



COLLIER NERO MAY MAKE BUT ONE TRIP TO PEARL HARBOR

The United States naval collier Nero, an arrival for Pearl Harbor at eight o'clock this morning may make but one trip from Puget Sound with building material, is the prediction freely made in local shipping circles.

The complete destruction of the great drydock at the Pearl Harbor naval base, on Monday afternoon, to which point the thousands of tons of special sand in the Nero were consigned, is believed will determine the United States authorities in canceling the charter for future trips of the steamer as was first contemplated.

Captain W. J. Kelton, commander of the Nero, was a mighty surprised navigator when informed for the first time this morning of the disaster to the big drydock. While the naval collier is equipped with wireless telegraph, but little information from the outside world was received by the operators during the thirteen days steaming from Seattle, Wash.

The report that the drydock was rendered useless through the giving away of the cemented bottom, proved a decided shock to the official staff in the Nero. When the vessel left Seattle, for the Hawaiian Islands it was currently reported that the Nero would be employed for some months in the transfer of thirty or more thousand tons of fine sand, to be used in the construction of cement for the Pearl Harbor drydock.

The Nero arrived off the harbor this morning, remaining for sufficient time to take on Captain Nelson, now special pilot for Pearl Harbor, and also to permit Dr. Trotter and the federal quarantine staff to grant the vessel pratique.

Captain Kelton reports fair weather on the trip. The Nero is no longer classed as a fast steamer. The best that she can do under ordinary conditions is between nine and ten knots per hour.

The Nero once sailed the seas under the British colors. At that time she was known as the Whitgift, and has been operated, since 1895, when she left the yards of Thompson & Co. at Sunderland, Eng.

This is said to be the first visit of the collier at the port of Honolulu. Ten officers and a crew of thirty accompany the naval vessel.

The Nero brought 2350 cubic yards of sand. The vessel is to berth at the new wharf at Pearl Harbor where the cargo will be discharged, there to await further disposition by the local naval authorities.

Three employees of the navy department, to take up work at Pearl Harbor, arrived in the Nero.

Captain Kelton expects to learn through cables regarding future trips of the vessel. To complete the shipment of sand now contracted for, at the sound, would require about six round trip voyages of the collier.

MATSON BOAT MEETS WAR JUNK

The venerable and now famous Chinese war junk Ningpo, en route from Shanghai to Los Angeles, was spoken by Captain Fred Bennett, master of the Matson Navigation steamer Honolulu, on Monday, Feb. 18, in latitude 34 deg. 56 min.; longitude 121 deg. 15 min., according to a dispatch received from Captain Fred Bennett.

Not expecting any such craft still to be riding the seas, even the skipper was taken off his feet, or off the bridge, when the weird-looking fighting ship of dead dynasties showed up on the horizon, its gaudily colored sides and high poop reflecting the sun and its queer-looking sails reefed close to the wind, giving her a rakish cut in the water.

Captain Bennett applied his marine glasses and made out that the boat was the Ning-po, a famous old war junk, which left China 137 days ago for San Pedro.

The steamer Kilauea from Hilo, sailing from the Hawaii port before five o'clock yesterday morning is reported to have made a fast passage to Honolulu. The vessel reached her home port at six-thirty last evening.

MAUNA KEA FIRE EXTINGUISHED

While three hundred and eighty barrels of Hawaiian lime in the forward hold of the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Kea were completely destroyed, the fire that has been present in that compartment of the vessel since Sunday night, was completely extinguished late yesterday afternoon.

A wireless message received this morning announces that the pumping out of the forward compartment of the Mauna Kea is proceeding without delay. The vessel is to sail for Honolulu at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon, arriving here early Friday morning with large delegation of visitors to the Floral Parade and Carnival, gathered from all parts of Hawaii and Maui.

The Mauna Kea is to take passengers from Hilo and Lahaina. The vessel is to operate as a special steamer in this instance, and in bringing the limo to Honolulu at this time is expected to greatly relieve a congestion of traffic that otherwise would have to be cared for by the steamer Kilauea.

Gas and steam are said to have proved effective methods for combating with the fire in the store of lime. The combustion was kept confined to the forward hold, the hatch banded down and quantities of gas pumped in to the compartment. When the cover was removed, the flame appeared, a deluge of water is said to have put the finishing touches to the fire. All that remains is the removal of the lime water from the hold of the vessel, which is but a matter of a few hours.

