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## STORM RAVAGES WEST; MANY DEAD!

### BIG FIRE SWEEPS OLAA

Fifty-thousand Dollar Loss in Hot Blaze Yesterday Afternoon

STORE, WAREHOUSE AND STATION ARE DESTROYED

Direction of Wind Saves Village — Manager Hollinger Has Narrow Escape

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless)  
HILO, Hawaii, March 24.—A fierce, blinding fire at Oloo yesterday afternoon, the second of two disastrous conflagrations on this island within a few weeks, wiped out the Oloo store, the big warehouse and the railroad station.

The entire group of buildings was burned in thirty minutes, the fire burning with a fierceness that defied efforts to control it.

The origin of the blaze is unknown, though there are various rumors afloat.

The railroad tracks between the buildings were warped by the heat, which was intense for a distance around the burning buildings.

Only the direction of the wind saved the village, which would have been in the path of the flames had the breeze been blowing the other way.

A call for help was sent to Hilo when the seriousness of the fire was seen, and the fire truck from the town answered the call and did good work after it got on the ground, though most of the damage had then been done.

Manager Charles E. Hollinger had a narrow escape from being trapped by the flames while he was trying to save the books and cash from the safe. He saved the valuables at great personal risk.

A temporary grocery store is being opened in the theater today to supply the camp's needs.

The fire that destroyed Pahoa mill was only a few weeks ago.

Local officials of the Oloo Sugar Company today received wireless messages confirming the above news. At the office of the Oloo Sugar Company it was stated that a wireless message had been received with a report of the fire but announcing no details. Mr. A. W. T. Bottomley said at noon today that he had heard the news by wireless, the dispatch indicating that there had been a complete loss on the three buildings named. He estimated that if such were the case the loss would be approximately \$50,000 or \$60,000. Up to noon no report of the fire had been received by E. F. Dillingham & Co., from the Hilo railroad people. Mr. Harold Dillingham was informed by the Star-Bulletin of the fire.

### RUMOR FIGHT ON HAWAII MEASURE

A report among influential house members this morning hinted that senate bill 78, providing for the investigation of the Hawaii county financial scandal would encounter a snag in the lower branch. The measure, passed by the senate, came up for third reading this morning and the rumor of opposition seemed borne out by the possibly significant fact that action was deferred. It is now set for discussion and an attempt at passage next Wednesday.

When it was called on the order of the day this morning Representative Kawewehi arose and immediately moved to defer action. Another member followed this closely with a motion to pass it on third reading. Stating that the motion to defer to a definite date was a privileged one, taking precedence over the other, Speaker Holstein at the same time took occasion to remark that if it was to come up for passage today he would exercise his right to surrender his position to a substitute and take his place on the floor to engage in the argument.

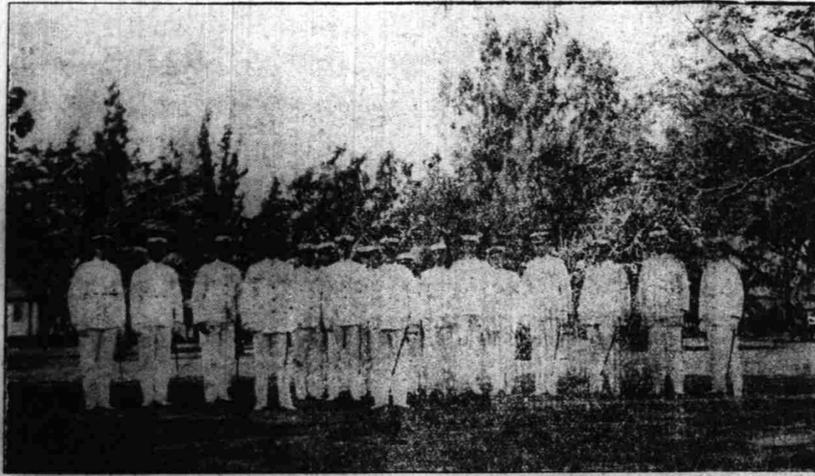
This proved unnecessary, however, as the motion to defer carried easily.

