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GERMANY PLANS TO SECURE ITALY'S AID, CHARGES ROME PAPER VON BUELOW WILL OFFER PROVINCE AND SUPPORT, SAYS NAZIONALE

STORM SWEEPS HILO; NEAR-BY COAST RACKED

Much Railroad Track Washed Out—Contractor Marshall Has Another Piece of Bad Luck at Kukuiahele Breakwater—Traffic Resumed

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless)
HILO, Feb. 15.—A great storm broke over Hilo Saturday and continued on Sunday. Big waves washed away 600 feet of the Hilo railroad track along the waterfront. Traffic was resumed today.

Two scows were washed ashore but were saved later. The water washed upon Moohau park and the Hilo depot road.

The Mauna Kea was anchored in the bay. The storm was bad at Waipio, and at Kukuiahele the railroad track built by Contractor Marshall was washed from the breakwater and a crane thrown into the sea as well as a small launch sunk.

MAJORITY PARTY IN LEGISLATIVE TO HAVE 17 BILLS

Republican Committee Sponsors Measures; Include Charter Convention for Honolulu

Seventeen bills, eight of which deal with proposed reforms in city and county government, are to be introduced in the legislature at the coming session under the direction of the Territorial Republican Central Committee. Chairman Andrews of that body will meet with members of the senate this afternoon and will call the caucus to order, after which a chairman of the senate caucus will be nominated and the bills will be turned over in duplicate to that officer. This meeting was scheduled for 4 o'clock.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock Mr. Andrews will call the house caucus and the same procedure will be undertaken. Mr. Andrews said that the bill being prepared by Representative C. H. Brown dealing with reforms in the police and fire department civil service bureau was not officially sanctioned by the central committee. In fact, he said, the territorial committee has prepared a civil service reform bill of its own having an opposite effect than that of Brown's.

One of the first bills to be introduced will be that which will provide a settlement for ex-Queen Liliuokalani. This was requested of the committee by the former ruler. Probably the most important, however, will be the bill which will provide for a convention for the purpose of drawing up a more modern and systematic charter for Honolulu.

Another measure provides for a territorial committee to be appointed by the legislature, which will undertake an auditing of all county departments. A corrupt practices act also is on the program. This bill provides against certain political contributions to campaign funds and their soliciting of or by politicians. Representative Breckens is now drawing up a bill for the committee relating to the regulation of foreign corporations.

Although there are several bills providing compensation for injured workmen being drawn up, the territorial committee will have one of its own, carrying official approval.

Three bills will be introduced to amend the session laws regulating bonds on appeal. These measures include a provision making it compulsory for appellants from the circuit

BRITAIN MAY MEDIATE TO CHECK CONTROVERSY ON JAPANESE DEMANDS

New Phase Develops in Peking—Consul Arita Expects the Trouble to Blow Over

(Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 15.—An offer by the British minister at Peking to arbitrate the Sino-Japanese difficulties in order that an amicable settlement may be made of the controversy between the two nations has been refused by the Japanese government, according to information received here today from an authentic source in the Chinese capital.

It was officially learned here upon the receipt of the news from Peking that the Japanese government will accept no offer of mediation. While Baron T. Kato, minister of foreign affairs, is non-committal as to Japan's attitude toward the British minister's offer, it is intimated that Japan prefers to use its own methods should a settlement be arranged.

Commenting today on the Sino-Japanese difficulties as reported in the local Japanese press Hachiro Arita, acting consul for Japan, said that, in his belief, there is not the slightest possibility of war between Japan and China. He referred to the reports of the impending difficulty as "exaggerations of the press."

ITALY FACES A NEW PERIL FROM GROWING FLOODS

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
ROME, Italy, Feb. 15.—After surviving the earthquake disaster Italy faces a new and great peril. Every where the streams are flooded. The river Tiber is 50 feet over its banks and rising hourly. The streets surrounding the cathedral of Saint Peter are running five feet deep with water. Hadrian's bridge and the Publio bridge, which Horatio is reputed to have defended, are both weakened and have been closed to traffic. The lower quarters of the city resemble Venice, much traffic being done in boats.

ANOTHER 'LOBBY' INVESTIGATION IS COMING NOW

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The administration Democrats as well as the filibustering Republicans joined today in unanimously passing a resolution ordering the senate to investigate charges that the shipping trust is lobbying against the 'Ships' Purchase bill.

HAWAIIAN DREDGING LOW BIDDER ON WORK IN HARBOR

The Hawaiian Dredging Co. proved low bidder for the Honolulu harbor additional dredging contract, when proposals were opened this morning at the U. S. engineering office. Three concerns were in the field for the work, the figures per cubic yard being as follows: Hawaiian Dredging Co., 17 45 cents; Standard Dredging Co., 24 34 cents; Lord-Young Engineering Co., 27 cents.

The work includes the dredging of the east side of the harbor to a minimum depth of 35 feet to the harbor lines, as far seaward as beacon No. 6, the removal of a small shoal opposite Fort Street, and some work at the north end of the harbor. The minimum amount is 260,000 cubic yards, which would make the value of the contract \$46,280.00, but there is a chance that additional deepening will be ordered, as about \$105,000 is available for the work.