The prediction was made at the headquarters of the Inter-Island company today that the Mauna Kea would sail on her regular trip to Hawaii ports Saturday evening, the vessel departing for the Big Island at eleven o'clock at night, and at an hour following the close of carnival festivities.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED

Per str. Kilauea, from Hilo, Feb. 18.—J. L. Cookburn, Miss Napaleon, B. F. Dillingham and wife, Mrs. M. M. Graham, Mrs. Schriver and 2 children, A. O. Bernut, N. S. Bayre, H. O. Woods, L. E. Connors, Geo. C. Howitt, E. A. Elberlock, Miss M. E. Avirill, E. Thompson and wife, J. S. Smith and wife, A. Curry and wife, Mrs. L. C. Gates, Miss E. McMillan, Miss E. L. McMillan, M. E. Church and wife, E. P. Marshall and wife, Miss Colton, Miss Folsom, D. H. Glade, H. Glade, Mrs. Blomeyer, Miss M. Gabbinker, Miss L. Gabbinker, C. O. Stedman, Miss Ackerson, Miss L. Crawford, Mr. Kemp and wife, C. Bot, J. M. Camara, T. E. Vaughan, J. Bryant, Mr. Glass, Geo. Wan Hoy, Rev. K. Shimya, John Herring, John Hordley, Miss Spalding, Miss Fox, Mrs. F. E. Fisher, Mrs. Ah Hips, Mrs. C. Cash, Mrs. L. Schmidt, Miss W. Weight, M. J. Adams, Mrs. A. W. Richardson, Miss Kehoe, D. E. Ombrio, J. Ombrio, J. C. Potter, Geo. Mandon, John Kaai, Miss J. Kaye, John T. Baker, F. Brughell, T. McKee.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED

Per M. N. S. S. Lurline, for San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Mrs. S. B. Scott, John H. Wilson, E. H. Leach, C. W. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark, O. Traphagen, C. H. Phelps, Mr. Scott, R. O. Saffer, L. D. Clauson, T. W. Randolph, Mrs. A. P. Taylor, Miss Rose Davison, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. English, Miss Gulltaker, Miss L. Gulltaker, A. Tullett, Mrs. B. Moran, Miss L. Croft, J. G. Schaefer, F. G. Irvine, W. Nuttall, W. R. Litt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schaefer, Mrs. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Show, Wm. M. O'Brien.

HILO TRACTION COMPANY FILES PAPERS SOLONS ELECT THEIR LEADERS

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The incorporation papers of the Hilo Traction Company, Ltd., a company organized to equip the city of Hilo with a street car system, were filed this morning at the office of the territorial treasury. The capital stock of \$2,000,000, of which \$50,000 has been paid in, is divided into 200 shares of \$100 each. The stock subscribers of the company are:

H. V. Patten, 1000 shares.
Carl S. Carlsmith, 5 shares.
Leland S. Connors, 115 shares.
W. H. Johnson, 125 shares.
C. E. Wright, 1 share.
Delbert E. Metzger, 269 shares.

HARBOR NOTES

The next mail for the mainland will be dispatched in the Oceanic liner Ventura, to depart for San Francisco on or about five o'clock Friday evening.

Some lively work was done in discharging cargo from the Kilauea in order that the vessel might sail for Hilo and the way ports on regular schedule this morning.

The Hilonian of the Matson Navigation line will leave cargo at Hilo, Ka'ahulu, Kaanapali and Port Allen before returning to Honolulu, to complete loading for the coast.

To discharge a quantity of cargo at Hilo, the Matson Navigation steamer Wilhelmia will sail for the big island this evening returning to Honolulu at an early hour Saturday morning.

A dozen mates, formerly with the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, are said to have made application for reinstatement in the service, following upon the failure of the strike of masters and mates, and the departure of some of its instigators and leaders.

The swan song of the late masters' and mates' strike was sung with the painful fare taking of Captain A. Tullett, former skipper in the Inter-Island steamer Mikanaha, who sailed in the Lurline for the coast last evening. Tullett will take up life as a fruit rancher on the mainland.

FIGHT ON SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Two names were placed before the senate for sergeant-at-arms, Kaleloha and Manu'ula and the vote resulted in a tie, seven to seven. Another vote was ordered. Again it was a tie and on the motion of Senator Rice the election of a sergeant-at-arms was passed for time.

John Noble and Arnold Richardson were named as messengers. Noble was elected by the old vote of eight to six. Apukuhau was elected janitor, getting eight votes.

Senator Metzger then moved to take up again the position of sergeant-at-arms, and his motion carried, and another ballot was ordered. Kaleloha won this time amid the laughter of those present, by eight to six and took the oath of office, which ended the balloting on officers, save those passed.

Senator Coke moved the notification of the governor and the lower house that the senate was organized for, and the question of rules came up. Judd moved that the temporary rules be made permanent. Senator Iaukea moved that the question of rules go over to the rules committee. Brown declared that some rules should be adopted at once. Wirtz declared that the talk was out of order.

Metzger, Balowin and Coke were named a committee of three to wait upon the governor and house. Just as the committee was named the house committee came to notify the senate that the lower house had beaten the upper in organizing.

