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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT OVER WAR-ZONE NO FORMAL ARMISTICE; NATIONS SEND GOOD CHEER TO SOLDIERS

ALLIES GATHER RESOURCES FOR MIGHTY ONSLAUGHT TO BE LAUNCHED IN FEW DAYS

BRITAIN SENDS OVER HUGE GUNS SAID TO OUTRANGE GERMAN HOWITZERS—IMMENSE RESERVES OF SHELLS AND AMMUNITION PREPARED—FIELD HOSPITALS ARRANGED—GEN. JOFFRE GIVES TERRIBLE ILLUSTRATION OF STRENGTH OF CONCENTRATED ARTILLERY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]
LONDON, England, Dec. 24.—Although no formal armistice has been declared by the warring nations to extend over Christmas day, there will probably be some concession to the Christmas spirit tomorrow in the lulling for a short period of the incessant pressure on the battle-lines and the almost ceaseless artillery duels.

Allies Sending Every Possible Comfort to Soldiers on the Front

LONDON, England, Dec. 24.—The official press bureau closed and the censors are taking a Christmas holiday. French and British relatives and friends of the soldiers on the front are sending everything permissible in the way of comforts and delicacies to the men in the field. King Albert from his personal fortune is supplying every fighting soldier with 25 cigars. All of the Allied governments are making every possible effort to bring good cheer to the men engaged in battle.

Huge New Guns and Enormous Stores of Ammunition Prepared

PARIS, France, Dec. 24.—The latest British army reinforcements brought with them many new guns of tremendous size and power. They are 14-inch howitzers, and they will outrange the famous German 42-centimeter mortars. Immense reserves of shells and ammunition are being prepared close to the battle-line, to be used in the advance as the Allies press forward in Belgium and France. Field hospitals which will accommodate many wounded are also being arranged.

Gen. Joffre Calls Military Observers and Annihilates Germans in Trenches

PARIS, France, Dec. 24.—Modern artillery warfare at the height of its perfection is illustrated in a story that has just come from the front. Three days ago Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the Allies, summoned the Russian and British military attaches to his field quarters with the message, "Come and you will see something never before seen in any war." The observers were conducted to a position near Arras, where 800 heavy guns were concentrated on a short segment of German trenches at known ranges. At the command, the whole battery opened a furious fire simultaneously and sustained it for fifteen minutes. At the end of a quarter of an hour the firing ceased and a charge of infantry was ordered and carried out. As the regiments rushed across the intervening space between their lines and the German trenches, there was no counter-charge, not a shot nor a gleam of bayonet in the German positions. They found the trenches scored as though a huge ploughshare had torn the soil to pieces. The holes were filled with dead and wounded soldiers, many of them buried by the ground thrown up by the shells. Some wounded prisoners were taken but not a man escaped.

Pittsburg Mills Rushed to Limit With War Orders For Barbed-Wire

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—The big steel mills of Pittsburg are busy filling war orders for the belligerent nations. One hundred and twenty-five thousand tons of barbed wire have been ordered, equivalent to 275,000 miles, to be used in entanglements before the positions in the field.

"BILL" AYLETT OUT FOR GARBAGE JOB, IS RUMOR

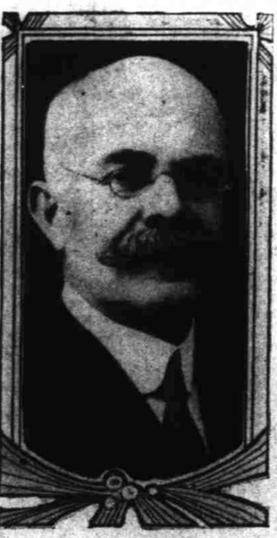
R. W. Aylett, former supervisor, former member of the legislature, former night-watchman at the capitol building, is reported to be out for the position of superintendent of garbage by some members of the new city hall administration, according to report today. However, other members are not so sure "Bill" Aylett is going to land the job. There will probably be a lively row if Aylett is pushed for the position.

NO PAPER ON CHRISTMAS DAY
The Star-Bulletin will not be issued tomorrow, Christmas Day.

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Alfred C. Hagen has been appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Sophie Hagen, who died November 19.

WILL DIRECT HAWAII'S DESTINIES AT MAMMOTH EXPOSITION IN 'FRISCO



H. P. Wood

LATE OFFICIAL BULLETINS SHOW LITTLE CHANGES

[A. P. by Commercial Cable]
NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The official bulletins issued today in Paris and Berlin show that the war situation has been relatively unchanged in the last 24 hours. The French claim that all of their gains have been retained and some additional trenches captured. The Germans admit they have abandoned one trench under a terrific artillery fire. They claim to have captured some Russian positions at Miawa, in the eastern arena.

GERMAN 'PLANE RAIDS ENGLAND

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.]
DOVER, ENGLAND, DEC. 24.—A GERMAN AEROPLANE DROPPED A BOMB HERE TODAY AND DISAPPEARED. THE BOMB EXPLODED IN A GARDEN AND DID NO DAMAGE.

