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PECK BRINGS GOOD NEWS ON LEGISLATION

Banker and Rapid Transit President Home from Extended Stay in Washington

CURRENCY BILL WON'T HIT HAWAIIAN CHARTERS

Territory May Be Reserve Region—Franchise Extension Bill Expected to Pass at Coming Session

Definitely reassuring news for the national banks of Hawaii and just as good news for the patrons of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, was brought to Honolulu as an informal Christmas gift by L. Tenney Peck on Wednesday evening when he arrived by the Mongolia from a business trip to the mainland and a somewhat extended stay in Washington.

Mr. Peck, cashier of the First National Bank, brings the reassuring news that the Democratic currency legislation will not, as has been some what feared, force the national banks in Hawaii to give up their charters. This assurance comes from a strong and influential member of the senate committee on banking and currency, Senator O'Gorman of New York, as well as from the provisions of the new currency law itself.

Mr. Peck, president of the Rapid Transit company, brings the good news that there is every prospect that the Rapid Transit franchise extension bill will be passed at the coming regular session of Congress passed in the form as it passed the senate in the legislature and received the approval and commendation of Governor Pinkham and the Merchants Association and others who were active to secure a fair measure for all parties, including the corporation, the public and the territorial and municipal governments.

Discussing these two pieces of legislation this morning, Mr. Peck spoke of his visit to Washington as having been productive of satisfaction. He said that the prospect for the future of the Rapid Transit is in no way handicapped by the franchise bill, and has favored its provisions so far as he has been able to acquaint himself with them. Thus from the new territorial administration no spirit of opposition is foreseen.

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VISITORS TELL OF THE SUCCESS OF FORD IN TRIP TO AUSTRALASIA

A Wyatt, a newspaper man of Houston, Texas, who for a number of years was prominent in fourth estate circles in San Francisco and along the Pacific coast, is a passenger in the Mongolia, returning from a trip to the Southern continent, taken for the benefit of his health. Mrs. Wyatt accompanied her husband and it is possible that they may fall to embark in the Mongolia this evening and make an extended visit in Honolulu instead. The Wyatts have visited the islands previously and have hopes that a visit may prove beneficial to the invalid.

Mr. Wyatt is particularly interested in the copra industry and will visit with Judge Cooper this afternoon and discuss the Palmyra group and its possibilities for development along commercial lines. Should Judge Cooper interest the visitor he will invest in the proposition to develop Palmyra.

While in Adelaide Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt met Alexander Hume Ford and report that the local man is making considerable of an impression in the South, being well received by the press and commercial organizations. Mr. Wyatt predicts that the present trip of the editor of the Mid-Pacific Magazine will reflect much benefit to Hawaii.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 3.125 cents. Previous quotation, 3.15 cents. Beet: 88 analysis, 3s 10d. Parity, 3.84 cents. Previous question, 3s 11d.

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Governor and Secretary Confer

Mott-Smith Will Remain For a Time

SAYS PINKHAM NOT OPPOSED TO BONDS

Secretary of the Territory Ernest A. Mott-Smith is once more at his desk, attending to the duties of acting-governor of the territory. Having arrived Christmas eve by the liner Mongolia, bringing to an end a two months' vacation, which netted him 700 pounds in weight, Mr. Mott-Smith was at work in the executive building by 9 o'clock this morning.

At the request of Governor Pinkham, Mr. Mott-Smith will continue his duties as secretary of the territory until the new chief executive has had an opportunity to decide upon and have nominated and confirmed his successor in office. This agreement was reached in San Francisco, where Governor Pinkham and Mr. Mott-Smith conferred for 45 minutes before the latter's departure on the Mongolia for Honolulu.

During this conference, the secretary of the territory stated this morning, Governor Pinkham said that he did not wish to be obliged to name Mr. Mott-Smith's successor at once, but wished to be given ample time to decide upon a man.

"He did not say who he has in mind for the place," said the secretary, "or for any of the other positions in the cabinet." He said that he had prepared statements for publication upon his arrival here.

"He requested me to continue in office until he had an opportunity to select a man to take my place, and I told him I would be very glad to do so. I also told him I wished my successor to be nominated as soon after his arrival as possible.

