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## LODZ FALLS WITH TERRIBLE LOSS

### HALF MILLION MEN OF TWO ARMIES SHATTERED IN DEADLY STRIFE

#### LONDON ADMITS TRIUMPH OF GERMANS IN WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE; WARSAW THREATENED

POSSESSION OF STRONGHOLD FOLLOWED BY MOVES TO ENTRENCH LINE AND HOLD IT ALL WINTER—ALLIES ENCOURAGED BY RECENT EVENTS ALONG WESTERN LINE, WHERE IT IS CLAIMED FRENCH ARTILLERY IS DOING SPLENDID WORK—OFFENSIVE MOVE AGAINST TEUTONS NOW GENERAL ALONG LINE

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, Dec. 7.—The fall of Lodz into the hands of the Germans marks the climax of two months of furious fighting.

A decisive German victory has been won in the greatest battle of the European war to date and perhaps the most terrible of all history.

The German losses approximate 200,000, while those of the Russians are probably more. The slaughter has been tremendous.

#### German Strategy Drove Deadly Wedge Deep Into Poland Soil

LONDON, England, Dec. 7.—By their victories in the fighting around Lodz, the Germans in their offensive operations again drove a wedge into Poland from their bases at Thorn and Kalisz.

Controlling all the railroads within this triangle, the German commanders poured the troops out toward the front in an unceasing stream, following with reinforcements whenever needed.

It is believed the Teutons intend to hold this wedge all winter behind elaborate entrenchments like those on the western front.

The possession of Lodz by the Germans again threatens Warsaw.

#### Berlin Official Account of Lodz Victory Says Austrian Assisted

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 7.—Official.—No especial reports are coming from the western theater of war.

In Northern Poland we have gained an important success in prolonged fighting around Lodz, defeating the strong Russian forces and capturing the city.

The Russian losses were very large. The Austrians blocked the Russian reinforcements from the south and prevented them from coming up while the battle was in progress. It is too early for further details as to losses, etc.

#### Paris Says Heavy Artillery Aid in Making Progress Against Teutons

PARIS, France, Dec. 7.—Official.—"Along the Yser canal we continue to attack the few entrenchments that the enemy still holds on the left bank.

"In Champagne our artillery shows a marked superiority over that of the enemy. There is nothing else noteworthy except that our offensive is of a generally superior character on the River Oise, the River Aisne and in the forest of Argonne.

#### Allies Now Take Offensive Along Practically Entire Western Line

PARIS, France, Dec. 7.—Military critics note that the offensive movements of the Allies on the western front now stretch across practically the entire line.

French official reports for the past fortnight have been uniformly asserting the superiority of the new heavy artillery wherever it has been brought into play.

Many German batteries have been destroyed by the accurate handling of the heavy French guns.

#### HONOLULU SERVICE GOLFERS AGAIN TRIM SCHOFIELD PLAYERS

The army and navy golfers of Honolulu took another team match from Schofield exponents of the game Sunday, the match being played at the Country Club. This is the second win for the town players, and in the third match to be played at Moanalua next week. It will be necessary for the Lohiua club swingers to take fourteen-out of seventeen matches to win. There is talk of a match between the service members of the Country Club against the regular members, in the near future.

#### ENGAGEMENT OF LIEUT. HALORAN IS ANNOUNCED

The engagement has just been announced of Lieut. George M. Haloran, of the 2nd Infantry, to Miss Letta Hunter of Alameda. Lieut. Haloran recently returned from a short leave spent in California, where a romance which began several years ago, when he was attending the school of musketry at Monterey, culminated in the engagement.

Miss Hunter is the daughter of the late James Hunter, a well known San Francisco merchant. The wedding will probably take place in California next June.

#### PERCY HUNTER TO TARRY AWHILE IN 'ISLES OF PEACE'

Australian Tourist Promoter Is Now in London; Expects to Reach Here Soon

HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE FIGHTING ZONE

Consorted Gifts From New South Wales to Red Cross Of the British Army

It is quite possible that Percy Hunter, the distinguished tourist promoter of Australia, will soon visit the islands and work with the outdoor tourist bureau of the Promotion Committee. He has just returned from the front in Belgium, and expects to sail the latter part of December for Honolulu.