DECISION MAY HURRY UP WORK ON KEWALO FILL

Denying the territory and the Lord-Young Engineering Company a rehearing in the injunction suit successfully prosecuted by J. A. Mason in the Kewalo reclamation project, the supreme court today handed down a decision in which it declared that its former opinion is not intended to prevent the filling of the Kewalo lands, nor to restrict the superintendent of public works to a proceeding solely under the provisions of chapter 83 of the revised laws.

This means Superintendent Forbes is not required to go through the entire lengthy, detailed routine as prescribed by the law for inaugurating such projects, to begin the improvement anew. It is interpreted as giving him the privilege of starting the fill again by serving due formal notice upon the property owners. The decision is given by Chief Justice A. G. M. Robertson, Associate Justice R. P. Quarles and Acting-associate Justice W. L. Whitney assenting.

Cars Will Run One Hour Later Tonight

Owing to the late downtown attractions tonight, Christmas rush, the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company will run all cars an hour later than usual time. This arrangement will allow eleventh-hour Christmas buyers an opportunity to complete their purchasing. It also makes it convenient for those who will attend the midnight masses at the various churches where they will be held tonight.

WOOD WILL BE RESIDENT FAIR COMMISSIONER

Chairman of Local Exposition Body Will Have Complete Charge of Building
EXPECTS TO APPOINT CHIEF CLERK WITHIN FEW DAYS
Jonah Kumalae Secures Contract to Furnish Hawaiian Music Throughout Fete

After an absence of nearly a month, during which time he underwent a serious operation, H. P. Wood was back in his office today and at 11 o'clock presided over a meeting of the members of the Hawaii fair commission, which organization took further steps toward the perfection of its plans for Hawaii's exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Mr. Wood received the appointment of resident commissioner from Hawaii, and announced that he will leave for San Francisco January 5, making his headquarters in the Hawaiian building.

The matter of the appointment of a chief clerk, which has been hanging fire for the past three months, was brought to a head with the creation of that office, with the proviso that the selection of a chief clerk be left to Mr. Wood, the appointment to be made subject to the approval of the commission. Mr. Wood says that he probably will decide upon a chief clerk within a few days.

Jonah Kumalae picked another "plum" from the commission's financial tree when the members accepted the music committee's report which is to the effect that, of all the musical organizations which have entered the competitive race to secure the contract for furnishing Hawaiian music in the territory's building at the exposition, Mr. Kumalae's organization has been found by the committee to be the best. Mr. Kumalae's bid was \$5800 for five musicians, but the commission has decided to increase this number to seven boys. The contract for the concession in the Hawaiian building was awarded to Kumalae about two months ago.

In a brief report to the commission, Chairman Wood stated that Gordon Osborne, who now is in San Francisco, is making excellent progress in his decoration of the interior of the Hawaiian building. The chairman also pointed out that the exposition has done away with its plans for a salt and fresh water aquarium, and that the aquarium in the Hawaiian building will be the only feature of its kind in the exposition grounds. The paraphernalia for the aquarium was installed by Fred Potter, Jr., superintendent of the local aquarium in Kaplanai park.

Another meeting of the members of the commission will be held next Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Promotion Committee rooms.

J. W. THOMPSON GOES TO BENCH, IS THE REPORT

Rumor That When He Has Been Here a Year, He Will Succeed Judge Whitney

J. W. Thompson, assistant United States district attorney, is the central figure in a report in bench and bar circles that has gained considerable credence in the last two days. According to this rumor, Thompson is slated for the position of circuit judge, to succeed Judge William L. Whitney.

Thompson will for a year on March 10 and by that length of residence will have become qualified for appointment to the judiciary. The report says that the delay in reappointing Judge Whitney or in naming his successor is due to the fact that the assistant district attorney, who is to succeed him, could not qualify until the year's residence was completed. Another report has been to the effect that District Attorney McCann might be named to a judicial office. Senator James L. Coke's recent hurried departure for the mainland was said to foreshadow a change in the district attorney's office, it being intimated that he had been called to Washington by certain senators and was a possibility for appointment to succeed District Attorney McCann. Foster Coats, editor of the Atlanta Georgian, died at his home in Atlanta.

COUNT OKUMA WILL DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT CHRISTMAS DAY



Count Okuma, premier of Japan, who announces his intention of dissolving parliament tomorrow.

Anti-Governmental Party Fight Against Proposed Japanese Army Appropriation Cause of This Action

[Special cable to the Nippu Jiji.]
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 24.—Premier Count Okuma has announced that tomorrow he will officially dissolve the Japanese parliament and call for a new election. The announcement was made following a caucus of the members of the Seiyukai, the anti-governmental party, at which time it was decided that that body would institute a fight on the floor of parliament to cut down the army appropriation bill, and oppose the clause which provides for the establishment of two additional army divisions for station in Korea. At a session of the chamber of deputies tomorrow, it is said that the Seiyukai and the other anti-governmental parties will make their final fight against the army appropriation bill and, as these bodies have the controlling majority in the chamber membership, they are assured of the success of their fight. It is further reported that the members of the Seiyukai have commenced a fight to cut down the appropriation which provides for the construction of more warships and other fighting craft.

