickly world beyond the ocean's unbroken rim. with Venice. When the Venetian ambas- make a nest in the steaming weed, pour upon taking a desperate chance in asking vizier to ratify a treaty by awearing in for volunteers to go in one of the small the Moslem fashion upon his beard and boats to Honolulu. There were plerty the beard of the prophet he declined. because, as he said, "the Venetians wear

This remark was too much for the Turk, who retorted angrily, "Nor do monkeys!"-an exclamation which caused the other to tear up the treaty and re tire from the conference. The squeal was a sanguinary conflict in which fell 30,960 Christians and four times the num

ber of Turks. But the Turks were not the only ones to use blows instead of arguments on of China have ever been famous in this direction, the record instance being a war smashing of a teapot. This indispensable household article was looked upon by its owner, a high dignitary of the court as a priceless treasure, and consequently it accompanied the great man on his

It so happened that when he was trav eling through the lawless provinces to the northwest of China some of retinue were intercepted by a hand robbers, who found the teapet among the baggage and immediately flung it to the ground and broke it. The matter was reported to the emperor, who was so in

light with the lenses from the opera A bucket was once the innecent cause

glass. Suffered much from wet, cold and of a terrible war. Nine hundred years, finger, If you can hold it sirtly off the the north to latitude Z degrees, there from a public well in Hologna and re- thing into your wide open mouth with place between the soldiers of the rival memory evermore.- New York Sun. states and started a war which devas-

Algeria came into the possession of France, through a disagreement over o petty debt. The Bey of Algeria demanded immediate payment through the French consul, who asked for time to pay, and in reply was beaten and thrown into prison A couple of days later a conflict was begun that continued for twenty years, during which time more than 500,000 happy. lives were sacrificed. Such a calamity was surely unnecessary for so paitry a Mr. Secretary?" I said, for we were then cause, and the same remark is equally

In 1879 the Transvaul was declared a crown colony and the salaries of officials, both Dutch and British, were cut down. Among the number so treated was a certain Paul Kruger, whose salary was reduced to \$250 a year. The loss of the tary, "It began about a year ago, shortly raised the standard of revolt. As a confight, years of agitation, the Jameson! raid and finally the great war, which cost eral. I put three questions to him. Britain more than \$1,000,000,000 and the lives of 25,000 of her sons.-London Globe.

How the Shell Pish is Gathered, Packed for Market and Cooked at Home.

Three hundred gallons of opened clama day are shipped from one old New Ensland town, besides many bushels in the men and boys make a business of dig-

shantles. Clamdiggers' row, along the be done at once. shell-piled beach, where they keep their tubs, baskets and diggers and shuck and wash their catch after the tide.

Upon the flats was etched the perfect imprint of each receding wavelet of ebbing days and when the ships near port the waters-footprints of the tide. Here and health of the men goes all to pieces. It's another breaker came and upset it again there stranded sea grass lay wet and most extraordinary. Last Christmas eve radiant in the opalescent sheen of cling- on board the Minnesota haif the commis ing sen foam in the morning light. The sioned force was taken violently ill. and "The last time it came up right and scent of the sait marsh, fresh from the the doctor had to prescribe claret. It's headed straight into the breakers. We night, was in our nostrils and slowstarted back upon its long voyage to got through and drifted toward the shore winged scagulls circled laxily in undulatat a place above five miles from Han- ins flight above the waters that stretched takes sick. If he is very popular, threefor the Pacific coast the steamer was alei. I landed with the water breast high far away to the east under a pathway

and letters. Muir died after I had helped | The boys were the first to reach the him ashere. During the day I got some clam beds and drop their baskets and told that the spirit of friendship among food and clothing from the natives, and wiggle their diggers into the sand where

From Hanalei a schooner was dis- The rolling flats were like a gigantic patched to Hono.ulu, four days away, and colunder of spouting holes, acres of them,

