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U. S. TO ASK GERMANY FOR EXPLANATION OF ARABIC ACT

LAHAINA TRAGEDY HELD UNAVOIDABLE BY U. S. OFFICIALS

Federal Steamboat Inspectors Differ Radically With Utilities Commission

STEERING-GEAR BREAK IS DECLARED RESPONSIBLE

Captain Howe and Inspector Heenev Made Investigation Last Wednesday

That the boat accident at Lahaina last May, which cost the lives of two inter-island deck passengers, was unavoidable is in substance the report which the United States steamboat inspection service at Hawaii will make.

Inspector of Boilers Thomas J. Heenev this morning gave the information above to the Star-Bulletin when this paper asked as to the results of the trip to Lahaina by Inspector Heenev and Capt. W. Howe, inspector of hulls. Capts. Howe and Heenev returned on Thursday from a visit to the scene of the double drowning. They were accompanied by J. E. Sheedy, general superintendent of the Inter-Island, and Capt. Berg, who was in command of the Lahaina on the night the shore-boat overturned and let its passengers into the water off Lahaina landing.

The decision of the federal inspectors is radically different from that of the Public Utilities Commission, which has just finished a detailed investigation into the accident. The commission, after hearings which included a large amount of testimony from passengers and from members of the boat crew, held that the negligence of inter-island employees was responsible for the fatal accident.

"The accident was unavoidable, there is no question about that," said Inspector Heenev to the Star-Bulletin today. "But, Capt. Howe and myself went into the circumstances and our view this week was to go over the scene. If the steering gear hadn't broken on that night the boat would not have tipped over."

In these hearings around the islands it must be expected that accidents will occur. They occur everywhere where landings are made through surf or heavy waves on the shore in small boats. I spent five years around Nome and know that these things happen elsewhere."

Inspector Heenev was asked if he and Capt. Howe will embody their conclusions in a formal report to the United States bureau of navigation, department of commerce.

"We have already written out considerable," he said. "I suppose the results of this trip will be included

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FEAR OF WEDDING BELLS CAUSE OF APPEAL TO JUDGE

Pretty Chinese Girl Hurries to Court to Avoid Marrying Man Her Father Picked Out

A pretty little Chinese girl—she could not have been more than 15 years old—made a tearful eleven-hour appeal to Circuit Judge Whitney today. She asked that the court restrain her father from forcing her into marriage with a man nearly twice her age.

The Chinese custom of marriage is a peculiar one, and had the girl in question waited a day longer before making her appeal, she probably never would have gotten her case before the juvenile court.

She told Judge Whitney that her father had planned to have her married next month to a Chinese, about 30 years of age. Being American in spirit and belief, although Chinese by nationality, the girl resented, she told the court, but the father was persistent and declared he would see her married to the man according to the ancient custom of old China.

Then the girl realized that today would be her last day of freedom prior to going into solitary confinement for three weeks, as is the custom when Chinese brides-to-be are preparing for marriage. So she took matters into her own hands, left home and went straight to the judiciary building, where she made her appeal to Judge Whitney.

And Judge Whitney, understanding the situation, told the girl not to worry; that everything would come out all right. He continued the case until next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, at which time the girl's father will be brought into court and asked for an explanation.

The Chinese girl thanked Judge Whitney and left the court room, smiling.

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CANNERIES BUY BULK OF PINES FROM JAPANESE

Small Farmers Helped Out After Chamber of Commerce Makes Effort to Aid Them

PRICE PAID IS BETTER THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED

Japanese Merchants' Association Took Matter Up With Local Chamber

Practically all of the pineapples grown on Oahu by the Japanese small farmers, who were unable to secure other markets for their fruit, have been taken over by the local canneries, according to information obtained from the Chamber of Commerce and from the canneries' managements.

About two weeks ago a large number of Japanese growers, being unable to get rid of their fruit either through local dealers or through the territorial marketing division, took the matter up with the Japanese Merchants' Association and requested that something be done to assist them.

The Japanese association, in turn, appealed to the Chamber of Commerce and the matter was referred to the committee on trade, commercial and industrial development.

The committee began work to devise ways and means to assist the Japanese in disposing of their fruit, and to this end called a meeting with representatives of the local canneries. At the last meeting of the chamber, the committee reported that the pineapples grown by the Japanese had been taken care of, meaning that they had been sold.