Something over two months ago Hunter left London for northern France with an automobile and hospital corps as a gift from New South Wales to the British Army. He took this opportunity of going to the front and saw something of the fighting along the frontiers. His duties to the Australian government have compelled him to return to London to arrange for other assistance to the British Red Cross army, and it is very probable that he will soon be recalled to Australia, returning by way of Honolulu, with a short leave of absence which will be spent in the islands, working for the pleasure of the sport with those who are seeking to establish a modern up-to-date home tourist bureau.

In a letter just received by Alexander Hume Ford, Hunter says, "I don't quite know what my movements will be, but I may try to get the Makura about the end of the year, or I would come down through San Francisco and stop with you as long as I could. Mrs. Hunter and the boys, Bont and Pete, are mad to get to Honolulu. There is nothing I would like better than a spell at Honolulu, but I don't think I could do half the valuable work that you yourselves are doing. If I could get leave for a while, I should be delighted to come and work with you in quite an honorary capacity. However, we will talk of this when I get there.

"I agree with you about the Panama suggestion. Unless the tourist scheme can be done in an absolutely comprehensive way, it is better left alone, and the war for the present. I don't remember if I wrote to tell you of my experiences at the war with the Red Cross motor wagon, but if not, will tell you about them when I get to Honolulu. The war is going very well for us, but it is a big job. My brother Harry has joined the army, so I have two families to look after now. So long, old chap."

#### 'CLUB' SELLING BOOZE WITHOUT OBSERVING LAW

License Inspector Fennell's investigation of alleged law violation at the United Spanish War Veterans club resulted yesterday, he reported today, in establishing the fact that the club is selling liquor openly to non-members without a pretense of regulation.

Superintendent A. K. Harris of Kaikako mission visited the club's quarters yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. "I saw about 200 people there and it is certain the law is being winked at with both eyes," he said this morning. "No one stopped me or vouched for me as a member or guest when I went in and purchased a glass of beer. Furthermore, I saw young men there who certainly could not have been veterans of the Spanish-American war."

Inspector Fennell declares that complaints have reached him by war veterans who object to the way the "club" is being run.

Officials of the club have been cited to appear in Circuit Judge, Ashford's court this afternoon to answer to the petition for quo warranto filed against them by Attorney-General Stainback. They are to give reasons why the club charter should not be revoked. No hearing was to be had today, the court setting a date for that when the defendants make answer.

#### RAPID TRANSIT STANDS BY GUNS ON THE CHARTER

Reply to Governor, Decided Upon Today by the Directors, Disagrees With Pinkham

COMPANY'S ATTITUDE STRONGLY MAINTAINED

Completed Communication, a Lengthy One, May Be Delivered Late Today

Developments this morning in the Rapid Transit franchise issue brought up by the governor's refusal to urge on Congress approval of the franchise bill made it certain that the Rapid Transit Company will stand by its guns on the franchise bill.

The directors of the company held a meeting this morning at which thorough discussion was given to the governor's letter of last week and to a suitable reply. The draft of the reply was discussed and President Peck was instructed to forward the complete draft to the governor. This afternoon the reply is being completed and it is expected that it will be delivered to the governor late today or tomorrow morning.

None of those connected with the Rapid Transit Company feel themselves in a position to discuss the reply until it has been delivered to the governor. However, it may be stated authoritatively that the letter takes exception to the governor's attitude and that the company, as is naturally expected, has not assumed the deductions drawn by the governor from his statistical analysis of the Rapid Transit's financial affairs.

It is expected that the reply will answer in detail the governor's conclusions as to the "interest of the territory" in the Rapid Transit Company. It is also expected that a copy of the reply will be sent to Washington as an argument in favor of favorable congressional action on the long-pending franchise bill.

#### WISE PLANNING IMPROVEMENTS AT KAPIOLANI

Proposed Park Superintendent Has Ideas for Innovations of Practical Nature

John H. Wise, active candidate for the superintendency of Kapiolani park, is declared by his friends to be sure of landing in the vacancy that will be brought about by the plan to eliminate the Democratic holder of the position, Bertram Rivenburgh, and Wise is already planning park improvements.

"To my mind the entire park system—if you can call it a system—of Honolulu should be brought under one head and the several small parks greatly improved," said Wise this morning. "This could be done very easily and with practically no increase in expense to the city and county. The superintendency of Kapiolani park pays enough so that the holder of this position would not need more salary to look after all the parks. The labor is largely furnished by the prisoners. With all the parks in one actively operating system they would be much improved.