CHRISTMAS HERE FOLLOWING GOOD BUSINESS SEASON

After a period of record Christmas sales tonight will mark the opening of the holiday season in Honolulu, followed by a general celebration of Christmas tomorrow that, from all indications, will surpass any previous Yuletide event in this city. Nor will the celebration be confined to a class or to classes. It will reach out to every home in the city, to the ships in port, to the army posts and even to the unfortunates in the jails. Santa Claus will visit more homes this year than ever before, for the "Spugs," that unorganized body of voluntary Santa Clauses, have been exceedingly active at homes that other.

Christmas Hours At the Postoffice

The usual holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice tomorrow. There will be one collection of mail by automobile as indicated on the time cards attached to each mail box in the city. There will be one delivery by carriers. The registry and general delivery windows will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and the parcel post and stamp windows will open at 8 a. m. and close at 12 a. m.

GERMANS HELD HERE BY WAR TO BE THE GUESTS

Big Reception Planned for December 28 at Phoenix Hall; Arrangements Made

A great reception is planned by members of the Honolulu German colony to German sailors held in this port by the conditions of war, including the men of the interned cruiser Geleer and the interned steamer Lochsun. The reception is to take place on December 28 at Phoenix Hall. According to authoritative report today, special arrangements have been made through the German consul here with the state department at Washington, permissively, the interned sailors to come ashore on this occasion. It was said today that more than 400 invitations are being issued.

DRIVER RUN OVER BY OWN TRUCK IS IN A SERIOUS CONDITION

John Neves, driver of a large truck belonging to the Hawaiian Fertilizer Company, met with serious injuries at noon today through a fall from the truck, the rear wheels of the vehicle passing over his body. Neves is reported to have suffered a broken back and internal injuries. His condition is serious according to physicians.

MILITARY ROAD OVER KOLEKOLE PASS PLANNED

Surveys Have Been Made and Working Party Has Been Ordered Out
WILL BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TEN DAYS
Two Battalions of Infantry and a Squadron of Cavalry are On Job

A military road over Kolekole is an addition to Oahu's highways that will be a reality within a short time. Orders are out for a large force of soldiers to tackle the job of making a smooth and well graded road over the Waianae range, back of Schofield Barracks, and work will be started next Monday. It is estimated that about ten days will be required to complete the road. Two battalions of infantry, one from the 25th, under Maj. Gose, and one from the 1st, commanded by Maj. Newman, and one squadron of cavalry make up the working party. This force will go into camp back of the artillery cantonment, near the foot of the pass, and will conduct building operations from that base. At present the road over the pass is little more than a trail, although artillery has been taken across with great difficulty. The new road will be of military value and will also be open to the public, as are all roads throughout the post. The survey of the Kolekole pass road was made recently by 2d Lieut. C. J. Ballinger, 25th Infantry, who has just joined the regiment. The grade stakes are already set.

WOMAN IS FREED AFTER 23 YEARS SPENT IN PRISON

Governor Pinkham Grants Pardon to 13 Residents of Oahu Prison as Christmas Present

Probably the best-appreciated Christmas gifts bestowed in Honolulu this year are the 13 granted to inmates of Oahu prison by Governor Pinkham. The gifts consist of two full pardons, six commutations and five paroles, the majority of them bringing liberty to the recipients tomorrow morning. The one undoubtedly appreciated the most of all is the pardon granted Puloa, a woman between 50 and 60 years of age, who has been in prison nearly 23 years on two sentences of life imprisonment, for three gruesome murders committed by her and her confederates on the island of Lanai during the days of the monarchy, in the early spring of 1892. Puloa probably has been in jail longer than any other person at present in the institution. Puloa and her co-defenders were among the most notorious ever committed in these islands, and her brutality in their commission so stirred the citizens of Maui and Lanai that after the first trial, when she was convicted by a native jury, the second trial was transferred from Wailuku to Kaula, to obtain a more impartial jury. During her many later years in prison it is said Puloa has reformed and repented of her early evil deeds. She comes forth now an aged, broken and deeply chastened woman. The story of her crimes and their motive, as related by the newspaper files of 22 years ago, is briefly that she claimed the powers of a kahuna, or sorceress, and, falling in love with her sister's husband, set out to kill the sister and her own husband, that she might be free to marry the brother-in-law. In order to accomplish this without causing suspicion of her real motives, she began by punishing a 6-year-old boy, the son of her elder brother. Assisted by her retinue of "soldiers" she first assaulted her husband, cowed him and then literally beat the child to death. Aided actively by the sweetheart she wished to marry she then attacked her sister. The murderous couple (Continued on page three)

NOTICE
The banks and trust companies will not be open for business either Christmas day, December 25th, or Saturday, December 26th.—Adv.

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