According to Secretary Raymond C. Brown, the canneries told the chamber committee that they could not handle the pineapples. A few days after the meeting, however, the Japanese association notified the chamber that the situation had been cleared up, and that the Japanese had got rid of their fruit, he said.

"Later I learned that certain canneries had bought the fruit," Mr. Brown added.

The local office of Libby, McNeill & Libby informed the Star-Bulletin today that it purchased 4000 tons of the Japanese fruit. As a result of this purchase, the 1915 output of the company's canneries on Oahu will be increased by 100,000 cases of canned fruit, each case averaging 24 cans. The Libby, McNeill & Libby canneries will cease packing in about a month and a half.

James D. Doie, president and manager of the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, told the Star-Bulletin today that his company had "purchased the bulk of the fruit grown by the Japanese." He added that the local Japanese growers had been one of those who took the matter up with the canneries. Mr. Doie would not make public the price per ton which the cannery paid to the Japanese for their pineapples. He added, however, that the cannery paid a higher price than had been contemplated by the Japanese Merchants' Association.

The Thomas Pineapple Company did not purchase any of the pines. W. B. Thomas, president of the company, said today that this was impossible as all the company's requirements had been covered. Libby, McNeill & Libby and the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, he added, had taken the bulk of the fruit, according to information received by him.

A. T. Longley, superintendent of the territorial marketing division, said today that he had learned that the local canneries had relieved the situation somewhat by purchasing the bulk of Japanese grown fruit. He added that a lot of the fruit had rotted in the fields before it had been sold.

YOUNG ISLEIN SUED BY WOMAN HIS AUTO KNOCKED DOWN

BOSTON.—C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., of New York, a Harvard student, is the defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Inez F. Hall of Cambridge, in the Middlesex Superior Court at East Cambridge, who claims \$20,000 damages for injuries sustained by being run into and knocked down by an automobile operated by Iselin on June 19, in Central Square, Cambridge.

MRS. JESSIE STILLMAN TAYLOR GIVES AN AMBULANCE TRAIN.

BERLIN, Germany.—Mrs. Jessie Stillman Taylor of New York, a resident of Munich, has been instrumental in raising funds for German relief. She has presented to the Bavarian army an ambulance train consisting of a motor car and two trailers.

GEORGIA CASHIER LOCKED IN A VAULT BY ROBBERS.

ROCKMART, Ga.—A bandit held up Howard T. Fambrough, assistant cashier of the Rockmart Bank, locked him in the bank's vault and escaped with a package of currency. Fambrough was nearly suffocated when released.

RISK LIVES TO DRAG COMRADES OUT OF DANGER

Soldiers of First Battalion, 2nd Infantry, Perform Feats of Valor in Mountains

SEVERAL CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED SOON

Maneuvers on Ridges Back of Waimanalo Result in Series of Thrilling Escapes

Risking their lives to save injured comrades, several soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry, performed heroic acts on the cliffs of Waimanalo a few days ago, which will undoubtedly result in several certificates of merit for them within a short time. On their return to Fort Shafter today from a 10-day camp at Waimanalo, the story of their heroism was learned.

While performing field work and maneuvers on Ridge D, behind the wharf at Waimanalo, Thursday, a number of soldiers, slipping on the treacherous volcanic rock and shale in climbing the hill, dislodged several rocks, which rolled down the steep hillside with great velocity.

Quartermaster Sergeant J. P. O'Keefe of Company M, 150 feet below, was struck by the falling boulder on the head, arms and chest. He was knocked down by the impact and carried 50 feet down the hillside, close to the face of the cliff.

Private J. H. White of the same company came to his injured comrade's assistance. While bending over him, he too was struck by an avalanche of falling rocks, which carried him along 15 feet, scratching his face badly. White was able to get help and assist O'Keefe to safety. Neither man was badly enough injured to be sent to the hospital.

Another fall was sustained by Private Joseph Wilkins, who fell nearly 60 feet, a rock striking him in the back of the head as he fell. He was rescued by fellow-soldiers and taken to the Fort Shafter hospital.

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EASY TO MUSTER SIX COMPANIES ON BIG ISLAND

New Adjutant General Finds That Enthusiasm Is Plentiful—Only Funds Lacking

Word received from Hawaii this morning from Col. Samuel Johnson, indicates that the new adjutant general of the National Guard is busy getting the assurance of new companies of infantry on the Big Island, and looking into the matter of a separate troop of cavalry there.