"Another feature that could be carried out would be the establishment of a Hawaiian village at Kapiolani park. This is entirely feasible and would cost little. It could be put on Maake Island—a fine place from every standpoint if the streams there were cleaned out and the present odorous atmosphere done away with. A Hawaiian village there, with women making leis for sale downtown, could be established on a practical plan. Much of the present let-making around Honolulu which isn't seen by the tourists could be carried on at this village, making an attractive and at the same time practical industry.

"A much-needed improvement is a change in the entrance to the bathhouse so that more privacy can be afforded the bathers.

"The park has fine opportunities for outdoor sports, if I become superintendent I would go right after the proposition of establishing a polo field out there and making the polo games a popular city feature. It is due the polo men in these islands who have spent money to establish a field out there and it is due the people of Honolulu."

#### JUDGE STUART HAD POWERFUL AID FOR BENCH

Senators From Colorado and Lindsay of Denver Backers With Administration

INDUCTED INTO OFFICE BY CHIEF JUSTICE TODAY

Rumor Has Judge Whitney to Be Replaced By a Loyal Bourbon Shortly

Judge Thomas B. Stuart, formerly of Denver, Colo., whose appointment last Saturday to succeed Judge William J. Robinson in the third division of the first circuit court was a huge surprise to the bench, bar and public generally of the territory, took the oath of office before Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson in chambers this morning and at once assumed the duties of his new position.

The ceremony was brief and unostentatious, a small but distinguished gathering being present in the chamber, though quite a crowd had collected in the courtroom, thinking it would be a more public affair. Those in the chamber besides the chief justice and his clerk were Circuit Judges C. W. Ashford and W. L. Whitney of the first circuit, and Judge W. S. Edging of the second circuit. Many Associates Justice R. P. Quarles, U. S. District Judge C. F. Clemons, Attorney Joseph Lightfoot and L. L. McCandless. Afterward Judge Stuart was escorted into the courtroom and introduced to a number of attorneys whom he had not yet met and to the attaches of the local circuit courts.

At 10 o'clock the new jurist inducted assumed his duties, opening court in his own chamber and at once adjourning until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. He announced that it likely will take a week to get affairs in order before beginning hearings, but that meantime he will be in court or in his office to advise and consult with attorneys concerning cases pending in that division.

Rumor Replaces Whitney. Much faith is placed today in a rumor which has gained general circulation to the effect that Judge William L. Whitney of the second division is to be replaced very shortly, possibly within the week or next ten days. The story does not carry definitely the name of his possible successor, though a number are being mentioned as possibilities. Around the judiciary building corridors that of Attorney Clem K. Quinn is mentioned prominently in this connection; while the sudden departure of Senator James L. Coke for the mainland on yesterday's transport is held by the rumorologists to be most significant. Judge Robinson was

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#### COMMISSION MAY NOT HAVE CHIEF CLERK AT FAIR

The much-discussed question of the chief clerkship for the Hawaii fair commission at San Francisco next year may be settled by the simple expedient of having no chief clerk at all. Such is the proposal of one of the members of the commission.

"There are four or five applications now before us and each of the applicants has his friends. However, I don't see the necessity of having this clerk," said this commissioner. "Chairman Wood will doubtless be named the resident commissioner and will spend 10 months in San Francisco next year. He will have a stenographer who should be able to attend to the duties of the clerk all right. Personally I feel that we will do well to economize in this direction."

#### A. J. McLEOD OF KIHAI PASSES AWAY FROM TUBERCULOSIS

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless] WAILUKU, Dec. 7.—A. J. McLeod, head luna for the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company for the Kihai division, passed away from the Kula sanitarium shortly after noon yesterday. He was carried from his home in Kihai to the sanitarium early yesterday morning, having collapsed about a week ago from tuberculosis of the lungs.

A church and Masonic funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Wailuku Union church.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS IDEAS FROM KINNEY

Put Ban on Collecting Funds For Any Purpose from Pupils During Working Hours

TEACHERS ALLOWED TO HAVE OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Other Suggestions of Superintendent Meet With Approval of the Commissioners

Before taking up the work of the biennial school budget for the next legislature the board of school commissioners this morning established several new rules suggested by Superintendent Henry W. Kinney. Perhaps the most interesting of the new rules is that promulgated by the superintendent several weeks ago, against the actual collection of money in the public school for charitable purposes. Superintendent Kinney cautioned the instructors against this custom some time ago, and placed the matter before the board today for its approval. The board endorsed the idea heartily, making it a fixed rule which shall hereafter apply at all times to all public schools in the territory.

