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A MYSTERY OF THE PACIFIC.

United States Hydrographic Office Preparing to search for a Lost Island.

One whole island has disappeared from the Pacific Ocean, and a party of officials from the United States Hydrographic Office are about to start out in search of it. It has entirely disappeared from the surface of the globe they desire to wipe it off the maps and charts. If it has simply changed its location or if the position assigned to it has been the wrong one they will correct the mistake. Whatever may be the explanation the case as it now stands is a mystery, one of the greatest mysteries of the year, and they propose to solve it before they return.

The little body of land that has of late been the cause of so much discussion in naval and shipping circles has long been known as Morrell Island. For years it has occupied a place upon all well constructed maps, and many a seaman who has sailed the Pacific has tales to tell of this little island that has been seen rearing its rocky headlands far out in the great ocean.

The history of Morrell Island has always been somewhat a romantic one. It has long had its place on the charts and has been reported as sighted again and again, but in captains' logs it has always been a question whether or not it had any actual existence. While not generally known, it is admitted in official circles that there are undoubtedly a number of islands charted on the maps which exist only upon paper.

MAP OF PACIFIC.

The sailing vessels that first explored

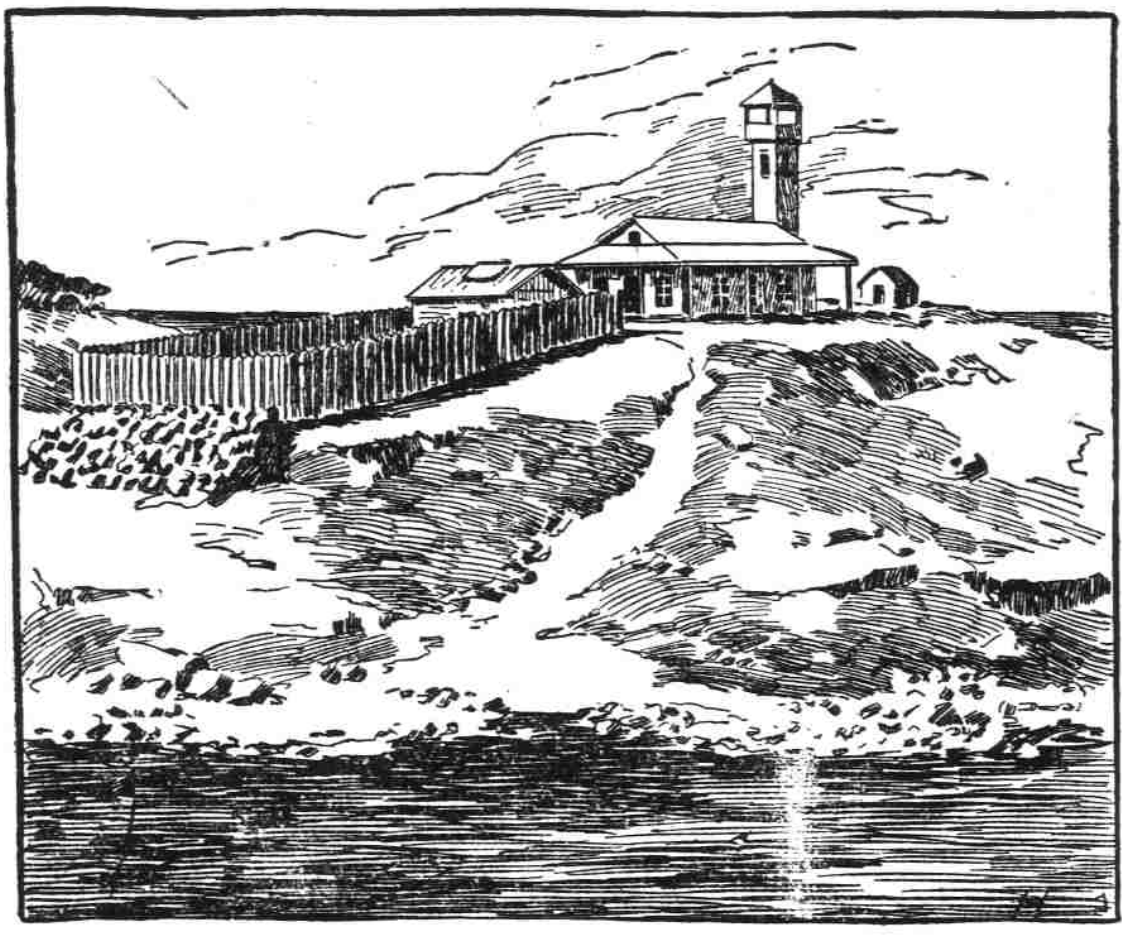
seen the cliffs and the low lands and the protecting guard of reef. Others have witnessed the sea fowl and sea elephants that lined the coast when Captain Morrell first sighted it three-quarters of a century ago, and, as the result, it is only within a comparatively short time that its existence has been questioned.

