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Sonoma, Aug. 9.
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BIG PASSENGER LINER GREAT NORTHERN MAY BE PUT ON COAST-TO-HAWAII RUN

Steamship and Railway Officials Turn Attention to Island Trade, Says Letter to Promotion Committee—Honolulu Offered Almost Immediate Increase in Service—No Need to Suspend Coastwise Law Under Such Conditions—Chairman Berndt Urges Businessmen Canvass Freight Possible

Hawaii's passenger traffic, threatened with serious congestion by the proposed withdrawal of the Pacific Mail liners, can be materially increased by cooperation on the part of the businessmen of Honolulu. This cooperation will secure the fastest passenger steamer on the Pacific and one of the fastest in the world.

Such is the significant news in a letter received yesterday by Chairman Berndt of the Hawaii Promotion Committee from H. P. Wood, the committee's representative in San Francisco. Mr. Wood has learned that the crack liner Great Northern, whose speed and accommodations were impressed on Honolulu by a single visit here several months ago, may be secured for the Coast-to-Hawaii run.

Chairman Berndt believes that this offers a welcome possibility to Hawaii, suggests a way of increasing passenger facilities without the suspension of the coastwise shipping law and brings to local businessmen a concrete proposition which should be immediately canvassed. It is probable that a meeting of large importers will be called to discuss what business could be guaranteed the Great Northern Steamship Company if it put its queen of liners on this run.

Mr. Wood's letter, which arrived in Honolulu yesterday afternoon, says that the Great Northern Steamship company would send its general traffic manager, C. E. Stone, to Hawaii to look into the business situation. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the Great Northern would start a triangular service of two trips each month, the route to be from San Francisco to San Pedro, San Pedro to Honolulu, Honolulu to San Francisco.

Mr. Wood's news is the result of an inquiry he has made at the instance of the Promotion Committee. When the Sierra was laid up and talk began to grow serious of the Pacific Mail suspending its service, Wood was asked to look into the possibilities for relieving the situation and at once began to go over the matter with San Francisco shipping men. His letter tells the result.

After canvassing the situation thoroughly, he took up the matter with the Great Northern steamer officials. They held a meeting at which their leading officials were present, together with Mr. Wood.

"I am giving the assurance," writes Mr. Wood, "that Mr. C. E. Stone, their general traffic manager, would make a trip to Hawaii in September with the distinct purpose of working up business for his company. All that is wanted is a careful consideration at your hands of any plan he may submit."

"The idea," Mr. Wood favorably received, would be to place the steamer Great Northern on the run, making two trips each month, commencing say November 1 this year, the route to be from San Francisco to San Pedro, San Pedro to Honolulu, returning from Honolulu to San Francisco direct. Time going, five days; returning, four and a half days, the service to continue for at least six months and longer if business justifies it.

"The Great Northern can carry 850 passengers and would probably arrange for second-cabin accommodation as well as first cabin."

"If this service is arranged for, Hawaii will come into a plan of advertising much more thorough and comprehensive than she has ever received before, for, as you know, the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company is practically controlled by the same interests that hold the Great Northern railway, the Northern Pacific railway and the Burlington route with all of its many feeders throughout the Middle West, and all of the advertising matter issued by these three great companies would call especial attention to trips to Hawaii. The advertising fund of the Burlington alone this year is upwards of \$200,000."

"With the advent of this service, Hawaii could boast of the fastest steamship on any ocean at the present time and I fully believe that the

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JACK LONDON'S FRIENDS AGHAST; HE HAS A VALET!

Famous Champion of "Cave Man" and Frontier Virtues Has Japanese "Man"

Jack London "discovered" the cave man for literature, and fixed for all time the literary value of the primeval brute and the eater of raw meat, but he doesn't believe in living like one, says a recent edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

The actor of Glen Eilon arrived on the steamship Sonoma from Honolulu recently and this is what he and Mrs. London brought:

One maid, one typewriter, six trunk and suitcases, and one valet.

The valet is Japanese, and London admits that he is skilful. When it comes to affixing buttons in one of London's soft shirts, or choosing the most harmonious tie for any given suit, Togo is "there." But that any valet of his shall ever know how to put pearl buttons in a "billed" shirt or suggest stiff collars, London denies indignantly. It injures the circulation of his books.

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Big Things in Store for Military Development of "Gibraltar of the Pacific"

PRESIDENT'S ORDER IS SPUR TO DISCUSSION

Calls on Secretaries Garrison and Daniels for Full Statement of Situation

By C. S. ALBERT.
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Preparedness for national defense now has taken precedence over all other topics here. Even the exchange of notes with Germany and Great Britain has dropped back to a secondary position.

