

REED'S CREW TELL OF THE VOYAGE.

Commissioner Shields Hears How Scurvy Came to the Oakes.

HUNGER'S KEEN PANGS.

"Salt Horse" Eaten Till It Made the Gums Swell and the Mouth Sore.

ASPARAGUS WATER FOR ONE.

But He Got It as a Luxury Because He Had Been Very Sick and Begged Hard for It.

The crew of the ship T. F. Oakes, who accuse their captain, Edward W. Reed, of cruelty in insufficiently provisioning his vessel on her late voyage from China, told their story yesterday in the United States District Court before Commissioner Shields.

Silvery Abrams, who had shipped as a seaman on the Oakes at Shanghai on May 12, 1916, but was made second mate after the Oakes left Hong Kong on July 4, was the first to testify. Abrams had been arrested and brought to court to tell his tale, and he is now out on bail furnished by Captain Reed.

Abrams told Assistant United States District Attorney Hissman that he was sure several boxes and barrels of provisions were brought on the Oakes at Hong Kong, and that after leaving that port he had enough to eat, including bread, soup, flour and apple sauce. This diet continued until August 17, when he went into the fore-castle. After that time salt beef or pork, bread, pea soup, flour and two ounces of sugar daily was the bill of fare, with black coffee or plain tea to wash it down.

Complaints from the men concerning the quality and quantity of food, he said, were common, and he had heard some of them say that their mouths were sore and their gums swollen as a result of eating bad meat. Then Captain Reed, he said, cut the allowance of flesh food, but gave the men an extra biscuit instead.

On September 26, when Abrams left the fore-castle, two men were sick and the cook had died. Continuing, Abrams told how the chief mate, the steward and four sailors, had died on the voyage, describing their disease as "bloating under their arms and the appearance of black, bruise-like marks on their left legs."

Q. Did the captain ever tell why he did not give more food? A. Yes, he said he did not have it to give.

Q. Were any other persons besides Captain Reed and his wife who were not sick? A. Yes, the cook and the cabin boy, both of whom had access to the galley.

Q. Did the captain refuse to stop at any intermediate port? A. Yes, he said, "if we don't meet a ship we can all stop and die together. We have too long a voyage before us to cut into a port."

Abrams said the captain's wife had charge of the provisions, but he had never seen them weighed. Counselor McClure, for the defense, extracted the statement from Abrams that the first one to die on the Oakes was a cook.

Following Abrams came Third Mate Henry Reagan, who said that fresh meat, sweet potatoes and other provisions were taken aboard. He had often heard the men ask for more bread and meat and the captain finally put them on Government allowance. Three-quarters of a pound of salt

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THE STENOGRAPHER - WITNESS.

THE PLAINTIFF.

Lawyer Steuer Wins His Odd Suit Against a Baroness. As a final chapter in the somewhat mixed domestic affairs of the Cohens a jury in Part III of the City Court yesterday gave Attorney Max D. Steuer a judgment for \$840 against Baroness Emma Van Kattengill. The attorney wanted \$2,000 for services rendered in the divorce suit of Bernard Cohen against his wife last May, and a dispute arose as to who should pay the money.

Steuer contended that the Baroness retained him to defend Cohen, whose wife's accusation in her suit for divorce had affected her (the Baroness's) good name. Cohen, it will be remembered, died counter charges against Mrs. Cohen, inclining one Durand, a civil engineer.

Colored Folk and the Fair. Their New York Commission Preparing to Make a Great Exhibition at Nashville. The New York commission of the negro department of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition is making elaborate arrangements for its display at the big fair in Nashville next month. The purpose of the negro department is to show the progress the negro race in America has made in the last three decades. The collection of exhibits of work done by negroes has been going on for months, and by far the most complete display of this kind ever made is assured.

The negroes of the Empire State have determined that their exhibit shall be the finest of the kind at the fair, and they are working hard to that end. The New York commission, of which Charles W. Anderson, of No. 127 West Third Street, is president, was appointed by Governor Morison at the request of E. C. Lewis, director general of the exposition.

PLATT TO SEE M'KINLEY.

At Their Interview To-day He Will Urge the Prompt Appointment of Van Cott as Postmaster.

Washington, April 12.—Senator Platt will have an interview with President McKinley to-morrow, as a result of which he hopes to secure the prompt appointment of Cornelius Van Cott to be Postmaster of New York City. This is the only one of the New York City nominations upon which the Senator will attempt to secure immediate action.

He will also ask the President to nominate Robert A. Sharkey for internal revenue collector at Brooklyn, and will urge prompt action as a vacancy exists in the office. The organization is worried over the delay of the President in deciding this question, as the anti-organization forces are making a strong play for Frank A. Moore. Senator Platt will notify the President that Lester F. Stearns, who was last week offered the Third Assistant Postmaster-Generalship, has decided to accept, and it is probable the nomination will be sent to the Senate to-morrow.