"I believe that it may often be well to call the attention of the public school pupils to various causes which may need their support, financially or otherwise," said the superintendent to the board, "but I think that the actual collection of coin in the schools carries with it several features which make the practice on the whole undesirable."

Another idea suggested by Kinney and adopted by the commissioners was the rescission of the old rule prohibiting teachers from engaging in other gainful employment outside their school duties. Kinney says in his communication to the board, that this rule, adopted in 1907, has long been a dead letter as far as actual enforcement is concerned, and that if enforced strictly is capable of working a hardship in many instances. He suggests:

"If a teacher's outside occupations cause her school work to be unsatisfactory, the services of such a teacher can be dispensed with under other rules of the department, and if the outside employment does not interfere with the school work, there is no reason to ask that it be discontinued."

The board also adopted his recommendation for the establishment of a school at Waihi, Kohala, Hawaii, where there are 23 children of school age. The Parker ranch has offered to supply a school room.

High school teachers from the mainland will gain a point under another rule adopted today, which authorizes the recognition of their experience in schools outside the territory. Heretofore such experience has not been given weight in the islands, although it was recognized in the case of elementary school instructors.

The board took up the subject of school estimates, appointments, transfers, salaries and kindred matters this afternoon. All members except W. H. Smith of Hilo and Mrs. Theodore Richards of Honolulu were present. Mr. Smith is in the East, and Mrs. Richards, who has been on the mainland, is expected to return tomorrow morning and to be present at the following sessions.

#### W. W. ROCKHILL'S CONDITION CAUSE OF MUCH ANXIETY

That W. W. Rockhill, the noted American diplomat, is in a rather serious condition is the report today. Mr. Rockhill, on his way to China on the Chiyu Maru, was taken from the steamer here last Friday, suffering from a serious cold and put under the care of Dr. George Herbert. Inquiry of Dr. Herbert today brought the news that Mr. Rockhill's heart has been giving his physician much trouble and anxiety during the last few days. This morning his condition is anything but satisfactory.

#### STORM RAKES EAST COAST MUCH DAMAGE

Roaring Northeaster Drives Steamers Ashore and Piles Seas Along Coast Line

NEW HIGH-WATER MARK IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Unknown Warship Aground on Delaware Capes But Gets Off—Seabright Under Water

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The entire Atlantic coast from Maine to North Carolina is being swept by a roaring northeaster, the storm being so terrific that it is wreaking havoc widely among shipping caught in the mountainous seas.

The storm is central today off the Delaware capes and there are many reports of vessels in distress, the wind reaching 60 and 75 miles in speed. Many ships have been driven against some of them shattered by the seas. The battleship Kansas was reported aground yesterday but was released this morning that she is safe at anchor.

An unknown warship, perhaps a foreign vessel, with four stacks, was aground all night off the Delaware capes and whistled continuously for aid. The vessel succeeded in getting afloat today and put to sea unaided.

#### SEABRIGHT UNDER WATER

SEABRIGHT, N. J., Dec. 7.—As a result of the northeast gale that has been raging for hours, the streets of this town are under water, as well as the first stories of houses, vaults, banks and other business establishments. Two miles of the railroad has been washed out. The damage already reaches \$100,000. The tide is low and the damage is certain to be vastly greater when the flood tide comes on.

#### SAYS U. S. MUST PUT NAVY MONEY ON SUBMARINES

Representative Kahn of California Urges Appropriations By This Congress

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative Julius Kahn of California, ranking member of the house committee on naval affairs, made the formal statement in the house today that the building program to be adopted by this Congress should include appropriation for many submarine vessels.

#### SPECIAL BALL GAME IS ARRANGED FOR THURSDAY

A ball game has been arranged for Thursday afternoon next, between an All-Onu team with a big league battery, and a team picked from the National and American league stars. A number of the big leaguers are planning to visit the volcano, and therefore the regular game originally scheduled for Thursday will be played tomorrow, the game now planned for Thursday being in the nature of a filler-in to give local fans a chance to see local players in action against the baseball class of the country.

With a view to discussing at length the bill drawn up by Circuit Judge William L. Whitney, in which he outlines the needs of the juvenile court and the powers with which that organization should be invested, the social welfare and charitable workers of Honolulu will meet in a legislative conference in the Library of Hawaii at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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#### JAPANESE PARLIAMENT OPENED BY THE EMPEROR

(Special cable to the Nippon Jiji. TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 7.—Parliament today was opened by Emperor Yoshihito, who delivered his message before the assemblage.