### SAFES

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### GUNS THUNDER SALUTE AS NEW COMMANDANT COMES TO NAVAL STATION



Admirals Cowles (No. 1) and Moore (No. 2) and the officers of the naval station and marine barracks, photographed this morning at naval station ceremonies.

### FLAGS DOWN AND UP FOR TWO ADMIRALS

Cowles Leaves to Take Fleet Command and Moore Is Now in Charge

With a salute of thirteen guns in honor of the departing commandant, as the blue two-starred flag of Rear Admiral Walter C. Cowles came fluttering down the tail staff, and a similar salute to the flag of Rear Admiral Charles R. T. Moore, as it reached the truck, the naval command of Hawaii was formally and officially transferred this morning.

The sun broke out with the flag, and the leaden clouds, which had threatened a downpour right up to the moment of the ceremony, parted to pour a flood of Hawaiian sunshine, not of the liquid variety, on the brilliant scene which took place on the lawn in front of the administration building. A score of officers in white dress and side arms, the full marine guard and band, in spotless khaki, looking every inch the part of "scolders and sailors too," the little knot of civilian employes of the station and a handful of prominent Honoluluans were gathered to welcome the coming and speed the parting commandant. The ceremony prescribed by navy regulations for the change of a flag went off without a hitch, and at 9:15 Admiral Moore found himself in control of the naval situation in Hawaii.

Of necessity more simplified than the transfer of command afloat, where the custom prevails of manning the barge of the retiring admiral with officers, who row him ashore, the change of flags this morning took only a few minutes, and was devoid of the pathos which attaches to the ceremony when one of the officers retires from active service. The last transfer of naval command seen here took place a trifle over a year ago, when Rear Admiral Thomas, about to be retired for age, turned over the Pacific fleet to Rear Admiral Southernland, and then sailed for the Coast on the West Virginia, to lay down the

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### GOVERNOR SIGNS COKE'S 'BOARD BILL' TODAY

Governor Frear this morning signed three more bills passed by the legislature. House bill 123, raising the salaries of the deputy sheriffs at Hana and Waialua, Maui, becomes Act 25 of the session laws of 1913.

Senator Jim Coke's "board bill," prohibiting the non-payment of bills to hotels and inns, known as senate bill 48, becomes Act 26, while S. B. 69, making intercourse with a female child under fifteen years of age a felony, punishable by three to ten years imprisonment, becomes Act 27.

### SUPREME COURT IN PALATIAL CHAMBER

The supreme court held its first session in its new chamber in the reconstructed Judiciary building this morning. It is by far the most stately hall in the city, and with its stained glass ceiling the most beautiful. Rather significantly—for people thinking of going to law—the dedicatory business consisted in taxing a bill of costs.

Papers have been received by the clerk of the circuit court praying that John M. Ain be made administrator of the estate of Hoapihi Kalakiki.

Summons to appear in court was issued today upon the defendant in the land case of E. H. Wodehouse vs. Nawela.



Admiral Moore's flag going up the pole as Admiral Cowles' flag comes down. Photo by Star-Bulletin staff photographer.

### HOLDS HARDESTY VIOLATED THE LAW

Attorney Milverton in Opinion Points Out Illegality of Supervisor's City Work

"In the demand based on the Chalmers job it appears that the city and county of Honolulu is charged the sum of \$5 for work claimed to have been performed by S. Hardesty, one of the supervisors of the city and county.

"In the demand based on the Wallace job an item of \$35 appears for work also claimed to have been done by Mr. Hardesty.

"The demands based upon the Chalmers and Wallace jobs show that there has been a direct violation of the law."—From the opinion of Deputy City and County Attorney Fred W. Milverton.

That Supervisor Samuel C. Hardesty has illegally participated in city contracting work is the declaration in an opinion given by Deputy City and County Attorney Milverton to the board of supervisors at a meeting at noon today.

Attorney Milverton's opinion upholds the stand taken by the Star-Bulletin, which brought to public attention last week the fact that Supervisor Hardesty was trying to get from the city money for work he had done on city jobs. Mr. Milverton's opinion affirms the contention of this paper that Hardesty's actions raised the question of violation of Act 52 of the session laws of 1911, and Mr. Milverton declares that the demands for compensation based upon the work in which Hardesty participated are illegal.