Warner Miller called upon the President during the afternoon in the interest of the Nicaragua Canal, and was granted a private interview of considerable duration. Mr. Miller later said something desirable regarding the Nicaragua scheme would be proposed during the week. He intimated that the President and Secretary Sherman has in contemplation a treaty between the United States and Nicaragua and that the President would soon send a message to Congress recommending some action.

Frank E. Loonik, an Ohio newspaper man, will be nominated for Minister to Venezuela. This appointment has been decided upon, it is learned, for some time, but has not been announced. He is to be married on April 29 to Miss Elizabeth Mast, a daughter of the millionaire manufacturer of Springfield, Ohio.

It is said here by persons who are believed to have knowledge of the matter that Assistant United States Treasurer Jordan, whose term of office expires in a few days, will be reappointed by President McKinley. Mr. Jordan is a gold Democrat.

BULL FIGHT A BULL RUN.

One Beast Ripped a Toreador's Cheek, Smashed the Pen, Charged the Crowd and Ran Amuck.

Yuma, Ariz., April 12.—Yuma's great festival wound up last night with wild West sports and Spanish bull fights, which constituted a crowning feature of the five days' revelry. The renowned bull fighter, Captain Carlos Garcia, of Juarez, Mexico, and his troupe of toreros and pleaders, including La Carlota, a female bull fighter, displayed a wonderful skill in fighting fierce animals, but a magnificent black bull, Portillo Diaz, proved himself almost invincible. Before he was dispatched in the third fight in which he was used he caught Garcia upon his long, slender horns and ripped open the man's face. Captain Garcia's wound may prove fatal.

After going and badly mutilating the captain, the bull, stung to frenzy by the torments of the toreros, charged full at the bull pen and smashed through it. He then charged into the grounds surrounding the amphitheatre, which was filled with people. Many were injured. The roulette table, stacked with gold and silver coins, was tossed high in the air, and the money scattered in the dust.

Straight through the crowd the enraged animal sped, and out into the main street of Yuma, but fortunately no more people were in the way. He was returned after a long chase and hard work.

Advertisement for Schaefer Bock Beer, brewed by the F. & M. in the United States. It is the oldest Lager Beer Brewery in the United States. The advertisement includes the text 'Schaefer Brewing Co's Bock Beer' and 'Bottled at the Brewery and Delivered Direct to Families. Park Ave., 5th to 6th St., New York.'

THE GAS TRUST DENIES THEM LIGHT.

Fifty Families Suffering Under the Company's Oppression.

NO REDRESS IS POSSIBLE.

By the System in Vogue One Company Dictates the Policy of the Others.

MRS. SIMES'S HARD EXPERIENCE.

Her Efforts to Have a Meter Put in the Columbus Avenue Flat House Frustrated on Every Hand.

Fifty families in the big flat house at the corner of Sixty-third street and Columbus avenue are burning kerosene. Fifty fathers and mothers and twice fifty children are cursing and crying and bemoaning the power of the Gas Trust.

At No. 11 West Ninetieth street the woman whom the gas companies blame for the trouble is also burning kerosene. The Sixty-third street flat building was originally owned by Macfarland & Co., who did business with the East River Gas Company, and thereby hangs the tale.

One day Macfarland & Co. disposed of the building to Mrs. E. C. Simes, who resides at No. 11 West Ninetieth street. The bills under the new ownership ran along smoothly enough and were paid regularly until early in March of the present year, when owing to a pressure of circumstances the property was sold under a foreclosure to Isaac G. Bailey, and Mrs. Simes was appointed agent.

All the gas bills had been paid by Mrs. Simes and everything was apparently running ship shape, when on the 1st of March the East River Gas Company notified Mrs. Simes that unless the old bill was paid they would cut off the gas. They referred to the bill of \$150 contracted by Macfarland & Co.

Mrs. Simes went to the office to explain matters. It did no good. No money, no gas, she said. Three days later they cut off the gas and left the fifty families in darkness. Then there was hustling and bustling for kerosene lamps. The tenants kicked vociferously. Mrs. Simes could do nothing, and she so informed Mr. Bailey. She furnished everybody with lamps and waited.

Then fire marshals and fire inspectors began to haunt the premises. They told Mrs. Simes they had been "sent," but they refused to say who sent them. They could not interfere with Mrs. Simes's kerosene scheme, however. She consulted Adams & Adams, the Liberty street lawyers, who formally notified the gas company that Mr. Bailey was the owner of the premises. That made no difference.

Under the present beautiful condition of things you cannot change gas companies without paying for the privilege. She finally went to the Consolidated Company and asked them to put their meter on the flat. They refused. The fact that he had the

Advertisement for Beecham's Pills, described as 'A WONDERFUL MEDICINE' for Bilious and Nervous disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fulness and Swelling after meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Bileaches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, etc. The advertisement includes the text 'BECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore females to complete health by promptly removing obstructions or irregularities of the system. For a Weak Stomach Impaired Digestion Disordered Liver'.