Some of them waded out ankle deep skipper ordered the mainsail taken in and ered from the fact that when all of the in the channel and dug up large spaces the engines stopped. Prior to that the provisions had been exhausted a large and when the water cleared the shining puddle wheels had just been kept moving bird perched upon the boat was caught by clams lay thick about, seeming enormous and by halting them and reducing sall the man at the heim. Halford. He seen through the snellow water, but as it was thought that the Saginaw's speed stripped it of feathers, cut it in five deceptive when gathered as the "mamwould be cut down to something less than pieces, and the famished men ate the raw moth" olives we buy when taken from

union has yet devised-the laws of the

The men average about \$2.50 a day a at both ends of the day; in the carly morning and later afternoon, and they can Character of Hot Air Current on work both tides. Then the digger of clams is opulent.

But on the one-tide days he digs out the tide, shucks his clams in a little while, lights his pipe and just loafs until the next day, and with an easy conscience. He has done his stunt.

After the clams are shucked their own liquor is drained away and they are left size up the situation along the Great crew felt the scanty allowance of bread, to stand over night-in water from a White Way of New York City. Perhaps from the sen and with your hands quickly and strength. At first no fresh water incidentally, destroys their rich, delicious that special policemen are detailed to

Each man pays \$1 a year for the use of "Yep, Charley just sent for me. moved from the wreck at a good deal of increases the bulk of the clams more a new play written for me. Corking

tions by the sea have taken the old clam night stands in the far south on hoe cake basket and the rusty hoe with its short and hominy? "Oh, hello, Mamie. How ment steamer Kilauea It had been dis- handle, worn smooth by sand blistered are you? Where am I dancing? Oh, my

> have laboriously dug the squirting, succu-But-those clams! When fresh from the'r sandy bed and washed in the incoming tide their shells are as smooth and soft to the touch as velvet when the water of

along the beach or far out on the flats

he sea is on them. Now build a fire of driftwood on a sand and when the stones are redhol throw over them some dripping rockweed more of the wet sea grass.

Then loaf around a while

age a party of soldiers of Modena stole skin and with your face upturned " a bucket, apparently as a practical joke, heaven drop the steaming, succulant fused to restore it. Figuts thereupon took your smoky fingers and you will have a

SUPPOSE THINGS HAPPEN SO

Sensed a Year in Advance.

The secretary of the navy said he was glad to see me; but he was plainly un

'Not worrying about the convention,

in the fall of 1915. "No," he said, "I am worrying about the navy. These recurrent epidemies of acute indigestion in the officers' mess

I had heard nothing about the matter. "It is all very queer," said the secre money annoyed the Dutchman, who after I issued my order prohibiting the use of intoxicating beverages on board sequence there followed the Majuba Hill ship. I did not take the step on my own initiative. I consulted the surgeon gensaid: 'Doctor, did it ever strike you that liquor is a curse?"

'He didn't hesitate an instant. He said I am convinced it is.'

Then I said: 'Doctor, isn't it true that the recommendation of wine in the Bible is due to a corruption in the text? "He said: 'Mr. Secretary, I have always suspected that passage to be spuri-

"Finally I said: 'Doctor, prohibition sentiment is greatly on the increase in the south.

"The surgeon general looked at me firmly. 'At the present rate of Japanese shipbuilding, he said, we shall be soon The clamdiggers have a colony of 'way behind in the race. Something must

"I thanked him and issued my order."

"Hasn't it worked weil?" I said. "It works well during routine hours. said the secretary. "But on legal holithe same way with birthdays. When a man has a birthday on board ship he quarters of the mess table is seized with sympathetic pains. If he isn't very popu lar, perhaps only one-quarter. Only I am officers of the fleet is much stronger

That is a very gratifying oircum

stance," I said. He looked thoughtful. "It would be inder ordinary circumstances. But it's a pity to have their holidays spoiled like that. It's worse in foreign ports. Last February, when the Arizona put into Hamburg, and the kaiser's grand admiral came on board with his staff, no less, than twenty-nine men on board were stricken down with a mysterious ailment which the ship's doctor found would yield only to sparkling Burgundy. He prescribed two dozen bottles. The only man who wasn't seriously ill was the chief ordnance officer, and he complained of a slight headache and tock beer."