It was only a short time ago that Captain Cobb, of one of the Pacific Mail steamers, reported that he had passed over the spot supposed to be occupied by Morrell Island, and had seen nothing of it or its reefs. Lieutenant Miller, of the United States flagship Omaha, could not find it, and Captain Cavarly, of the City of Pekin, could obtain no trace of the island, although he made a special effort to locate it while on his way from the Sandwich Islands to China.

Still later several inquisitive geographers who met at Honolulu chartered a vessel and went out to look for it, but, like all other recent investigators, they failed to find the land of which they were in search.

At present the officials of the Hydrographic Office will not commit themselves to an opinion as to whether the island ever existed or was simply another instance in which navigators have been mistaken by a mirage.

If the island was of the nature described by Captain Morrell, it was probably of volcanic origin and may recently have sunk beneath the waters of the ocean and completely disappeared, or it is also possible that the discoverer may have been mistaken in his latitude, in which case it is possible that he may have been some hundreds of miles to the northeast of the spot in which he imagined himself to be. If this theory is correct it is not impossible that he may have mistaken Bryce or Pearl Island or some one of the Midway Islands for the one that he described. While such a mistake would be scarcely possible to-day, with our more perfect instruments, the navigators of half a century ago made even greater errors.



THE SETTLEMENT ON MORRELL ISLAND SAID TO HAVE BEEN BUILT BY GRATEFUL SAILORS.

the Pacific were manned by small crews and carried aboard them the most imperfect of chronometers. In addition to this their investigations were most carelessly made. For instance, on many occasions they did not even stop when they came in the vicinity of land, but simply recorded, in the imperfectly kept log book, the fact that the vessel had sighted an island of such and such proportions and the latitude and longitude in which the skipper imagined that he was sailing at that time.

Another fact that has tended to make the Pacific chart more inaccurate than that of the Atlantic is that mirages more frequently appear in these waters. Captain Davenport, of the Hydrographic Office, does not hesitate to express his belief that many of the Pacific islands that are now charted will yet turn out to have been nothing more than mistakes of vision on the part of careless navigators. This seems to be the opinion of other prominent naval officials who also admit that it is possible that such mistakes might happen even to-day, as it is the custom of the Hydrographic Office to chart any island for the existence of which there is the smallest possibility of fact, and then to investigate the reliability of the report at the earliest possible moment.

The case of Morrell Island is somewhat different, as there is more reason to believe that at some time it existed in the Pacific. The island was discovered and reported by Captain Morrell, of the whaling schooner Tartar, more than seventy-five years ago, and since that time it has been regarded as one of the possessions of the United States.

According to the report of Captain Morrell the island was first sighted in 22 degrees 57 minutes north latitude, and 174 degrees 31 minutes east longitude. He described the island as being extremely flat except on the south coast, where a high rocky cliff faced the north bound vessels. At some points the land was so low that the water must have entirely covered it at high tide. Extending around it were reefs for about fifteen miles to the west and thirty miles in the southerly direction. The island itself was about four miles in circumference, and close to it on the east lay a smaller island, also surrounded by reefs.

Another story goes further and says that there was once a small settlement upon the island consisting of a church and three dwellings; the church was erected as a gift of Providence by a grateful crew of sailors who drifted to the island after floating for three days in an open boat.

OFTEN SIGHTED. Since that day the island has been reported more than once, and the descriptions have agreed well with the story told by Captain Morrell. Others have

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