

IN SUIT FOR OPTION PRINCESS GOT HIM

Former Naval Commander Bares Romance of South Sea Isles in New York Court

ACCUSES COPRA SYNDICATE

New York, Jan. 18.—As strange a tale as ever came from the South Sea Islands will be related in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn when Lieutenant Commander Howard S. Keep, former American naval officer, appears to press a suit against the South Sea Copra Company and the Pacific Development Company over an option he obtained through friendship with King Tama Mailli, one of the seventeen monarchs of Samoa, and that ruler's daughter.

It might facetiously be called a case of black and white. A "fac," as it is called in Samoa, is a talking sculpture, may figure. It consists of some long white hair attached to a black stick that would make a good fly swatter. When it is waved in front of a person's face that person must do the bidding of the waver, according to Samoan belief.

This "fac" was given to Commander Keep by the King. The hair on it was taken from the tail of the white horse ridden by the King's late father.

King and Princess Approve

Commander Keep, after being graduated from Annapolis, commanded the United States steamer Samoa. A small ship that was formerly German was for a time stationed at Pago Pago (pronounced "Pango Pango") on the island of Tutuila.

The commander won the good graces of King Tama and the Princess. He saw the possibilities of developing the trade of copra, which is not a snake

but the dried meat of coconuts, and the King, while the Princess smiled her approval, gave the commander an option on some land and made arrangements with the sixteen other Kings to turn their crown over to the young naval officer. So the commander, with the diamonds "fac" and a full length photograph of the Princess in Samoan décolleté, returned to New York, arriving in June, 1919.

Sailed Away and Left Him

In the complaint in his suit he said the Pacific Development Company agreed to take up the option and form the South Sea Copra Company to trade in the copra. He was to be manager at \$7,000 a year, he said, and was to receive 15 per cent of the net profits after the company earned 10 per cent. He resigned from the navy.

Herbert H. White was made president of the company and the yacht Ajax was bought to carry the party to Samoa. A stop was made at Bermuda and there, Commander Keep said, he was left ashore in his sailor suit (he acted as one of the crew), and the yacht sailed away with his clothes and his papers.

The defense in the action claims that the commander did not ship as a seaman and that when the yacht reached Bermuda he went ashore and celebrated to the extent that he was not fit to go back on the yacht. The defense also avers that the commander was to have been resident manager of the new company in Samoa, but that it was learned that he would not be welcome there again.

The commander has the King's "fac" and the Princess' photo to refute that.

GIRL'S DEATH INVESTIGATED

Relatives Charge That Doctor, Twice Summoned, Failed to Respond

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 18.—Deputy Coroner Patrick, Dr. Joseph Scattergood and a jury have investigated the case of Lolla Long, nineteen, of Herndon, who died Monday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jennie Long, relatives charging that her death was due to the fact that a physician who had been summoned twice failed to respond. A verdict of death from pneumonia was rendered.

Uncommon Sense Guard Against Surprises

IN LIFE, as in war, it is the surprise that sweeps men off their feet. The sudden blow is certain to bowl us over if we are not looking for it.

Had news not had luck come to most of us. If they had we are unprepared they are likely to do irreparable harm. For example, the man who works for a salary is accustomed every week to draw his pay envelope. He comes to depend on it implicitly. He has worked faithfully for one firm, perhaps for twenty years. To him the job appears to be permanent.

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It is not the employer's fault. It may be no fault of the firm. But the employee suddenly finds himself without employment. He has made no plans for such an emergency. He has not the slightest idea what to do. And the remainder of his life is ruined. You may not be able to insure yourself against such a sudden loss of a job, but you can at least make a few plans as to the course to pursue in such a case.

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Bad news never prostrates a man who is prepared for it. It is the surprise

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BORIS TO SELL ELEPHANTS

Bulgarian King Unable to Stand Expense of Feeding "Little Pets" Sofia, Jan. 18.—King Boris of Bulgaria is the modern "man with an elephant on his hands," and he wants to sell part of his private menagerie to an American zoological garden or circus. In particular he would like to dispose of two elephants and several fine buffaloes which are now in the grounds of the summer palace near Sofia.

The menagerie was established by former Emperor Ferdinand, and the appetites of the elephants and buffaloes are so great that King Boris is hard pressed to feed them out of his slender income. The elephants alone consume grain and hay which cost more than the outfit for food for the young sovereign's own table.

U. S. TO PRESS INQUIRY

Daughterly to Investigate Alleged Monopoly of General Electric Washington, Jan. 18.—A special investigation of charges against the General Electric Company resulting from investigations of the Lockwood Committee in New York will be begun by the Department of Justice within a few days, Attorney General Daugherty announced yesterday.

Correspondence between the department and the General Electric Company was published recently, the Attorney General said, in which it was brought out charges had been made against the company to the effect that it had created a monopoly, extending millions of dollars from the public. It accused its accounts to avoid payment of taxes and violated a decree of a Cleveland court restraining it from unlawful acts.

Economy Basement Specials for Thursday. Snellenburgs. Girls' Winter Coats Worth Almost Twice This Low Price of \$5.00. Women's Extra-Size Undermuslins. Women's Extra-Size Drawers. Women's Extra-Size Gingham Aprons. Women's \$3 Pantalettes. Women's & Misses' Silk Petticoats. Women's Jaunty Novelty Weave Sweaters. Men's & Boys' \$5 & \$6 Sweaters. Boys' Good-Looking Two-Trouser Corduroy Suits. February Furniture Sale.

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