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## NATION'S LEADERS RECOGNIZE GRAVE CRISIS AT HAND

### DEFENSE NEEDS OF OAHU PROVED GREAT SURPRISE

At Last Congress Will See Importance of More Fortifications, as Army and Navy Men Have Seen for Years

### TERRITORY IS KEY TO COAST AND BIG DITCH

National Defense League Sends News Item About Hawaii to Every Newspaper on Mainland—More Batteries and Submarines Needed Here

The National Defense League, an organization with headquarters at the national capital, has prepared and sent to all of the newspapers in the United States an article on the strategic importance of Hawaii, and the urgent need for more naval and land defense on the island of Oahu.

This news item, which will give Hawaii tremendous publicity, and may result in increased appropriations for defense, as well as an augmented submarine flotilla, is one of the direct results of the visit of the congressional party last May.

The article follows, in part: WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—That the United States should be more liberal in its appropriations for defense of the Hawaiian islands is the opinion of a majority of members of Congress who have recently returned home from their seven weeks' trip to our possessions in the mid-Pacific.

The situation which those who control the nation's purse strings and who are responsible for providing adequate defense found in Hawaii was a revelation to most of them. The fact was brought forcibly home to them that these islands are the key to the Pacific coast and to the Panama canal as well, and that their capture by any foreign nation with which the country might unfortunately be engaged in war would afford such a nation a base for operations which would be used to the great disadvantage and disaster of America.

Military and naval experts have long been aware of the conditions, but Congress has, up to the present time, failed to appreciate the absolute necessity of better defense. It is true that a considerable sum of money has already been expended in the construction of land defenses and in the improvement of Pearl Harbor, but when the importance of the islands as a strategic point in the event of war is considered the amount is a mere pittance. Moreover, these defenses afford protection only to the city of Honolulu on the one island of Oahu. While the city is so located that it offers excellent opportunity for defense with modern guns mounted on Diamond Head and various shore batteries, these defenses are not so equipped.

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### JOYRIDERS RUN OVER EIGHT YEAR OLD CHINESE LAD

Wheel of Vehicle Passes Over Boy's Abdomen; Painfully But Not Seriously Hurt

Joyriders who were "whooping it up" at a lively pace in Kukul street early this morning ran down and painfully injured an eight-year-old Chinese boy. The front wheel of the machine passed over the boy's abdomen. He will live, according to a physician.

The "machine" was a good-sized wheelbarrow. The "joyriders" were a Chinese-Hawaiian girl about 15 years old and her baby sister. The girls live in Kukul street, according to Probation Officer "Johnny" Anderson, and this morning the older girl decided she would take her baby sister for a ride. They didn't have street car fare handy so the big girl secured a wheelbarrow and, placing the smaller girl in it, started wheeling it down the street at breakneck speed.

There was no brake on the wheelbarrow, much less a horn, so when the little Chinese boy got in the way of the "vehicle" he was run over before the wheelbarrow could be stopped. The front wheel passed over his abdomen and, according to Anderson, he was painfully hurt internally, but not seriously injured. He was taken to his home and a physician called. Anderson is searching the statute books to find out to just what extent the older girl may be dealt with by the juvenile court.

"There is a city ordinance regarding fast and furious driving," he said this morning, "but I hardly think it covers this case."

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### ASQUITH WON'T DISCUSS THREATENED BREACH IN NEW BRITISH CABINET

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
LONDON, Eng., July 12.—Premier Asquith in the house today declined to enter into a discussion of the threatened breach in the British cabinet. Questions were put to him by the house members relating to the controversy over the furnishing of heavy explosives to the British troops in the field, on which point Lord Kitchener has been severely criticized and Lord Haldane as well, since he was secretary of state for war from 1905 to 1912. The rumor that Lord Haldane would reenter the cabinet was followed by the rumor that if he did so Lloyd-George, now minister of munitions, would resign. Asquith today in response to the questions declared it would serve no good purpose to discuss the matter.

### MAINLAND JAPANESE MEET

(Special to the Hawaii Shipper)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 12.—The Japanese Society of the Pacific Coast will hold an immense conference here August 6 to discuss future movements by the organization.

### TWO TONS OF MAGAZINES CITY'S GIFT

Honolulu Sends Shipment to the Princeton



In the lower photograph is shown the huge mass of magazines, books and newspapers piled up in front of the Star-Bulletin office Saturday morning. The mass formed a wall 20 feet long, from five to eight feet high and three feet deep. An idea of its size can be gained by comparing it with the men and boys sitting in front. They are S. W. Robley of the Y. M. C. A. and his helpers who made the shipment ready. In the top photograph is a truck and a dory furnished by the Territorial Messenger Service, with Manager Peter on the extreme left. These boats and the magazines were sent to the Oceanic wharf. —Kodograph prints.