Not Opposed to Bond Issue. "Though there were many persons in San Francisco anxious to see him, he gave me 45 minutes of his time. He arrived in the city at 9 o'clock and at 1 o'clock of the same day I called for Honolulu. During our conference he told me that he was not opposed to the bond issue. I wish to make his position in that matter plain now, Mr. Peck, when he went East, wished to do everything possible to get the issue floated. But he found that the present financial conditions in San Francisco were such that it would be wrong to construct the fact that Governor Pinkham is in no way handicapped by the franchise bill, and has favored its provisions so far as he has been able to acquaint himself with them. Thus from the new territorial administration no spirit of opposition is foreseen.

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"Of course my trip was mainly for rest, but after spending two weeks at Del Monte, playing golf and motoring, I went to Los Angeles, where my brother is the mechanical superintendent of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, one of the largest corporations of the kind in the west, having 1100 miles of street railways. I was very fortunate in being able to study a public utility corporation from a new angle.

"The officers of the company showed me every courtesy, allowing me to inspect the lines, the switches, the safety devices, the signal systems, and everything, in short, which interested me as a public utility commissioner. The book showing the reasons for the failures of different lines were also put at my disposal. And on my different inspection trips I was accompanied by engineers who explained the mechanical features and merits of devices of the company for the protection of life and property.

"And from this study led to the land operations of the company, how it buys and sells, and from this I got into the subject of Los Angeles' street, light and sewer systems, a gigantic subject which I have now represented by a half-trunk load of published reports and ordinances. Los Angeles has met its street problem in a way that is wonderful. The miles and miles of paved and lighted streets, running out even into the unpopulated districts is something to marvel at. It is the most remarkable city I have ever seen, remarkable in the way it has gone at the street problem, remarkable in its system of garbage and sewer disposal, and remarkable in not having a 'knocker' in town. I actually tried to find one, and failed. Even competing business firms, or competing agents refuse to knock. They understand they are all working together, and what brings success to one brings success to another. When a firm is about to fail the other firms get in and pull it through. A failure hurts the town, they say. A success helps it.

"Leaving Los Angeles, I went back to San Francisco, where I met Governor

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MEDEIROS DEAD!

Attorney-general Thayer this afternoon received the following message from Deputy Sheriff Charles Rose in San Francisco:

"Revell aboard Honolulu. Medeiros died yesterday. Leave Sierra. ROSE."

Walter Revell is coming back to answer charges of uttering worthless checks. Medeiros is a material and believed to be the principal witness in the Mrs. William Welsh case.

SUICIDAL WAVE SWEEPS CITY IN FESTIVE SEASON

Five Persons Make Unsuccessful Efforts to Leave This Old Vale of Tears

A suicidal wave swept over Honolulu during the season when the gay and festive Yuletide was supposed to prevail and the spirit of peace and good will be scattered.

A half dozen candidates for treatment at the Queen's hospital were brought to the attention of the police Wednesday afternoon and last night, each having attempted to stuff off by various methods, ranging from plain unadorned carbolic acid route to the bungling employment of a penknife.

As the speedy ambulance, manned by a company of police officers, attended each case, they were generally informed that the patient was a victim of too much liquor. Despite the several attempts to take life, no fatalities were reported this morning, the patients being in a fair way to recovery.

M. Gonzalez, from Liliha near Kalia street had a wound which had been treated, but a head wound when it was grabbed by a companion. Gonzalez was sent to the hospital for minor repairs.

When Jack Kilman, reputed to have been killed in a love affair in which a Porto Rican lady figured, declared that he was done with the human game, and would take a quick transfer to the land beyond, the vale of tears and disappointments. He found a bottle filled with a poisonous chemical and partook of a quantity of the mixture, when he began to show symptoms of its effect. The police patrol brought Kilman to the hospital at a late hour Christmas eve where, after an hour's work by the physicians, he was pronounced as well enough to leave the institution.

George Mus in a fit of rage, declared

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STEAMER KAUALI HOPELESS WRECK, SAYS REPORTS

The Inter-Island steamer Kauai, which slipped her anchor Wednesday afternoon and went ashore at Puukoa near Mahukona, Hawaii, is this morning declared to be a total loss, following the receipt of late reports from the scene of the wreck.

The steamer, built in 1887, at San Francisco, operated on the coast under the name of the Cosmopolis, and was brought to the islands about 1896, having been purchased by the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company before the merger with the Wilder Steamship Company, now the several fathoms of water and is almost entirely submerged.