President Wilson gave the sudden impetus to discussion of bettering the army and navy. This resulted from an urgent call upon Secretaries Garrison and Daniels for complete data regarding every detail in each service which would make the United States ready for defense against a hostile power. The two secretaries immediately began the collection of all possible information bearing on the subject. This matter will be forwarded within a few days to the president at Cornish and he will review the material in readiness for submission to Congress, either at an extraordinary or regular session. In any event it will form the basis for his message on the subject for national defense, when the proper time comes.

The naval policy which Secretary Daniels will recommend includes the authorization of four super-dreadnoughts and probably two battle cruisers.

It is desired to have four destroyers for each big ship. This would mean at least 22 additional destroyers. Funds will be sought for a fleet of approximately 100 new submarines. Of these 50 would be assigned to the Pacific coast and some stationed at Honolulu.

An aeronautical base is sought in which it will be possible to turn out three hydro-aeroplanes each week.

An increase in enlistment will be asked which means about 18,000 additional men for the navy.

It is desired to enlarge the capacity of the Naval Academy at Annapolis in order that sufficient officers may be provided for the future navy.

It is planned to give the recently created advisory board of inventors a legal status and to place a lump sum at the disposal of Secretary Daniels, whereby immediate advantage may be taken of improvements.

It is planned to so increase the regular army and militia that the aggregate will be brought up to about 410,000 men. This would include a regular army of some 140,000 officers and men and a federalized militia of 270,000 officers and men.

It is desired to purchase equipment for an army of 1,000,000 men and have it in readiness for emergencies. This would cover five rifles for every man in the service, 12 machine guns for every 1000 of infantry and cavalry, with six field guns and howitzers for every 1000 men in service.

Congress will be asked for such

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MAKE LOW RATES FOR DELEGATES TO CIVIC MEET

Round-trip excursion rates from various points in the territory of Hawaii to Kaula on account of the forthcoming civic convention to be held there September 26 and 27, were received today by the Hawaii Promotion Committee from the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company.

From any point in Hawaii to Kaula and return the fare will be \$23.

From Honolulu to Kaula the rate is only \$8 for the round trip.

From any point on Maui, a rate of \$17 will be effective.

The statement of rates was sent to the Promotion Committee from Vice-President J. L. McLean of the line.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
WANTS "CROSS ROADS" MAP

Among the several dozen letters awaiting answers today in the Hawaii Promotion Committee's correspondence department is one from the American Geographical Society, which means more invaluable publicity for Hawaii.

HAWAII TO SEND DELEGATES TO TOKYO MEETING

International Sunday School Convention in Japan Arouses Keen Interest Locally

TWO CHARTERED SHIPS MAY COME THIS ROUTE

Minnesota and Lapland Will Make Voyage; Japan's Great Men Get Together on Plans

A large party of Honoluluans may leave for Japan in 1916 to attend the International Sunday School conference to be held in Tokio October 18 to 26. The big conference is being discussed with keen interest locally and it is expected that many local persons of different nationalities who are interested in Sunday school work and in mission work in Japan may make use of the opportunity to visit the land of the cherry blossoms.

In connection with the conference, two ships, the Minnesota and Lapland, may stop at Honolulu on their way to the Orient with delegates to the convention. It is known that these steamers have been chartered by a large contingent of mainlanders who are going to the convention.

The convention is being backed by four of Japan's greatest men. These are Premier Count Okuma, Baron Sakatani, mayor of Tokio; Baron Shibusawa, financier; and Mr. Nakanano, president of the Tokio chamber of commerce.

Recent correspondence of the Associated Press comments on the convention plans as follows:

Plans for welcoming the International Sunday school conference which will be held in Tokio in October, 1916, have been formulated at a meeting of prominent Japanese led by Premier Count Okuma, who have banded themselves together into the "Association of the Supporters of the World's Sunday School Convention." That the government is showing a great interest in the conference is indicated by the fact that the meeting was held at the official residence of the prime minister.

It was announced that the conference would be held from October 18 to October 26 and that about 3000 delegates from various countries were expected to be present. A very large delegation is expected from the United States and arrangements are under way to transport them on a special steamer which will sail from New York and come to Yokohama by way of the Panama canal and San Francisco.

As lodging facilities at Tokio are inadequate it is probable that the American delegates will sleep on board the steamer at Yokohama, which is only 19 miles from Tokio. The expense of the conference is estimated at \$25,000. This will be raised by the Supporters' Association. Extensive facilities for sight-seeing will be arranged for the visitors.

SAYS WAILUKU WATER SUPPLY IS POLLUTED

Besides Being Entirely Inadequate, Forbes Condemns it as Not Fit to Drink

"Personally I do not believe that the water that the people of Wailuku are using is fit stuff to drink," says Charles R. Forbes of the department of public works, who returned this morning from a tour of investigation at various places on Maui.