There was the usual ceremony observed at the reception of the governor's message, the newly-appointed sergeant-at-arms, sole triumph of the Bourbons in the morning's skirmishing, announcing the arrival of Secretary Mett-Smith and the governor's private secretary, George D. Clark, bearing the four score and more typed pages. On motion of Senator Rice the first and last paragraphs were read by Clerk Wise, and the message was ordered printed.

An invitation to the senators to be present on the grand stand when the military parade of Washington's birthday goes by, was received and accepted with thanks. The senate then adjourned at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

During the recess the Republicans held a caucus to line up the committee meeting at the office of Senator Brown. Albert Judd was named as chairman of the judiciary committee and Charles Rice as chairman of the committee on ways and means.

BARTHOLOMEW UNDER PROBE

I. Bartholomew, driver of an automobile that collided with Miss Maria Chapman, and resulted in the death of the aged woman, was an important witness before a jury of six men, called by Coroner Charles Rose.

That body had not completed its deliberations and inquiry yesterday afternoon, and it was the intention to visit the scene of the tragedy today.

Bartholomew gave a clear and concise statement of events that led up to his traversing Nuuanu avenue on Saturday evening at the time his machine ran into the woman, then crossing the street.

In addition to Bartholomew, Dr. F. Hedemann, Albert Afong, Miss Young, J. Alexander and William Williamson were called to tell the jury what they knew concerning the fatality.

Albert Afong, near whose premises the accident and death occurred, stated that he heard the honking of the Bartholomew car. He told of going outside the house to the sidewalk, when at that time Rapid Transit men were removing Miss Chapman from under the automobile.

Alexander, foreman of the Rapid Transit car, gave important testimony as to the position of the street car and its relation to the auto. Bartholomew declared that as a nurse and masseur, he had just left the home of a patient on Vineyard street, and was proceeding to Pacific Heights where he had another call for professional services. In rounding the corner into Nuuanu street, he saw the approaching street car, and about the same time the woman attempting to cross the street. He states that he slowed down, applied his brakes, and was going a less than ten miles an hour when within twenty-five feet of the woman. In his opinion the woman did not hear his constant honking of his horn.

Dr. Hedemann advanced the important fact that a second machine was proceeding down Nuuanu avenue at the time of the accident, and he was under the impression that Mrs. Chapman may have kept watch over the movements of this machine rather than the auto driven by Bartholomew, who declares that despite all the noise that he made with his horn, the woman continued to look the other way.

F. H. Segelken and G. Segelken, both of Bremen, Germany, have sold to Waterhouse Investment Company, Ltd., a piece of land on Nuuanu street, containing about 1689 square feet, for \$5000. The deed was executed at the United States consulate general, Bremen.

Man has his price, woman her figure—and both of them are uncertain.

REPRESENTATIVES GET TO WORK WITH A RUSH

The territory's seventh house of representatives jumped into being and went at its business with a vengeance this morning. When the noon recess was finally announced at 12:30 o'clock, thirty-two bills and six resolutions had been introduced, the former had passed first reading by title and been referred to the committee on printing. Recess was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon, when the session was resumed and a large number of other bills, not already introduced, were expected to make their appearance.

The eagerness of the representatives to get into action shown in this substantial manner, was by all odds the leading feature of the opening session. In the ordinary course of events, with the rules of procedure in force, this would not have happened, and they might not have got down to business before the afternoon or tomorrow.

Speaker Holstein, whose election, by the way, was conspicuous largely by the absence of any inner partisan strife and brought out the solid Republican vote, opened up the way for the rapid-fire legislative action. He suspended the rules to admit the immediate introduction of an appropriation bill by Representative Norman Watkins, proposing to set aside \$26,000 from the territorial funds for the expenses of the present legislature.

Before the suspension of rules could be made by the Speaker, Representative D. M. Kupihea jumped to his feet and presented another bill. There was some opposition to this but the Speaker was reminded that the rules were still in abeyance and that there was no regular order of business in force. Then, for the next hour and a half the solons literally scrambled for a chance to get their pet measures on the files.

The Bills Poured In.

Among the more important of these were the following:

A workmen's compensation act, by James K. Lota, of the Fifth district.

A joint resolution, by Rufus P. Spaulding, of the Sixth district, to provide for equal suffrage.

An act, by F. J. Goodness, to provide for a public utilities commission.

An act, by Norman Lyman, to provide for the nomination of candidates for elective offices by direct vote—a direct primary bill.

A labor wage bill, by D. M. Kupihea.

A banana claims act, by Clarence Cooke.

As already stated, the organization of the house and the election of H. L. Holstein to his fourth consecutive term as speaker of that body, passed without unusual incident. Pre-legislature rumors of defection from the ranks of the Republicans were proved groundless and the appointments and choice plums meted out at the party's caucus yesterday and last night were distributed without alteration.