In the dismantling of a small plantation mill, once conducted by John Hind, a large amount of material was being loaded into the Kauai for shipment to Mahukona. The vessel had been lying at anchor at the regular buoy, while a brisk trade was blowing from the northeast. It is stated that the wind suddenly shifted to a more southerly quarter, and the Kauai broke from her mooring. Before the vessel could be checked in her drifting towards shore, the steamer was hopelessly piled on the reef. The steamer Maui was standing by, and an attempt was made to get a line to the distressed steamer. Several cables were secured but the Kauai's position remained unchanged. At 6 o'clock Wednesday evening all hope for saving the steamer had been abandoned.

Captain William Mayne, who has been identified with the Inter-Island company for several years, was in command of the Kauai. With him were 25 officers and members of the crew. They succeeded in saving a considerable portion of the ship's stores and other valuables. Inquiry made at the general office

Australia Will Exhibit in 1915 Declares Sevier

Predicting that the several states in the Australian commonwealth will extend hearty cooperation in their representation at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915, O'Neill Sevier, a member of the Panama Exposition Commission, who has spent some time on the southern continent, is returning to the coast as a passenger in the Oceanic liner Sonoma.

Before departing from Australia, the commission headed by Hon. Alva Adams, former governor of Colorado, received positive assurance from Minister of External Affairs Glynn of Victoria that not only Victoria but New South Wales and Queensland might safely be counted upon to offer extensive exhibits. The commissioners who passed through Honolulu some months ago were received with much enthusiasm by the commercial and civic bodies at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane and other Australian cities.

"The idea of a suitable exhibit met with much favor with the business interests and general public," stated Mr. Sevier. "At the time I took my departure the general details had been left to be arranged by the several states in the commonwealth.

The states' officials are willing to stand up the shipment and installation of the exhibits as well as take charge of the work of installation at San Francisco. The question of assuming the financial burden was one that presented itself for solution but it is expected that this will be in a fair way of settlement before the close of the year. The matter had been brought to the attention of the premiers, who were to meet in annual conference shortly after January 1st.

The commission, of which Mr. Sevier was a member, guaranteed the positive opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco on February 20, 1915. Considering the vast amount of work to be accomplished by each country desiring representation, Commissioners Adams and Sevier urged haste in completing arrangements.

The appointment of a commissioner general representing the commonwealth of Australia who will visit San Francisco in ample time to dedicate an Australian pavilion site and superintend operations was under consideration at the time Mr. Sevier sailed for the United States.

High Sheriff Henry has possibly enlisted the support or at least the interest of Rev. Robert E. Smith in the movement to save Henry F. Ferguson, the slayer of Officer Abru, from the gallows.

Rev. Smith called at the territorial prison yesterday and spent some time in conversation with the young prisoner, who was first found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. Rev. Smith stated this morning that he did not wish to give an opinion at this time of whether Ferguson should be held responsible for his act.

"Until I have gone into the question further I will not feel at liberty to give an opinion," said Mr. Smith. "I shall certainly go into the case thoroughly."

While Mr. Smith refuses to give a positive statement on the point of Ferguson's mental competency, High Sheriff Henry declares without reservation that the prisoner was "railroaded through court," and that he is an irresponsible.

"Ever since he has been at the prison he has been in a sort of dream," said Sheriff Henry this morning. "I feel that it would be nothing short of a crime to hang this man."

The high sheriff made this statement today after leaving the office of Secretary Mott-Smith. He said that though he had taken up several matters of an official character with the secretary he had not made an appeal for Ferguson. With the arrival of Governor Pinkham he said he would present all the facts, with the opinion of experts to prove that Ferguson is such an incompetent as not to be responsible for his criminal acts.

A San Jose teacher has been appointed state superintendent of education for elementary schools in California, at a salary of \$4000 a year, the highest paid position given to a

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San Francisco Forced to Furnish Christmas Dinner for Army of Unemployed

Bureau Provides Food and Churches Are Opened to Shelter Thousands of Homeless—Mayor Guarantees Relief Until Supervisors Can Furnish Work

(Associated Press Cable)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.—San Francisco witnessed remarkable scenes yesterday, when the thousands of unemployed men now adrift in the city were given Christmas dinners through public and private charity.

The Cooperative Bureau of Employment, a semi-public institution, provided the dinners for all the unemployed to afford shelter for the homeless. Mayor Rolph issued a statement early in the day in which he offered to guarantee that everybody would be cared for until next Monday. Then the supervisors are expected to meet and pass appropriations for public work on which the needy men will be employed, or otherwise assure work for them.

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