"This is what I reported to the Maui Loan Fund commission," continued Forbes, "as well as to the chairman of the Maui board of supervisors. The supply itself is inadequate, and with the intake in its present position, the water can not be otherwise than polluted."

Mr. Forbes recommended immediate steps to improve this condition. His plan is to dam the head of the Kukui-moku stream, and to place a settling tank at station 5. From this tank he advised that a 10-inch pipe be run to the present reservoir, and on down in a 10-inch pipe to Market and Vineyard streets, where the size of the pipe could be reduced to six inches. From here he advised running the latter pipe to Kahului.

"The amount of money available for the work," says Mr. Forbes, "is not sufficient, and the chairman appointed a committee to take the matter up with the board of supervisors. There is a contract between the Wailuku Sugar Company and the county of Maui whereby the county can use 2,000,000 gallons daily from the stream. The present system is, however, not large enough to furnish 2,000,000 gallons, and a good part of the time people are absolutely without water. The Maui board for instance

ITALIANS WIN HEAVY BATTLE GERMAN ADVANCE UNCHECKED

CHIEF OF STAFF SENT ON PACIFICATION JOB

TEUTONS PROGRESSING NORTH AND SOUTH AGAINST RUSSIA; RIGA SAID TO BE TOTTERING

RUSSIANS EVACUATING WARSAW IN GREAT JEOPARDY FROM NORTHERN ATTACK, LED BY VON HINDENBERG—ALLIES TRYING TO WIN GREECE—SWEDEN DENIES PLANNING WAR ON RUSSIA—FALL OF POLISH CAPITAL WIDELY CELEBRATED BY ENTHUSIASTIC GERMANS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

PARIS, France, Aug. 7.—One of the biggest Italian successes of the war against Austria was won today when after a desperate battle extending for nearly a week the Italian forces stormed and captured the fortress of Monte San Michel. This fortress on a high hill overlooks and dominates the fortified town of Gorizia, which in turn is the main outer defense of Trieste.

The fall of Gorizia is now imminent.

Russian Forces Menaced by Germans; Slowly Retreat From Captured City

LONDON, England, Aug. 7.—The Russian forces which evacuated Warsaw and are now slowly retreating to the eastward are in greatest menace from the north. On the other fronts the rear-guards are putting up such stubborn fights that the enemy is held in check but from the north the advance of the Teutons is rapid and decisive.

Southwest of Dvinsk the German troops are progressing at such a rate that the Russian troops are menaced with possible capture or annihilation.

Munich Celebrates Bavarian Success

MUNICH, Germany, Aug. 7.—This city is the scene of the greatest celebration in its history, the fall of Warsaw and the prominent part played in its capture by Prince Leopold's Bavarian troops exciting the people to a tremendous enthusiasm.

Kovno Evacuated, Riga Tottering

LONDON, England, Aug. 7.—According to Copenhagen reports, the fortress town of Kovno, north of Suwalki, has been evacuated by the Russians, while Riga is tottering. The Russians may soon evacuate the latter town.

Greece Not Yet Won Over to Allies

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 7.—Though representatives of the Triple Entente powers are striving to induce Greece to join the Allies in the campaign against the Teutons and Turkey, Greece has not yet been won over.

British Fishing Vessels Sunk

LONDON, England, Aug. 7.—Six British fishing vessels have been sunk by submarines.

Sweden Denies Report of War Plan

LONDON, England, Aug. 7.—Sweden denies the report that she will soon declare war on Russia.

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BRYAN'S FRIEND QUITS AS FOREIGN ADVISER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—What is regarded as a significant resignation is that of Robert F. Rose of Montana, a close friend of William Jennings Bryan and by him chosen as foreign trade adviser. He has sent his resignation to Secretary Lansing.

TWO HUNDRED POUND BOY ASSURES JUDGE HE'S NOT QUITE 14

A big, strapping boy weighing at least 200 pounds was before Circuit Judge Ashford in juvenile court this morning. He was charged with destroying an automobile belonging to a Japanese named T. Honda.

FARNSWORTH FOR SHIP SUBSIDIES BY GOVERNMENT

A hope that Congress will take some action at its next session to relieve the American shipping situation, particularly as concerns the transpacific lines, is expressed in a letter received today by Acting Secretary A. P. Taylor of the Hawaii Promotion Committee from General Secretary Fred E. Farnsworth of the American Bankers' Association.

The letter was written primarily to notify the Promotion Committee that the A. B. A. will not be able to visit Honolulu in a specially chartered ship following their annual convention in Seattle, owing to the existing disruption of steamer transportation.

JAPAN DAY FAIR DATE IS CHANGED THIRD TIME

(Special to Nippon Jiji).
SAN FRANCISCO, August 7.—Japan Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has been postponed for the third time. The date now set is August 31, which will be doubly significant to Japanese, as this date is the thirty-seventh birthday of Emperor Yoshihito, son of the beloved