Forty-seven sacks—a weight estimated by the expressman at more than two tons—of reading matter for the gunboat Princeton and residents of American Samoa were put on board the Oceanic liner Ventura today for ultimate delivery at Tutuila. That is the response of the people of Honolulu in one week to the request from the commander and crew of the Princeton for old magazines and newspapers. In this big shipment today there are not only countless packages of old magazines and newspapers but many books of many kinds and the latest periodicals and leading papers of the world. There is sufficient of permanent value to be a splendid acquisition to the already-established library at the U. S. naval station at Tutuila. For one week, in response to the request voiced through the Star-Bulletin, there was a deluge of reading-matter at the Alakea street office of this newspaper. Seldom if ever was there such a remarkable response. No particular campaign of publicity was waged. On July 1st the Star-Bulletin published an interview with Arthur E. Livingstone, lately arrived from Samoa, in which he said that the final request of the commander and crew of the Princeton to him was this: "When you get to Honolulu, please ask the people there to be good enough to send us old magazines and newspapers each month when the Ventura touches there south bound. Tell them we are starved for reading matter."

### "EVERYBODY HELPED" AND THE RESULT GOES ON THE VENTURA TODAY

Next day the Star-Bulletin editorially asked its readers to send in magazines and papers and once or twice afterward referred to the request editorially. At the same time daily acknowledgments were being made to all these contributors whose names could be secured. There was no need for a special publicity campaign. The Star-Bulletin's thousands of readers came forward with a tremendous response from the very first day. Mrs. C. W. Parks, wife of the civil engineer at the naval station, was first in with an arm-load of magazines. Then they poured from all directions and in all amounts. Manager Peter of the Territorial Messenger Service offered the delivery facilities of his company to collect the books in the residence districts and bring them to the Star-Bulletin office. It was a timely offer. The del-

### Letter to Samoa Tells of Honolulu's Generous Response

Commander John M. Power, ret., July 12, 1915.  
Commandant U. S. Naval Station, and Commanding U. S. S. Princeton, Tutuila, Samoa.  
Sir: By the Oceanic Steamship Company's steamer Ventura today the Star-Bulletin is sending consigned to the U. S. S. Princeton in your care 47 sacks full of books, magazines and newspapers, given by the people of Honolulu in response to a request indirectly sent me from Tutuila. A few days ago Mr. A. E. Livingstone arrived here from Samoa and made public a request from the Princeton for reading matter. I enclose a copy of an interview with Mr. Livingstone published in the Star-Bulletin of July 1. On the following day the Star-Bulletin asked its readers to send to its office magazines and other reading matter to be forwarded to your station. The response to this request was immediate and the results, as you see, were literally enormous. In one week the Star-Bulletin had received an amount estimated at more than two tons. It was found necessary to close the contributions four days before the steamer sailed in order to prepare the consignment for shipment. The response came from every part of Honolulu and the island of Oahu, and ranged in amount from one book or magazine to forty large packages. Thanks to the delivery facilities of the Territorial Messenger Service of Honolulu, which were placed at the disposal of the Star-Bulletin, and thanks also to the generous cooperation of the Oceanic Steamship Company in carrying this shipment, its forwarding has been greatly facilitated. Admiral Moore's kind cooperation has also been extended. Accept this contribution of reading matter from the people of Honolulu as an expression of cordial good-will toward the U. S. gunboat Princeton and the residents of American Samoa. We welcome the opportunity thus to greet fellow Americans in the Pacific.

### TWO SALUTES OF THIRTEEN GUNS NEXT SATURDAY

Next Saturday morning two salutes, each of 13 guns, will be fired at the navy yard in Honolulu, the first of which will be in observance of the lowering of the flag of Rear-admiral C. B. T. Moore, who on that day will be succeeded in command of the naval station at Pearl Harbor by Rear-admiral Clifford J. Boush. When Admiral Boush's flag is hoisted another salute will be fired and the transfer will be completed. Though the ceremonials attending the transfer of command will take place at Pearl Harbor, the salutes will be fired at the navy yard at Honolulu, for the saluting guns for Pearl Harbor are not yet installed. The telephone or wireless will be used, so that the salutes may be fired at just the proper time. Admiral Boush, his wife and daughter will reach Honolulu Friday in the Siberia. Admiral Moore, who goes on the retired list on July 25, plans to leave Honolulu with Mrs. Moore, on the Manoa July 20. They will visit his home in Decatur, Ill., but expect to return to Honolulu before winter and will reside here for at least a part of each year.