He holds "that there has been a direct violation of the law."

Moreover, the Milverton opinion goes considerably further. His

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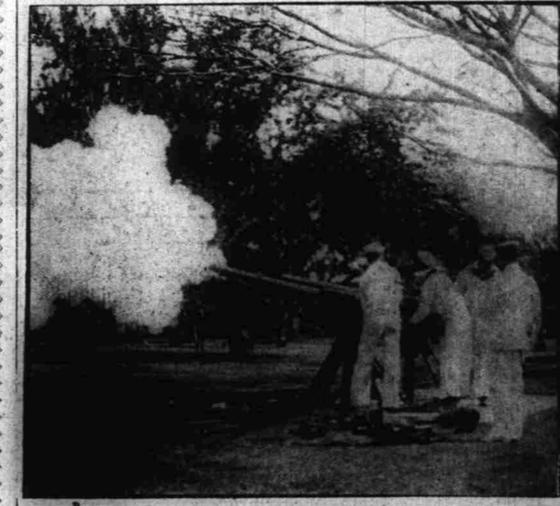
### WICKERSHAM POINTS TO BANKING AND CURRENCY REFORM AS VITAL

Discussing general conditions in the United States, Former Attorney General George W. Wickersham this morning, in an interview with a Star-Bulletin representative, stated that business is at the present time in a prosperous state.

"There is no doubt about the fact that we in America are much better off than the people of any other nation," Mr. Wickersham said, "the only two clouds upon the horizon of a period of wonderful prosperity are the present tariff agitation and the fact that we have outgrown our antiquated system of banking. Business is apt to be in a somewhat unsettled condition whenever there is a prospect of any change in the tariff schedule, and naturally so. As to the investigation which was taken up under Mr. Taft's

administration for the purpose of studying thoroughly our methods of banking and currency exchange, it is to my mind one of the most important reforms undertaken in our economic history. While it is perhaps true that the methods of the Pujo committee were not at all times above reproach, the fact remains that they succeeded in amassing a great deal of valuable information. Whether they were correct or not in their means of getting at this information, they have arrived at knowledge that will be the basis for banking reforms in the future. I have not yet made up my mind just what changes should be introduced to make our present banking system elastic and adequate; but I am posi-

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### TORNADO KILLS 140

Terrific Storm Sweeps Through Four States, Causing Immense Loss

240 INJURED, 1250 HOUSES ARE WRECKED

Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois Visited by Hurricane of Unprecedented Fury

(Associated Press Cable)

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—The worst tornado for many years in this state and one of the most destructive to life in the history of the west, broke over the section of the country near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Eight miles from Council Bluffs the tornado was at its height, the destruction to life and property being horrible.

With telephone and telegraph lines down all through the country where the tornado passed, little can be learned of the details. Already the death reports amount to 140 killed and 240 injured. Three hundred and fifty homes have been wrecked and 1250 more damaged, many of them almost beyond repair.

The tornado swept through Indiana and Illinois also, killing many in both states. The property loss has not been calculated but it will run into the millions. Farms and outbuildings of all kinds were blown up and hurled to pieces, some of them miles away.

Relief trains have been sent from nearby cities in the storm zone to relieve the suffering that has already resulted.

### OMAHA PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW AT ONCE

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—The extent of the disaster caused by the tornado is just beginning to be realized. With the path of the storm through this city cutting a swath of destruction six to eight blocks wide, with eleven churches, eight schools and two big roundhouses destroyed, the situation here is an appalling one.

The city is under martial law to organize the relief forces and prevent looting by marauders. Many of the best residences are among the houses destroyed.

Twenty fires were reported during the night and at the last report six big ones were still burning, with four under control.

Forty or fifty negroes were burned in a demolished pool hall that caught fire.

The passage of the storm through the city in a path several miles wide cut the city off from both wire and rail communication with the outside world.

The property loss, it is believed, will amount to \$2,000,000.

