

## OCEAN ROMANCE.

U. S. Cruiser Tacoma is  
Searching for Crew of  
Levant, Lost in 1859

## FORGOTTEN IN CIVIL WAR.

Honolulu, August 6.—When the United States cruiser Tacoma sailed recently from this port in quest of possible survivors of the United States sloop of war *Levant*, which sailed from Hilo in 1859 and was never heard of afterwards, she undertook one of the most remarkable voyages in history. That there could be any survivors of a vessel lost forty-four years ago, of which no trace had ever been found in all that time, seems incredible. Yet it is with the object of seeking traces of the lost vessel and perchance rescuing survivors from the tragedy of the past that the Tacoma under command of Commander R. L. Nicholson has gone.

In the thread of circumstance which connects the present with the past the report made nearly two years ago by Capt. Lawless of the Oceanic Steamship company, that on one of his voyages from Tahiti to San Francisco he had sighted what he believed was Capt. De Greaves' island, is directly responsible for the present voyage of the Tacoma.

## A Mysterious Island.

Captain John De Greaves was once a commanding officer in the British navy and for many years afterwards an officer in the merchant marine, then morgue keeper for the board of health in Honolulu. A few weeks ago he was sent to Molokai, a victim of that oldest known human malady, leprosy. He sailed from Honolulu in 1858 bound for Panama and says that in latitude about 1 degree north and longitude 136 west he discovered an island, about a mile and a half in length, and a half a mile wide, lying little above the surface of the sea. He even claimed that he had landed there.

In those days every adventurous mariner in the Pacific was looking either for guano islands, or islands on which the Buccaneers of two centuries before had buried their ill-gotten treasure, or both, and De Greaves said little about his discovery at the time, awaiting opportunity to visit it and explore it more thoroughly and make good his claim to it before announcing his discovery to the world. The opportunity never came. Year after year passed in the unavailing effort to interest some capitalist to the extent of fitting out an expedition to exploit his discovery.

## Island Became a Tradition.

During these years of waiting De Greaves' account of what he had seen became a part of that mass of confused report which for a century had been added to by whalers and others of an island or shoal in that general locality, a place in the ocean seldom touched by vessels sailing any of the recognized

routes of the Pacific. When Captain Lawless, nearly two years ago reported that he had seen an island there and wrote to De Greaves to learn the forgotten particulars of that voyage in 1858, it quickened recollections and activity in James Duncan Hague, an old friend of the commander, and many of the officers of the ill-fated *Levant*.

De Greaves' story was that, sailing from the Hawaiian islands in 1858 as first mate of a sailing vessel bound for Panama he had sighted the island in daylight and had landed. Mr. Hague reasoned that the *Levant* sailing from the same point, bound for the same port, at the same time of the year, with prevailing winds and

other conditions very similar, it would not be surprising if she arrived at the same island.

De Greaves arrived there in daylight and discovered the island. If the *Levant* arrived at night she would have been wrecked on the island. But there might be survivors, and granted the island was habitable, some of these survivors might be there still.

Found Spar of *Levant*.

Mr. Hague searched the records of the navy department. He investigated all reports of islands or shoals in this locality a year or so after the *Levant* sailed from Hilo a spar drifted on the coast of south Hawaii, which by fairly satisfactory evidence was identified as belonging to the *Levant*. This indicated to Mr. Hague's mind that the *Levant* was wrecked and not foundered, and if wrecked her officers and crew might have survived—might, indeed survive. All these matters were presented by Mr. Hague to the secretary of the navy, who urged that a vessel be sent out to find the survivors of the *Levant*, if there were any, to finally settle the question of whether or not there is such an island or shoal as has so often been reported. There had been one or more vessels sent in search when the *Levant* failed to arrive at her destination, but their search was not thorough, and the civil war coming on, the *Levant* was forgotten.

## Chance Some Survive.

Hague pointed out that if it were now only a year or so since the *Levant* had disappeared there would be no hesitation in sending out a vessel in search of her or any survivors. Yet if the vessel were wrecked and not foundered, and wrecked on a habitable island, the probabilities of survivors was just as strong, except for the mere lapse of time, as if only one instead of forty-four years had passed away.

So the secretary of the navy has sent the cruiser Tacoma. She will search thoroughly along the 13th meridian, sounding all the time, thoroughly exploring the region in which an island or shoal has been reported from time to time for a century. From this search the Tacoma will proceed to San Francisco. If the possibility of the rescue of survivors is realized it will be what Mr. Hague describes it, the "greatest sea romance in the history of the world."

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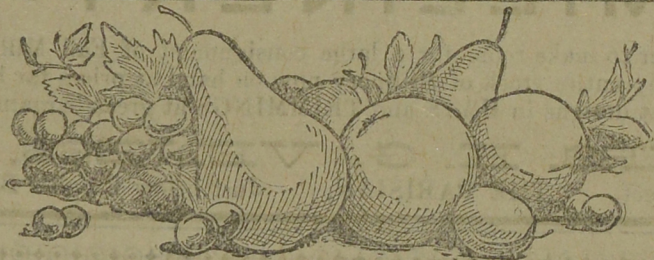
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