Advertisement for BAZAR GLOVE-FITTING PATTERN, featuring a woman in a dress and the text 'This Bazaar Glove-Fitting Pattern, No. 7,065, will be mailed to you free. Regular Price 25 cts. Cut this out and send to us with price.'

Advertisement for WILCOX COMPOUND TANSY PILLS, described as 'The only reliable female regulator. Never fails. Sold by druggists, \$2.00 per box. For the Woman's Suffered AND PERMANENT CURE. Those interested in the subject call or write and get a catalogue free of charge of the IMPROVED ELASTIC TRUSS CO., 822 BROADWAY, DEPT. 14, Closed Sundays. Be sure of the number, 822 Broadway, cor. 12th st. NEW YORK. Lady in Attendance for Ladies. EXAMINATION FREE.'

deed of the property in his hand made no difference. Neither did the fact that Mr. Bailey had receipts in full for all moneys due by him to the company cut any figure. The companies refused to furnish gas to him. Finally, in sheer desperation, he resolved to put in electric lights. This made the octopus angrier than ever. Perhaps this is why they resolved to strain a point to get even. As stated above, Mrs. Simes lived at No. 11 West Ninetieth street. Her bill for March was \$12.13. Of this amount she paid \$12 on April 2. At 3 o'clock on that evening, however, the gas was cut off from Mrs. Simes's house. That it was not for the 13 cents was made evident the next day, when the pennies were paid, and the house was still dark.

Then the unhappy woman once more went on a still hunt for gas. She applied to the Standard Gas Company, who told her that a meter would cost \$80 from them. The usual price is \$5 from private families, but there seemed to be no law in connection with this case. Besides, this expense they wanted money for the fixing up of the meter. They refused to make this demand in writing, however.

Mrs. Simes next went to the Consolidated, who claimed at first that their meters were not in the street. When they were corrected on this proposition they said a free meter would be furnished to the East River Gas Company, that a meter would cost \$30.

MRS. BOOTH CONFESSES. Says That Tuttle Shot Her, and Her Story About the Tramps Was False.

Danbury, Conn., April 12.—The mystery about the shooting of aged Mrs. Booth at Botsford deepens to-night. J. W. Tuttle, who lived in her house, was arrested this evening upon suspicion of having attempted to murder her. Two men answering the description of those for whom officers have been searching since the shooting were captured at dusk in Merwinville, twenty miles from the scene of the crime.

Mrs. Booth recovered consciousness this afternoon for the first time since early Sunday morning. Sheriff Rogers, of Newtown, was in the cottage at the time and he overheard her make a remark to Tuttle which indicated that he shot her. The woman was not adverse to the presence of the Sheriff until he stepped into the room and arrested Tuttle. Then she refused to speak about the case.

The Sheriff took the prisoner to Newtown and lodged him in the village lock up and then drove back to Botsford and questioned the woman. She admitted that Tuttle shot her and the story they both told about the tramps was false. She refused to admit, however, that Tuttle attempted to kill her.

She told the Sheriff that their story about the visit of the tramps and their purchase of eggs was true. One of the tramps stole eggs from a nest in the yard and she ordered him to return them. Tuttle heard the trouble and ran from the house with a revolver. One of the tramps also drew a revolver. Tuttle fired at him and the bullet struck Mrs. Booth. When the tramps saw that the woman was hurt they fled, leaving Tuttle to care for her.

Advertisement for GOLD DUST Washing Powder, described as 'The After-Dinner Task' and 'of dish washing loses its terrors, and all household cleaning is accomplished quickly and easily by the use of GOLD DUST Washing Powder.'

Advertisement for THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston, Philadelphia.

Advertisement for S. N. WOOD & CO., The Skillful Tailors, 18 and 20 ASTOR PLACE, Just Off Broadway, BROADWAY AND 30TH ST. Open Evenings.

Advertisement for HIRES Rootbeer, described as 'On a red hot day Hires Rootbeer stands between you and the distressing effects of the heat.' It 'cools the blood, tones the stomach, invigorates the body, fully satisfies the thirst. A delicious, sparkling drink of the highest medicinal value.'

Advertisement for Lord & Taylor, Grand Street Store, Carpet Department, Matting Sale, 200 Rolls Good China Matting, Special value; 10c. \$3.50 a yard; 200 Rolls Highest Grade Jap Matting; Fancy designs, and colorings; worth 50c. a yard; 25c. \$9.50 a yard; High Grade Velvet Carpets; Body, and border; and hall, and stair patterns; 68 cts. a yard. Lord & Taylor, Cor. Grand & Chrystie Sts.

Advertisement for Byck Bros CLOTHIERS, Downtown: S. W. Cor. East 125th St., Fulton & Nassau. Uptown: 158 to 164, Open Evenings.

Advertisement for SUITS TO ORDER, \$12.50 WORTH DOUBLE. A wonderful assortment of Spring styles in fancy suitcases, tweeds, chevrons, worsteds, etc., to select from. Perfection of style, fit and finish in the tailoring. You cease to worry about clothes if we are your tailors. Everything guaranteed and kept in repair without charge for a year.

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