The president, the Red Cross and many cities have offered assistance.

### NEBRASKA TOWN WRECKED.

YUTAN, Neb., March 24.—This city was struck by the tornado and ten killed, possibly more, and many injured.

### MISSOURI SUFFERS.

FLAGSPRING, Mo., March 24.—This village was practically destroyed by the tornado. Three people were killed.

### TERRA HAUTE STRUCK.

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—In Vigo county, Indiana, fifty are known to be dead. The extent of the disaster is unknown.

### OTHER SECTIONS HIT.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, March 24.—Fifteen are known to be dead in the country near here, and the deaths may possibly reach a score.

Council Bluffs escaped the worst of the tornado, though the wind blew a hurricane and much damage was done. It was in the surrounding country that the full force of the awful gale was felt.

### MEXICAN REBELS ATTACKING CANANEA

(Associated Press Cable)  
NACO, Mexico, March 24.—Mexican rebels have attacked Cananea, only to be met with a stubborn defense, fighting on intermittently.

### CHARTER BODY PROVIDED IN SENATE BILL

Judd Introduces Measure by Request—Authorizes Election of 15 Commissioners

Senator Judd introduced in the senate this morning a bill providing for the election of a commission to prepare a city charter for Honolulu.

He stated in introducing it that he did so at the request of City Treasurer C. J. McCarthy and John C. Lane, members of the committee recently appointed at the massmeeting at Ala Park, called for the purpose of considering the need of a charter.

The act provides that within sixty days after its passage, a special election shall be called at which fifteen electors are proposed to be selected to compose a commission. This commission will draft the proposed charter, submit it to the people, and if approved will be transmitted to the secretary of the territory, who in turn will submit it to the legislature in 1915. In event the proposed charter is not approved by the people, a second commission may be elected, and its drafted charter acted on, and so on until one is finally found satisfactory.

The following is the copy of the bill in full:

"Sec. 1. Within sixty days after the passage of this act the mayor of the city and County of Honolulu shall, by proclamation, call a special election of city and county officials within the Territory of Hawaii, at which special election the qualified electors of the City and County of Honolulu shall elect fifteen taxpayers who are qualified electors within the limits thereof, who shall constitute a charter convention, to frame a charter for the said city and county in harmony with this act.

"Sec. 2. Immediately upon the completion of the labors of said charter convention, the charter so framed with a prefatory synopsis, shall be signed by the officers and members of the convention and delivered to the clerk of said city and county, who

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### ELIOT WON'T GO TO LONDON

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Surprise was caused in official circles here today when it became known that Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, has declined the ambassadorship to Great Britain.

### PRINCESS COLONNA ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

(Associated Press Cable)  
ROME, Italy, March 24.—The Princess Colonna, it was learned today, has attempted to commit suicide.

### NEGRO FIGHTERS DRAW

(Associated Press Cable)  
BRISBANE, Australia, March 24.—Sam Langford, champion middleweight of the world, and Sam McVey today fought twenty rounds to a draw here.

### BUREAU CHIEF IS COMING TO VIEW DRYDOCK SITE

News has reached here through private channels that the Pearl Harbor drydock situation is to be considered on the ground by a high officer of the navy department, Rear Admiral Homer Stanford, chief of the bureau of yards and docks. According to a cable message, Admiral Stanford, accompanied by Civil Engineer F. R. Harris, will arrive in Honolulu early next month.

It is known that the plan of Civil Engineer E. R. Gayler, in charge of Pearl Harbor construction, for building the dock of huge concrete blocks east on land, has been adopted by the bureau, so the coming of Admiral Stanford can not be to determine future construction methods. It is thought, therefore, that the officers are coming here as the nucleus of a board to re-adjust the compensation of the contractors for the work called for by the new plan.

A night shift is to be worked on the drydock site in the near future, to have everything in readiness to re-commence building when called upon.

### SHOTS TO FIRE

Ask your friends on the mainland to join with you in protesting to Congress against annihilation of the beet and cane sugar industries in the United States.

In sailing for the Coast tomorrow morning, the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria will carry a large mail.