"It doesn't last," I said. "No," he said, "but it recurs with such startling frequency. What can the men But all this while what was happen- coming and going of the waters. The in the other navies think about our men? ning forward. Captain Sicard at once re- ing with these of the ship's company iso- tide will not wait for him. He must be in It's become notorious. When our ships slized the peril and lost no time in or- lated upon Ocean Island? Captain Sloard time. No excuse will avail. Between the touch a foreign port and the senior naval dering all sails to be furled and the en- knew they would all starve unless succor going and coming of the waters he hus- officer of the place comes on board the gines to be backed at full speed. Unfor- came or they got away, and here is where tunately the steam was low and able his courage and resourcefulness were tide turns and the incoming waters lave room's health, and when he hears everyhis feet with rivulets of foam he slowly one is ill his face lights up. It must be

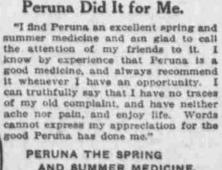
"I am in I said .- New York Post

a good tide. But sometimes the tide ebbs BLUFFS IN THE MIMIC WORLD

the Rialto of New York.

Onward the blithsome bluffer wends his wordful way. Conversation is the thingand plenty of it. The only way to get a grip on the goods that count is to be your own press agent. This is the way they one of the most fertile fields of bluff is keep the streets cleared for traffic this particular well because the water me and Frohman are great pais. Having idea. Offered me \$300 a week, but I can't And so you who go clamming in the afford to hammer down my salary like market place know not the delectable that even for a friend. I told him \$350 or nothing." How's that for a poor un-But most of us who have spent vaca- fortunate who has been playing onedear, haven't you heard? Why, I'm at the Palais de Tango. Had a frightful fight with Flo Ziegfeld about it. threatened to sue me because I would not dance in the 'Follies.' I should turn down \$400 per for a paltry \$300. Nix. Not so bad for a cabaret girl with nothing between her and the cruel world but a few yards of chiffon with strands of beads to hold them in place, and a problematical salary which varies with ound bed of cobbles set in the dry beach played with such gusto, with such suthe weeks. Nowhere is the game of bluff preme disregard for the intelligence of others, with such insouclance, such reckless extravagance of names, numbers and Accordingly Captain Sicard determined sador was asked by the Turkish grand in your clams and cover them deeply with huddles in a few Broadway blocks. Any day you feel a bit seedy stroll between the squares and get the guff. If you do After a while poke away the faded, not find many a laugh with it there is steaming grass from the wide open shells something radically wrong with your and jerk one out with your thumb and sense of humor.-Pittsburgh Dispatch.

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the child from the track, but pressing her Rawlins' train was pulling slowly little form close he sank to the ties, holdthrough Farmington when he saw the ing himself and his tiny burden down little Brownson girl playing upon the with desperation. The train passed over other track, while an express train from them and the coupling of an air hose the opposite direction came tearing down struck the engineer, cutting a bad gash As brave a deed as ever was recorded the road. There was not an instant to in his left shoulder, but the little girl

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lins, engineer of a fast freight on the to be done. Rawlins say that the life of Speaking of the incident, Engineer Raw-Pennsylvania railroad, when he saved the the child depended upon swift, courageous lims merely said: "I had a narrow escape, life of Mabel, the 4-year-old daughter of action and he took the single chance in a boys, but I was glad to save the kid. Harry Brownson of Farmington, N. J., million. Leaping from the cab he seized Mr. and Mrs. Brownson were loud in their risking his own life with never a thought the little girl, who had at that instant be- praise of Rawlins, but he modestly told for himself. Fellow employes of the come frightened by the shrick of the them he had not done anything more brave engineer and other residents of the whistle of the oncoming train and was than any other fellow would have done-

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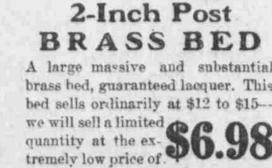
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