

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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What makes life dreary is want of motive.  
George Eliot.

## WAR AND THE SUGAR EXPORTS.

War's drain on the world's sugar supply is vividly shown in the latest reports from the department of commerce. A bulletin issued on December 14 says that nearly a quarter billion pounds of domestic refined sugar have been exported from continental United States during the three months ending October 31, 1914, or more than 100 million in excess of the entire exports in 1910, the high-record year of the last quarter century. Sugar exports in August amounted to 38,956,305 pounds; in September, 52,290,773; and in October, 138,372,686, a total for the three months of 229,619,764 pounds, against 44 million in the fiscal year 1913, 125 million in 1910, and 10 million in 1903. During the fiscal years 1913 and 1914 practically all the exports of sugar were refined from equal to the duties paid on the raw sugar, less one per cent.

The unusually large exports of sugar in recent months lend interest to a compilation regarding sugar consumption in the United States made by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and published in the "Statistical Record of the Progress of the United States, 1800-1914" recently issued. In 25 years the sugar consumption of the country has almost trebled and has increased from 50.44 pounds per capita in 1889 to 86.85 pounds in 1914. In that period Cuba has increased its contributions to the domestic market from 1032 million to 4927 million pounds; and the non-contiguous territories of Hawaii, the Philippines, and Porto Rico have increased their shipments of sugar into continental United States from 511 million to 1873 million pounds; while Europe, the Dutch East Indies, and other foreign countries have increased their sales to this country from 1219 million pounds of sugar in 1889 to 2314 million in 1914. Meanwhile the domestic product has grown from 20 million pounds in 1889 to 97 million pounds in the year ended June 30, 1914, with a further growth to 230 million pounds in the three months ended with October.

The advance of the last few days in the price of sugar should be followed by other rises. No such sensational jump can be expected as occurred after the outbreak of the war, when Great Britain went into the market to buy six months' supply. But Britain will soon be needing more sugar. The war shows no signs of coming to a close and Britain's supply bought three months ago will be used up by May. Before that English buyers will undoubtedly be in the market. A strong rising trend of prices is reasonable.

## MERELY A QUESTION OF METHODS.

It is not the liquor interests which provide the \$350,000,000 internal revenue they talk about so much. It is the drinker and the drinker's family who pay. Abolish the liquor traffic and these same millions would still be in the country—in the banks, the savings institutions, and in the pockets of the people—available for government needs. There are better and quicker and wiser ways of collecting American money for the support of government than through the saloon-keepers, brewers and distillers. We can trust non-alcoholized brains to find these ways.

## ADMIRAL VON SPEE AND HIS SONS LOST.

The news from Montevideo yesterday that Admiral von Spee, commander of the German Pacific squadron, and his two sons went down with their ships in the naval battle off the Falkland islands emphasizes the utter annihilation that awaits the defeated in modern naval warfare. The Germans fought until their ships were disabled and disabling the modern warship virtually means sinking her.

Count Otto von Spee, son of the admiral, is known here. He was a lieutenant on the Nurnberg. The other son, Count Heinrich, was a shipman on the Scharnhorst.

Admiral von Spee was 53 years of age. His son in assembling the squadron from many parts of the Pacific and preparing it for the war against the English squadron of three is showing high-class ability. At the outbreak of the war the Scharnhorst and Gouleau were on the Asian coast, the Nurnberg on the North Pacific and the

Dresden on the South Pacific coast. Skillfully the squadron was brought together, doing such damage on the way as the disabling of the Fanning Island cable station by the Nurnberg and the bombardment of Papeete by the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau. After the British defeat off Coronel, Chile, a powerful Anglo-Japanese fleet was sent to hunt them down the South Pacific coast and an even more powerful British fleet hurried down the Atlantic to meet them off South America. The German squadron was caught off the Falklands before the vessels could disperse in the Atlantic.

## GERMANY'S SIDE.

The only nation that is absolutely united to its government is Germany. She knows, and it will be apparent to any thoughtful reader that all the nations around her want something of her—and have an interest in the struggle, and are willing to fight under all circumstances. Russia wants Constantinople and the weakening of the Austrian monarchy. England demands the reduction of Germany to a subordinate power; France, the re-establishment of her former dominating rule of Europe. Surely, no one would consider Germany so insane and absolutely bereft of common sense that she should have desired and permitted all these nations in whose way she has been to fall on her, thereby catering for her own destruction? Will it be believed that a nation which has been constantly striving for peace, the only one of all European nations that has not had war for forty-four years, has never expanded except peacefully, never acquired territory except by treaty, knowing that a combination of much stronger powers threatened her from all sides, would go wilfully and light-heartedly to fight nearly the whole world? And what had she to gain if she were victorious?—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, in the December number of The North American Review.

The "promotion meeting" of the Chamber of Commerce next month is a special occasion regularly provided—in other words, it is held under the express provisions of the chamber's by-laws which provide: "The meeting held on the third Wednesday in January shall be known as the Hawaii Promotion Committee meeting, and shall have as its special order of business the discussion of the past and future work of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, and the consideration and adoption of a budget for said committee for the ensuing year." The work to be done makes this meeting one of the most important of the year.