Dredging the harbor right up to the east lines will necessitate the removal of several boat houses and buildings, including the Myrtle Boat Club house and Young Bros. boathouse.

Work will be started as soon as the contract is approved in Washington.

Alfred Noyes, English poet and peace advocate and visiting professor of English at Princeton, reached New York aboard the Lusitania.

BATTLE OF JOYS AND GLOOMS FOR CARNIVAL START

Following Japanese Lantern Parade Piliikia Will Be Destroyed in Large Chunks

NATIONS TO DANCE IN PICTURESQUE COSTUME
Queens of Occident and Orient Will Be Escorted to Queen Liliuokalani

The committeemen in charge of the Carnival of Nations, the big first-evening event of the Carnival, took the people into their confidence this morning when they announced several of the "secret plans" for the big celebration.

Through this announcement it became known that there is to be a battle royal and a battle to death between the Army of Joys and the Army of Glooms, and that the Glooms are going to get shockingly beaten and taken captives of war for the week.

The evening will open with the rumble of heavy artillery in the offing, and as soon as the Japanese lantern parade is over the Glooms are going to make a sudden and determined attack upon the Joys—and then the fight begins.

Spake one of the members of the committee this morning: "After the expert gunners of the Joys have cut the lines of the invaders and the infantry swarm upon the wavering lines, the Glooms will be captured and gagged and put in prison for the rest of the Carnival."

The victorious Joys will gather at the gates of the palace to receive the Ad. Club and Queens of the Occident and Orient and to escort them through the cheering crowd to Queen Liliuokalani.

Dancing will begin immediately after.

"Only those in costumes will be allowed to dance. Get a costume—everybody—and dance. The dancing will be done on the spacious driveway around the Capitol building. A band will play at each side. The grounds will be roped off with openings at the driveways for dancers."

"Sho-Gun" Cast Completed.
A. R. "Sunny" Cunha, director of "The Sho-Gun," has completed the cast for the comic opera, which is to be presented during Carnival week on the Punahou campus. The opera will be given on the terrace in front of Bishop hall, February 23, at 8:15 o'clock.

\$25,000 TO BE SET ASIDE FOR JUNKET IS PLAN

Legislators Think \$30,000 For Congressional Visit Is Not Needed

Twenty-five thousand dollars is likely to be the appropriation favored by the legislature for bringing a big congressional party to Hawaii at the close of the present session of Congress.

Delegate Kuhn, in letters to the members of the legislature, suggested that \$30,000 would be needed. Of this amount \$15,000 was appropriated by the last legislature but unused. It was proposed to set aside \$15,000 more. However, the watchword "economy" is heard on all sides and most estimates are going to be cut by the lawmakers. Leaders say that \$25,000 is all the territory should spend.

A resolution setting aside \$10,000 and an invitation to the national lawmakers and other Washington leaders will be among the first matters brought up in the local body. It is expected that a special invitation will be sent to the president. Delegate Kuhn suggested that he be authorized to make the selections for the general party and it is quite likely that this course will be followed.

"SHO-GUN" REHEARSAL

Everyone who will participate in the opera "Sho-Gun" is requested by Director A. R. (Sunny) Cunha to be present at the National Guard armory at 7:30 o'clock sharp tonight, when a full rehearsal will be held.

An application for admission to citizenship in the United States has been filed in the federal court by Frank Joseph Quinn, a native of Clare county, Ireland.

Filipino Girl Will be "Queen of The Orient" in Carnival Merriment



Mrs. Vicenta Cornel will be "Queen of the Orient" at the Carnival of Nations next Saturday night. She was chosen by the special Ad Club committee and a committee of Filipinos last Saturday. Mrs. Cornel is shown in the center above. The smaller figures on each side are those of Mrs. Antonia Peres (left) and Mrs. Rosalind (right), the "damas" or attendants. All will be in picturesque costume.

BE GOOD CITIZENS, URIU'S ADVICE TO HAWAII JAPANESE

Admiral Here on Way to Coast as Vice Chairman of Japan Fair Commission

"I want to advise the Japanese of Hawaii to be good Hawaiians and settle down as good citizens and residents."

This is the greeting that Admiral Baron S. Uriu extended to the Japanese of Honolulu upon his arrival from the Orient today in the steamer Tenyo Maru. Accompanied by Baroness Uriu, the admiral is on his way to San Francisco as vice-chairman of the Japanese fair commission.

The admiral and his party, consisting of M. Kishi and N. Mirakani, assistants to the commission, were met at the wharf by Consul and Mrs. Hachiro Arita and taken for a brief visit to the various points of interest about the city. A reception for the admiral and his wife was to be held at the Japanese consulate, Nuanuan street, from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Admiral Uriu was non-committal on matters pertaining to the present status of the Sino-Japanese difficulties. He declined to discuss American-Japanese relations or the good-will campaign recently held on the mainland.