### CHARGE IS MADE THAT POLICE ARE TAKING BRIBES

The board of supervisors will tomorrow evening have brought to their attention a signed letter from a local Chinese containing definite charges to the effect that the police of Honolulu are accepting a bribe of \$150 to allow four chefa banks to run unlicensed. The letter contains the names of the men who run the banks, the locations of the gambling places, and the name of a Chinese, who, it is alleged, is acting as a "go-between" for the bank owners and the police. The letter writer appeals to Chairman Horner of the police committee of the board of supervisors, asking that the che-fa evil be done away with. The writer of the letter states that

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received late Saturday: "GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, July 10.—French attacks at Launois and Leincey were repulsed. The Germans stormed, northwest of Beausejour, an advanced French trench and improved their positions in Priest forest. In recent engagements between the Meuse and the Moselle the Germans took 1798 prisoners, three guns, 12 machine guns, 18 mine-throwers. A French advance force north of the road from Souchez to Ablain encounters a German attack. The engagement still continues. During the last few days French fire has killed ten and wounded 40 civilian inhabitants of Lievin. The eastern war theater is unchanged. In the southeastern arena there are local engagements south of Kraonne, all of which are turning out favorably for the Germans."

### DELIBERATION MARKING WORK ON REPLY TO GERMANY; RUSS TROOPS SENT TO DARDANELLES

TRAVELLERS ARRIVING AT MANILA SAY SLAV FORCES ARE BEING SENT TO AID ALLIES IN TRYING TO CAPTURE CONSTANTINOPLE—BATTLE-TIDE EBBS AND FLOWS IN EAST AND WEST WAR-ZONE WITH SUCCESSES CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES—ASQUITH DECLINES TO DISCUSS THREATENED BREACH IN THE NEW BRITISH CABINET

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—With full realization of the gravity of the crisis in German-American relations, President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing are exercising utmost care and deliberation in framing a reply to the latest German note. It is believed that the president and his secretary of state will prepare separate memoranda on the German note before conferring together. In this way it is hoped to get as many angles of view upon the situation as possible and as many suggestions bearing upon the next move. It is understood that the international situation is displaying itself so tense that there will be plenty of deliberation shown before the nation's policy is definitely mapped out and announced. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is seeking information as to America's viewpoint and as to the drift which the rejoinder to Berlin's communication is likely to take. He has asked Secretary Lansing if Mr. Lansing desired to see him. Mr. Lansing is at work upon a draft of the reply but he gives no inkling as to his own views.

### Russians to be Rushed to Dardanelles

MANILA, P. I., July 12.—Travellers arriving here from Oriental ports say that the vessels of the Messagerie Maritime, the big French company, are being transformed into troopships to transport Russian soldiers from Vladivostok to the Dardanelles.

### Germans and Allies Battle on West

LONDON, England, July 12.—After a day or two of comparative quiet, the Allies and the Germans are again locked in furious strife along a large part of the western battle-front. Heavy fighting is reported from France. The Germans, it is admitted, have captured the long-contested cemetery at Souchez, a point of some tactical benefit. Many charges and counter-charges have raged around this spot. A surprise has been occasioned at Altkirch, where the Germans had occupied 500 yards of trenches but withdrew. They say they retired voluntarily. The French assert that the Germans have been repulsed in a number of charges in the Woevre district. Berlin admits that some trenches have been temporarily lost at Combes.

### Teutonic-Russian Front in Deadlock

LONDON, England, July 12.—The Teutonic-Russian deadlock in Russian Poland still continues. South of Lublin the forces are said to be at a standstill. From Petrograd there come reports of continuous fighting on the 30-mile front eastward from Josefow, with the Austrians as the aggressors. An unofficial Austrian explanation of the failure of the troops to advance north of the Krasnik is that the army was halted here as the object of the campaign—to capture Lemberg—was accomplished.

### Italians on Way to Take Trieste

LONDON, England, July 12.—News from Rome today is that the Italians have won further successes on the road to Trieste. From Petrograd there come reports of continuous fighting on the 30-mile front eastward from Josefow, with the Austrians as the aggressors. An unofficial Austrian explanation of the failure of the troops to advance north of the Krasnik is that the army was halted here as the object of the campaign—to capture Lemberg—was accomplished.

### Turks Claim Bombardment a Failure

LONDON, England, July 12.—The Turks claim that their losses in a British bombardment of the tip of Gallipoli were only one killed and two wounded, whereas their fire forced the bombarding cruisers to withdraw.

### GERMAN LINE IS NOT INSOLVENT, ASSERTS AGENCY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
BERLIN, Germany, July 12.—The Wolff agency denies flatly the rumors that the great Hamburg-American steamship line has failed.

### SON BORN TO FIFTH SON OF THE KAISER

BERLIN, Germany, July 12.—A son has been born to Prince Oscar, the fifth son of the Kaiser.

SUGAR  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 12.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.845 cents. Previous quotation, 4.83 cents.