Col. Johnson is much encouraged by the general spirit of cooperation among the people of Hawaii, and there seems to be little doubt that five or six companies could be recruited if funds could be found for their equipment and maintenance.

Last night Col. Johnson inspected Company M, 1st Infantry, N. G. H., stationed at Hilo, and make a short talk to the men. Today he intends to witness the firing on the Hilo range in competition for places on the Hawaii rifle team that is to go to Florida. Lieut.-col. W. R. Riley, 1st Infantry, N. G. H., team captain, left for Hilo last Thursday to supervise the competition, taking with him Lt. G. E. Schaefer.

The firing will be continued tomorrow, and the average of the two days' shoot checked against averages made by the Oahu riflemen on the Fort Shafter range.

Col. Johnson expects to be at Lanipahoehoe Sunday morning to organize a new company there.

KOHALA SALOON MEN GIVE UP TRYING FOR LICENSES

(Special Correspondence.)
HILO, August 20.—All four of the would-be saloon men who applied for licenses for second class liquor establishments in the Kohala district have withdrawn their applications and, as one of the applicants stated, the reason is on account of "unavoidable circumstances." The remarkable manner in which all four applications decided to withdraw their applications rather suggests that the "unavoidable circumstances" was the force of public opinion in the Kohala district.

Bulgaria Masses Her Troops Against Turkey Italy Prepares To Join War On The Ottoman

85,000 RUSSIANS TAKEN, DECLARES GERMAN DESPATCH

Official Cablegram Says Vast Number of Prisoners and Huge Quantity of War Material Captured at Novogeorgievsk

The following cablegram from official German sources was received early today:

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, August 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army is at Novogeorgievsk, the last stronghold of the enemy in Poland, and has taken prisoners there more than 85,000 Russians, among whom are six generals. The estimate of the number of cannon taken has risen to more than 700. It is impossible to estimate the quantity of war material.

Gen. von Gallwitz's troops have taken prisoner 3500 soldiers and 10 officers, as well as 12 machine guns. The Russians are retreating east of Kovno and in the Dvina district to the road from Augustowo to Grodno.

Field Marshal Prince Leopold's Bavarian army is advancing. Field Marshal von Mackensen's army on the left wing threw the Russians back behind Kotelniki in the Pulwa district. The Germans pursuing the enemy east of Wlodawa have reached the district of Piszczak.

Between Angres and Souchez, on the west, the enemy last night were driven from the trenches which were occupied yesterday. In the Vosges at Schatzmann, a small part of the advanced German position was lost.

Naval Battle For Possession of Riga Still on, Germans Attacking

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, August 21.—According to Russian advices, the naval battle for possession of the Gulf of Riga still continues, the German warships having been unable to force a passage against the Russian defending fleet.

Zeppelin Downed Near Vilna

LONDON, England, August 21.—Vilna, the Russian fortress on the line between Grodno and Petrograd, and still an obstacle to German advance on the Rusa capital, is now the object of Teuton military attention. The Teuton air-fleets have been sent to scout over the country. It is reported that a Zeppelin approaching Vilna was brought down by aircraft guns.

M'CARN CABLES FOR RE-ARREST OF E. P. WINTERS

J. Wesley Thompson Commanded to Arrest Man Dismissed After Hearing

Acting upon cabled instructions from U. S. District Attorney Jeff McCarn, now in San Francisco, J. Wesley Thompson, assistant district attorney, today issued a warrant for the re-arrest of E. P. Winters. It was expected that Winters would be taken into custody this afternoon.

Winters, a former quartermaster on the Siberia, was brought to Honolulu from San Francisco recently on a charge of having smuggled \$2000 worth of opium into this city late in June. On Wednesday the case was discharged by U. S. Commissioner George S. Curry on the ground that there was no evidence against Winters.

Mr. Thompson received a cablegram from McCarn yesterday asking that the case be continued pending the arrival in Honolulu of Customs Inspector Joseph Heads and Surveyor of the Port Waddell of San Francisco, who were coming as witnesses against Winters. Mr. Thompson cabled back that the case had been dismissed.

This morning another cablegram was received from McCarn containing orders to have Winters rearrested

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NUMBER OF KNOWN DEAD IN TEXAS HURRICANE IS NOW 200; WIDE AREA HIT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 21.—The number of known dead resulting from the storm which has swept this entire section of Texas has reached 200.

