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CARGO BLAZES IN HOLD OF MAUNA KEA

MAY HAVE TO SINK SHIP AT HER WHARF IN HILO

Two Hundred And Fifty Barrels of Lime Burning—Inter-Island Company Rushes The Steamer Kilauea, to Carry Passengers of Unlucky Vessel Back to Honolulu

(Wireless to the Star-Bulletin.)
HILO, Feb. 17.—Starting in the forehold of the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Kea, late last Saturday night, 250 barrels of lime are burning hotly this morning, and it may become necessary to sink the ship at her wharf here. The company, notified of the blaze, has ordered the Kilauea here to take the passengers of the unlucky ship back to Honolulu. No estimate of the amount of damage done to the Mauna Kea can be made until the fire has been extinguished.

A fire is burning in the hold of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation liner Mauna Kea now at Hilo, caused by the slacking of a large shipment of Hawaiian lime.

At eight o'clock this morning the situation remained unchanged according to a wireless message received by President and General Manager James A. Kennedy.

Between three and four hundred barrels of the lime loaded aboard the vessel at Honolulu caught fire late Sunday night and despite the efforts of the officers and crew, is said to have gained considerable headway.

The lime is stored in the forward hold of the Mauna Kea.

Orders were issued this morning for the dispatch of the steamer Kilauea for Hilo, the vessel sailing for the Hawaii port at noon today. The Kilauea will reach Hilo at an early hour tomorrow morning, and take all passengers booked for Honolulu in the Mauna Kea. The Kilauea should arrive here Tuesday afternoon in ample time for transshipment of passengers and mails to the Matson Navigation liner Lurline scheduled to sail for San Francisco at six o'clock tomorrow evening.

Details concerning the fire thus far received here are extremely meager. To cope with a lime fire on board a vessel is considered in shipping circles a most difficult operation. Water or steam is being used to fight the fire now smoldering below the hatches in the Inter-Island steamer.

It is the intention to flood the forward hold of the Mauna Kea with water sufficient to speedily slack all lime contained therein. To complete the work may require considerable time. The vessel is pronounced in no immediate danger, the trouble being confined entirely to the compartment holding the lime.

The Mauna Kea was to have returned to Honolulu early tomorrow morning, and prepare for sailing for regular ports of call on Maui and Hawaii at ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

SEIZE MORE OPIUM

The customs officials, under the personal supervision of Collector Stackable, this morning seized seventeen tins of opium, at the silent barber shop. At the time of going to press Collector Stackable and District Attorney Breckons were in consultation, but Breckons declined to make any statement for publication, declaring that he had none of the details of the case. Collector Stackable was also mute. It is reported that the drug was wrapped in Spanish newspapers and addressed to the Spanish consul. Efforts to find the consul were unavailing, and Breckons refused to answer any questions regarding this phase of the affair.

DRYDOCK SECTION PUMPED; BOTTOM HOLDS PERFECTLY

There is now no further doubt as to the success of the concrete bottom of the big Pearl Harbor drydock. Section No. 2, on which the pumps have been working for five days past, was practically emptied this morning, without a sign of the bottom's rising or breaking. This is assurance that the concrete mixture which was finally evolved after hundreds of experiments, has done the work, and that it hardened under water when laid by the Tremie sets. It is more than a year ago that the first section was partially pumped and it was found that the bottom was not holding, and that the concrete used was not the right mixture. For months the navy engineers and the drydock contractors worked on the problem, and today's showing vindicated the results of their work.

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PRESIDENT TAFT ASSURED MADERO OF FRIENDSHIP MAY BE NEXT PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN REPUBLIC



Senator de la Barra, who is the choice of the foreigners of Mexico City for the post now held by Madero, de la Barra was once before temporary president of the southern republic, pending the assumption of office by Madero, and acquitted himself well.

"PARAMOUNT DUTY TO RELIEVE SITUATION"

In Cable Message to Mexico White House Says That "Further Assurance of Patience And Good Will Are Not Necessary"—Two Thousand Marines Gathered at Philadelphia Prepared to Sail at Once For Guantanamo—Censorship Causing Additional Anxiety

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—In a formal cabled reply to the message from President Madero Mr. Taft today declared that it is not necessary again for the United States to reiterate its assurance of good-will to the present government of Mexico. The chief executive adds that he believes, in view of the present situation, coming as it does as a climax to nearly two years of constant disturbances, that "the paramount duty of both countries is to find some prompt relief to the situation."

The message says: "Fresh assurances of the friendship of this country for Mexico, must surely be unnecessary after two years of continuous proof of the patience and good will which the United States has for your country."

"In reciprocating the anxiety shown by your excellency's message to me, I feel it my duty to add, sincerely, and without reserve, that the course of events for the past two years, culminating as they have done, in the present dangerous situation, creates in this country, the most extreme pessimism, and the conviction that the present paramount duty of both countries is to find some prompt relief to the situation."