"I am only a commissioner to the exposition," he explained, "and therefore am not at liberty to discuss these matters."

He declared he was enthusiastic over the large exhibit which Japan has arranged to make at the Panama-Pacific exposition in spite of the European war.

"Japan is going to assist the expo-

THAYER URGES HAWAII EXHIBIT FOR SAN DIEGO

Every Commonwealth West of Colorado Represented There But This, He Says

"I am going to ask the legislature to appropriate \$20,000 or \$25,000 for some kind of a Hawaiian exhibit at the San Diego exposition," declared Territorial Secretary W. W. Thayer tonight. Thayer returned yesterday morning on the transport Thomas from the coast, where he visited both the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco and the smaller celebration at San Diego.

"I may be sat upon by the lawmakers in making such a request," he announced, "but I'm going to ask it, just the same, and to urge it, too. After visiting the exposition in southern California."

"When I was appointed a member of the commission a large number of merchants in the empire came forward with offers to exhibit their goods. Now there is no more room for further exhibits in the Japanese building."

An incident of the voyage from the Orient to Honolulu in the Tenyo Maru was the admiral's quiet observation last Tuesday of the 11th anniversary of the day when, as commander of the battleship Asama, he fired the first shots at the Russian ships in the battle of Chemulpo Bay, one of the decisive encounters of the Russo-Japanese war.

Admiral Uriu's last visit to Honolulu was six years ago when he was returning to the Orient after having spent several months at Annapolis, from where he was graduated.

Wilhelmina's Fate Undecided

LONDON, England, Feb. 15.—The foreign office definitely announced today that if the Wilhelmina's food cargo is diverted to Belgium, the decision to send the vessel's disposition to a prize court will be abandoned, otherwise the vessel's case must be passed upon by the court.

HEAVY BATTLES ON BOTH FRONTS CONTINUED; WARNING BY U. S. STIRS UP COMMENT

German Ambassador to America Says Submarine War Won't be Launched if Britain Doesn't Try to Starve Country—Berlin Paper Says U. S. Can't Hurt Germany—Huge Joint Loan of Allies Decided Against

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
ROME, Italy, Feb. 15.—That Germany will offer heavy inducements to secure the active entrance of Italy in the war as an ally of the Teutons is the declaration of the Idea Nazionale, which has published what purports to be the details of the plan.

According to this publication, Prince von Buelow, the new ambassador to Italy, will present a concrete proposal to the Italian government before March. This proposal, it is charged, is that Italy join Germany, the price to be the province of Trent, the rectification of the eastern frontier, and a new treaty pledging Germany's support of Italy's Mediterranean policy. Germany, under this plan, is to take Trieste for an outlet to the Adriatic Sea.

Berlin Newspaper Calls U. S. Warning "Ridiculous Threat"

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 15.—The Montag Zeitung of Berlin in an editorial today asks what harm America can do Germany if it comes to a showdown on the recent warning by the U. S. against submarine attack on American ships.

"America has no army. Its fleet dare not approach nearer than does England's. The expulsion of German-Americans from America means the ruin of the United States. America's threats are too ridiculous for Germany to take them seriously," says the paper.

Huge Joint Loan by Allies is Abandoned; Lloyd-George Explains

LONDON, England, Feb. 15.—In explanation of the recent conference of leading officials of the Allies on finances, Chancellor Lloyd-George told the House of Commons today that the Allies' expenditure in the first year will amount to two billion sterling, of which the British share is the largest. England, he said, could finance a war, from investments abroad, for five years and France for three. Russia, though prodigiously rich in natural resources, is in a different position. The conference has decided against a joint loan.

Montenegro Royal Family in Danger

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Feb. 15.—Two Austrian aeroplanes yesterday directed a machine-gun fire against the Winter Palace, in the windows of which the king, queen and their daughters were watching the fights of the machines. Several bullets fell near them.

Bernstorff Tells Bryan German Side

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States, informed Secretary of State Bryan today that Germany is willing to consider withdrawing her announced intention of attacking British merchantmen if Britain is willing to cease her efforts to starve the German civilian population.

Berlin Official Claims Progress

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 15.—Official.—"South of Ypres we have captured 90 yards of the enemy's positions and have been equally successful south of La Bassée. In Alsace we have forced the French to abandon Senzern and Rempach."

"On both sides of the Mazurian lake district on the eastern frontier we are pursuing the retreating Russians. In the Vistula district we have reoccupied Racozn."

Activity in Lorraine, Says Paris

PARIS, France, Feb. 15.—Official.—"The artillery fire in Belgium is unusually heavy today. We stormed 250 yards of the enemy's trenches near Nieupoort. In Lorraine, after the enemy had captured a signal hill and occupied the village of Norroy, our counter-attacks drove them back to the hill's northern declivity, where they still hold some trenches. In the Vosges the German offensive is not pursued."

Austrian Fleet Bombards Antivari

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Feb. 15.—The Austrian fleet in the Adriatic Sea has bombarded the port of Antivari.

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