Lord Kitchener's interview with Irvin S. Cobb has been repudiated by somebody or other. It is not at all an unusual experience for reporters to have the authenticity of interviews denied by the interviewed. In some cases the men have been misquoted; in the vast majority of cases they regretted what they said after they saw it in cold print and hastened to lay the blame on the defenseless reporter.

What does the Hawaiian Engineering Association think of the plan to separate the water-works and sewer department from the engineering department, putting the former in charge of a man who is not technically equipped for the job?

A close search by the new supervisors may reveal some executive ability outside the ranks of the Republican party, but it's safe to say the new supervisors won't conduct a house-to-house hunt for it.

Mayor-elect Lane will be overlooking something if he does not include among the subjects of his inaugural message a statement on children's playgrounds.

Supervisory talent devoted to the construction of political fences might well be turned toward the building of a new city hall.

Santa Claus will have to get into most of the European countries in an aeroplane or submarine.

These are the days when every bundle pa carries home at night has a suspicious look to it.

Seems to us the war-tax goes on the principle of getting all the traffic will bear.

Harry Thaw is in the news again instead of the asylum where he belongs.

## OPIUM LETTERS MAY PROVE TO BE ONE HUGE HOAX

### District-Attorney Says No Big Fight Will Be Made Through His Department

"This office is not going to start a fight on the so-called opium ring. It is not going to start a fight against anything or anybody. Also, it is not going to give out to any newspapers any information as to official business. The duties of this office will be conducted in order and, as to opium matters, such raids will be made as information warrants."

Making the foregoing statement, United States District Attorney Jeff McCarrn this morning outlined the status of the opium situation as it appears to his office. According to Mr. McCarrn, there is nothing of a startling nature connected with the opium raids which have been made recently by the marshal and his deputies.

That the federal grand jury will not be called into session until sometime early next month, and that there will be but little work for the tribunal at that time, is the information which has been given the Star-Bulletin by the district attorney. This statement was made in reply to a question as to whether he intends calling a special session of the jury to investigate the opium ring which is said to be in existence in Honolulu, and the three letters which it is alleged the marshal secured in a recent raid on an opium den, and which are said to incriminate several "higher-ups" in territorial or federal circles. It was reported this morning that Mr. McCarrn would soon call a special session of the federal grand jury for this purpose.

"I have made no statement that I would call a special session of the grand jury to investigate opium matters," says the district attorney. "Such a thought has never entered my mind."

It further has been reported that the marshal has turned the alleged incriminating letters over to the district attorney, but Mr. McCarrn declined to discuss the matter today. He said that he did not intend to give out for publication any matters pertaining to the official business of his office, and, although watching closely the movements of the marshal's office, and directing them to a great extent, Mr. McCarrn is noncommittal regarding the opium situation and the plans, if any, which the district attorney's office has in mind toward striking a final blow at the alleged ring.

According to statements which have been made in federal circles, Mr. McCarrn is acting cautiously in the opium matter and intends to make no vital move until he is sure of his evidence. The marshal also is noncommittal regarding the letters and the opium situation in general. Late yesterday afternoon he quietly raided a joss house in River street near Vineyard and Kukul, and arrested Chan Men Noon. This makes the sixth raid to be conducted by the marshal and his deputies within the past two weeks, and, as a result, another quantity of opium-smoking paraphernalia has been added to the already large pile in the marshal's private office. Simultaneously with these raids, it is reported that the price of smoking opium has risen from \$125 to \$250 a pound within the past two weeks.

The interest which was aroused when it was announced that the marshal had secured three incriminating letters in a recent raid—alleged to be written on government paper and signed by certain federal or territorial officials—appears to be dying out as rapidly as it was given birth. Six officials in federal offices, when interviewed today, stated that, in their belief, the letter proposition is a hoax to frighten certain people who may be under suspicion by the marshal or the district attorney's office.

Attorneys and other officials, who have been watching the opium raids with some interest, declare that they would like to see the "bomb" dropped, if there is any "bomb." On the other hand, the marshal is being criticized for having given out information regarding his alleged possession of the three letters without first having placed the matter in the hands of the district attorney.

## A CHANCE FOR SANTA.

The children at one of the homes in Honolulu would be made very happy this Christmas by receiving gifts of rocking-horses, small wagons, tricycles or any out-of-doors playthings. Ring up telephone 1779 and arrangements will be made to call for such gifts.

Farmers of Pettit county, Mo., are digging their second potato crop of the season.