This message is taken to mean that the President will stand fast in his expressed determination not to permit intervention in Mexico, unless the situation of Americans should become far worse than at present reported.

Speaking of the need of intervention this morning Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate, declared that as yet there is nothing in the situation in the City of Mexico to warrant armed intervention. He added, however, that he believes that the war department has completed all preparations for sending a sufficient body of men to Mexico should developments warrant it.

Two thousand marines have been gathered at Philadelphia, and are now ready to be sent to Guantanamo should their presence there be found useful. More could be added if needed.

Much anxiety is being felt over the strict censorship that has been imposed by Federalists and Rebels at Mexico City. It is felt that the embassy is practically cut off from the world, and it is thought probable to be the case it will be some necessary to re-open communications instantly, at no matter what cost.

GIGANTIC COMBER SWEEPS ONE TO DEATH AND BADLY HURTS OTHERS

John Nascimento Drowned and His Brother Abel S. Nascimento Injured Together with Three Companions While Fishing on the Windward Side of Oahu Island—Two Monster Breakers Sixty Feet High Crash Upon Little Party—The Search for Body of Dead Man So Far Unavailing and Is Regarded as Hopeless by Those Who Know Locality

One life snuffed out in a moment and four persons more or less seriously injured, is the record of a gigantic comber that broke over Kamae point on the windward side of Oahu late Saturday night. John Nascimento, a limotype operator for the Star-Bulletin is dead, his brother Abel S. Nascimento, foreman of the Star-Bulletin composing room, is at the Queen's Hospital suffering with a compound fracture of the left leg and lacerations of the arms and body; and other members of the party are laid up with contusions and cuts from the knife-like coral.

Abel Nascimento, by far the most severely injured of the party of fishermen, may be months on his back, so serious are his injuries. At noon today he was reported at the hospital, as resting quietly, and the physicians are in hope that they will be able to care for the bones of his fractured leg soon, as the swelling is going down rapidly.

Vincent Travers, another member of the unfortunate party; and the brother of the dead man, Manuel Nascimento, started this morning to head the parties searching for the body. There is very little hope, however, that it will be recovered, as the sea at the point where it was lost, is a veritable cauldron, that boils about the base of the cliff continually, and nothing but a freak of the waves in tossing the body onto some ledge would bring it in reach of the searchers.

No arrangements have been made for funeral services over the lost John Nascimento. It is probable that the Lusitana society, of which organization he was a director, and the local branch of the typographical union will hold special services in his memory. Eleven in the Party.

The members of the party which left Honolulu Saturday afternoon were Abel S. Nascimento, foreman of the Star-Bulletin composing room, his brother, John S. Nascimento, a limotype operator, A. J. Cooper, limotype

operator, and two stenographers busy from 9 o'clock Sunday morning until 1 o'clock this morning Governor Frear today finished his general message to the legislature and placed it in the hands of the printers. While its character in detail will not be known until the document is placed before the lawmakers at noon on Wednesday, enough has been learned of the subject to warrant the hint that his communication will prove one of the most remarkable of its kind seen here in many years.

For the last two or three months this message has occupied the governor's attention during his spare moments since his return from the vacation trip to Midway Island it has been continually before him, while during the last week he has done virtually no other work or thought of anything but the message.

The result is a voluminous compendium, covering several hundred typewritten pages, with a survey of such breadth that practically every feature of activity in the islands, conceived, projected or historical has been mentioned.

Briefly, it is divided into fifteen different topics, such as administrative, financial, judicial, legislative, homesteading, etc., with a host of sub-topics.

One of the most important features, if any can really be called more important than another, is the appendix he attaches, which contains a digested tabulation of figures and data that will prove highly valuable for reference by the territorial solons.

MONGOLIA HELD "Insurgents" Start FOR FLORAL PARADE Two Lively Fights

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The Democrats realize their importance at this juncture, too, and this morning a caucus of the Bourbons was held in Democratic headquarters. While no definite statement of what the Democrats want can be made until tonight's or tomorrow's conferences are concluded, it is certain that the minority party will ask some far-reaching assignments before it will enter into any agreement to trade its voting strength to one of the other Republican factions. It is said that the Democratic senators will support Brown if the Bourbons are assured of the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, the public

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The Pacific Mail liner Mongolia from San Francisco with what is declared a record list of passengers, will be a carnival visitor at Honolulu.

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S. S. SONOMA WILL DOCK HERE TONIGHT

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METZGER OPENS SENATE; LYMAN THE HOUSE

Two men new to legislative halls of Hawaii will open proceedings in the senate and house next Wednesday morning along about twelve o'clock. They are Senator D. E. Metzger and representative Norman Lyman, both of Hawaii, and according to tradition



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