Pick Out a Chaplain.

The question of house chaplain was decided before the lawmakers organized this morning, and the selection of Rev. Akaka Akana, a young Hawaiian clergyman who graduated from the Hartford Theological Seminary in 1911, for that position proved satisfactory to all.

The spectators who witnessed the assembling of the lower house numbered several hundred, packing the gallery and extending well out into the hall, where extra seating arrangements had been made in anticipation of the crush.

Norman K. Lyman of East Hawaii, as temporary chairman, called on the members of the house of representatives to rise as the strains of "Hawaii's Home" were wafted through the windows from the band outside. As the music ceased he called the meeting to order and calling upon the Rev. Akaka Akana, the opening prayer of the session was delivered, the solons and audience remaining standing.

The temporary chairman tapped his gavel, calling the session to order at five minutes before the hour of 10 o'clock.

After prayer, the chairman, with no dissenting voice, selected as temporary officers of the house: Edward Woodward, clerk; Harbottle Hakuole, temporary interpreter.

Hakuole then addressed the house briefly in the Hawaiian tongue, translating the preceding already translated. The chair named the following as committee on credentials, which immediately retired: Norman Watkins, Archer Irwin and H. L. Kawoohi. Adjournment was taken, awaiting their report.

In less than 15 minutes the committee reported, finding all thirty representatives properly qualified, and this was unanimously adopted.

The same committee, on motion of L. L. Kawewehi, was appointed to call on the chief justice of the supreme court, whose duty it is to deliver the oath of office to the members, both new and old. Adjournment was taken until the arrival of Justice A. G. M. Robertson.

Only one member, A. F. Tavares, of Maui, was absent when the lower house convened today. He should have arrived last night on the Kilauea, but that vessel, carrying a capacity crowd from Hilo and hurrying here to catch the Lurline for the Coast, did not make the expected stop at Lahaina. For this reason both Representative Tavares and Senator-elect H. B. Penhalow failed to be present at today's session, and must be sworn in tomorrow. They are expected in tonight or Thursday morning on the Clarendon.

Escorted by the committee, the chief justice appeared at 10:30 a. m. and delivered the oath of office to the legislators in a body.

Representative Holstein then moved that the rules of procedure in vogue at the last legislature be followed in the business of organization. This was adopted unanimously. Wm. J. Sheldon placed in nomination H. L. Holstein, J. M. Poepeo of Oahu, representing the Democratic minority, nominated Dr. Archer Irwin of East Hawaii.

On Motion of Geo. P. Cooke, nominations were declared closed. Norman Watkins moved to facilitate matters by voting by roll call. This encountered strenuous opposition from D. Kupihea, Democrat from Oahu, and Watkins withdrew it, the secret ballot being resorted to.

The result was Holstein 17, Dr. Irwin 12. This was a straight party vote, apparently, and had Tavares been present, Holstein's majority probably would have been 18, the full Republican strength.

Dr. Irwin and J. H. Coney were appointed as a committee to escort Holstein to the chair. On taking his place on the dais, the permanent speaker said:

"As your speaker I shall endeavor to preside with fairness to all. I urge that you be prompt in attendance and energetic in your duties. In this house the voice of the majority of the people shall be heard and I shall endeavor to do my full duty in sharing your responsibility in the great work we have before us."

A resolution by Wm. J. Sheldon of the Fifth district, that the rules of the house of the last session be adopted to govern procedure and that they be properly printed was read by the clerk. It was adopted against the protest of H. L. Kawewehi.

J. H. Coney of Kauai was nominated for vice speaker and there being no other name presented, he was elected by acclamation.

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By motion the speaker was instructed to cast unanimous ballot for Edward Woodward for speaker.

A resolution by Norman Watkins favoring the appointment of the other house officers selected by the Republican caucus, and including the Rev. Akaka Akana as house chaplain was adopted without a dissenting voice. After R. R. Parsons' motion to table it was lost. The house officers were then sworn in by the speaker.

Norman Watkins' resolution to appoint a committee to notify the senate and the governor that the house was organized and ready for business was passed, and the speaker named Watkins, de Silva and Poepeo to perform this duty.

The permanent officers of the house, as selected were: Robert Parker Woodward, speaker; Harbottle Hakuole, temporary interpreter; D. M. Kupihea, messenger; Levi Mahali, janitor, and Rev. A. Akana, chaplain. Recess was taken for fifteen minutes.

The senate committee then appeared and notified the speaker that the upper house was organized and ready for business. A further recess was taken, awaiting the report of the committee sent to the senate and the governor.

That body reported at 11:15. The speaker announced a number of communications, but their reading was postponed on the appearance of the governor's secretary, Geo. Clark, with the chief executive's message.

On notice the clerk then read the first and final paragraphs of that document, and it was ordered printed in pamphlet form.

The communications were then read:

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