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1323 Palolo Valley Road	2 bedrooms	13.50
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1326 Kaplalani Street	3 bedrooms	40.00
Kunawai Lane, Liliha Street	3 bedrooms	20.00
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## THE PRESIDENT HIGHLY PRAISES FUNSTON'S TACT

### Says Situation at Vera Cruz Was Admirably Handled in Every Way

General Orders No. 89, War Department, received here, are to the effect that the President has sent the following letter to the Secretary of War:

My dear Mr. Secretary—May I not ask you to express to Gen. Funston and the officers under him at Vera Cruz, and through them to the troops who served there, my warm appreciation and admiration of the way in which a difficult and delicate situation was handled? I believe from what we have learned that the effect of the occupation was to give our friends, the Mexicans, a very different impression of the United States army and the spirit of the United States Government from that which they entertained before Gen. Funston took his troops there. I am sure that I speak the feeling of the whole country when I commend the efficiency, the courage and the discretion with which the expedition and occupation were carried out. Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.  
Gen. Hugh L. Scott has appended the following memorandum to the order making public the President's letter:

The President's letter published for the information of all concerned. The entire army is to be congratulated upon the efficient and tactful management by its representatives, of affairs attending the military occupation of Vera Cruz.

Brig.-Gen. George Bell, Jr., now in command of the Seventh Brigade at Vancouver Barracks, succeeds Gen. Funston in command of the Fifth Brigade at Texas City. It is understood here that he will leave for his new station very soon. Gen. Funston is on leave of absence, before the expiration of which his nomination for major-general probably will be confirmed. He will be placed in command of either the Southern Department, or upon the retirement on April 29, of Maj.-Gen. Arthur Murray of the Western Department, although the general feeling is that Gen. J. Franklin Bell probably will be assigned to this department.

## FOR A SEASON CHRISTIAN EUROPE'S IN HELL

(Written by Josephine Yeo for the Star-Bulletin.)  
The night before Xmas, and o'er Europe's soil,  
Midst the belching of cannon and wardog spoil,  
The wail of the dying, the curse of the living;  
What! Is it mockery, this Christian love-giving?  
Ah me—no peace, no peace after all we  
Worshipped the Star-child o'er land and sea;  
No peace-Christ, thou Star-child sublime,  
Is it meet there be war at Xmas time!  
Must peace only come through shambles, blood,  
And fair youth of country appease only God?  
Must victory be bought with the souls of men  
To hasten this peace age? Is this sane?  
Or are we drifting away from peace  
And of ribald thinking bought a lease  
By many junk doctrines all gone wrong  
Cur foundation of truth weak—not strong.  
Are we too lenient with idolatrous pace  
And of Christian heritage given much space?  
For this thin wedge of unstable truths  
Yet marvel at war—war! forsooth!  
Is victory! victory! a word that's sacred  
When it surges a sea of human hatred?  
Is truth like a broken reed crushed to earth?  
Truth! Did not the Star-child give it birth?  
And declared peace and good will as well?  
Then tell us at Xmas why old Europe's in hell.  
Sail on, sail on, oh ships of state,  
On a sea of union from this date,  
Out on the breast of the oceans of truth,  
The truthful seas from the Star-child mouth;  
The oceans of love and good fellowship as well  
Still flow—though for a season old Europe's in hell.  
The Southern Pacific railroad will spend \$1,700,000 for new equipment.

## Personal Mention

H. W. and MRS. RICE have completed a vacation spent on the Coast, returning to the islands in the Wilhelmina this morning.

A. HANEBERG, representing H. Hackfeld, has completed a business tour of Hawaii, returning to this city in the steamer Mauna Kea.

GEORGE H. ROBERTSON is back from a tour of plantations on the island of Hawaii. He was a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

JUDGE A. D. LARNACH is back from a business and pleasure tour of the Pacific coast. He was a passenger in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina.

L. TOBRINER is back from a tour of the island of Maui. He was numbered with the passengers returning to the port in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

MRS. C. R. FORBES, wife of the superintendent of public works, was numbered with the returning passengers from the Coast in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina.

H. B. WELLER, representing the Union Oil Company, who has been attending to business matters at Hilo in connection with the arrival of the steamer Santa Maria, is an arrival at the port in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

JOHN H. DREW, shipping manager for Castle & Cooke, and Mrs. Drew returned from the Coast in the Matson

steamer Wilhelmina this morning. Mr. Drew looked into a number of important matters connected with steamship management while away.

F. SAMURA, the Japanese aviator who has been visiting in Honolulu for the past two months, returned to Los Angeles today. Samura recently was denied permission by Governor Plakham to give a flying exhibition here.

BENJ. HOLLINGER, supervisor-elect, after an absence of some weeks on the Coast, returned to the city in the steamer Wilhelmina this morning. Mr. Hollinger had ample opportunity to gather much important data concerning road construction while away.

JAMES A. KENNEDY, president and general manager of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, who has been absent on the mainland for the past two months, returned to Honolulu in the Matson steamer Wilhelmina this morning. Miss Jessie Kennedy was also a passenger in the vessel.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JAMES T. CAREY (from Philadelphia): Merry Christmas to my friends in Hawaii through the Star-Bulletin.

—R. B. ANDERSON: I see by the Encyclopedia Britannica that Capt. Cook's ships were built at Whitby, one of the towns bombarded the other day.

—LLOYD R. KILLAM: I have just received word from my father that the Missouri state board of immigration are planning to import several thousand Belgians to help cultivate some of the good Missouri soil. It might be a good thing for Hawaii to do likewise. They are sturdy people and would do much toward the Americanization of the islands.

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