GERMAN EXPLANATION TO BE ASKED THROUGH BERLIN AMBASSADOR



U. S. Ambassador James W. Gerard

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FOREST FIRES IN WASHINGTON ARE BURNING TOWNS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 21.—One of the sharpest forest fires in the history of the state is sweeping the woods not far from here. The little town of Alki was completely destroyed, many homes being lost. The fire ran four miles in 20 minutes.

M'LOUGHLIN IS AGAIN BEATEN BY WILLIAMS IN FAST TENNIS PLAY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 21.—R. Norris Williams of Harvard today defeated Maurice McLoughlin three sets to one in the tournament for the Casino cup. Williams defeated McLoughlin in the national championships last year but this year the California crack has been showing the better form up to today. The national championships will be held the last of August and the two are expected to be contenders at that time.

GEN. OBREGON REFERS NOTE FROM CONFERENCE TO CHIEF CARRANZA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Gen. Obregon's reply to the note sent to him by the Pan-American conference, asking the warring factions to compose their differences, was received today. He refers the conference to his superior, Gen. Carranza.

RUSSIANS VAINLY STRIVE TO HOLD TEUTONS; LONDON SAYS ARABIC WAS NOT CONVOYED

RIGHTS OF NON-COMBATANTS NOT ABROGATED BY BRITISH PATROL OF WHITE STAR LINER'S COURSE—GERMAN AIR FLEET TRIES TO ATTACK VILNA BUT ONE ZEPPELIN IS BROUGHT DOWN—TURKS FACE MOST SERIOUS SITUATION OF WAR—ITALIAN NOTE VIRTUALLY AN ULTIMATUM

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21.—The administration, it is learned today, has decided upon a preliminary course of action in the Arabic matter. The state department will direct Ambassador Gerard in Berlin to call Germany's attention to the sinking of the White Star liner by a German submarine and the death of Americans. The United States will invite Germany to explain the act of its submarine commander in attacking the steamer.

Bulgaria Concentrates 150,000 Troops Ready to Attack Turkey

NAPLES, Italy, August 21.—Lending color to the reports that Serbia has agreed to the cession of Macedonian territory to Bulgaria, and that Bulgaria will now enter the war on the side of the Allies, it is the news that King Ferdinand has concentrated 150,000 specially-trained and equipped troops on the Turkish frontier.

This move is said to be preparatory to a declaration of war and a dash into Turkish territory.

Bulgaria's demand for part of Macedonia was declared to have been conceded to by the Allies and an arrangement made with Serbia for the relinquishment of the territory wanted.

Germans Sweep Steadily on And Petrograd is Getting Nervous

LONDON, England, August 21.—Reports today from the eastern war arena are anything but reassuring and the rumor that the Russian capital might be moved from Petrograd to Moscow seems more likely.

The Russian stronghold of Osovets is holding out, but largely because the country roundabout is mostly marshes and the Germans have not been able to bring their heavy guns to bear on the fortifications, while the roads are so narrow the machine guns easily sweep them and prevent the approach of large bodies of troops.

Arabic Was Not Convoys, Says Britain in Official Statement

LONDON, England, August 21.—Official—The White Star liner was not being convoyed by British patrolling warships when she was torpedoed last Thursday.

The body of Mrs. Josephine Bruguiere of San Francisco, one of the Americans lost, has been recovered.

Italian Note Virtually Ultimatum

PARIS, France, August 21.—The Italian ambassador at Constantinople has been instructed to hand to The Porte a note demanding a statement concerning the detention of Italians who desire to depart from Turkey. This action is considered an ultimatum from Italy to the Ottoman government and war is foreseen at an early date.

Italy Claims Situation Intolerable

ROME, Italy, August 21.—Foreign Minister Sonnino reported to the cabinet today a large number of facts regarding Turkish treatment of Italian subjects and other provocative acts. The Italian government declares that the situation is becoming intolerable and is taking steps to demand an accounting from Constantinople.

2,000 Passengers Risk Submarines

NEW YORK, N. Y., August 21.—Undeterred by the fate of the Lusitania and the Arabic, four big liners today sailed for European ports carrying 2000 passengers who are willing to risk the submarines of Germany.

Cotton Contraband Order Tomorrow

PARIS, France, August 21.—France and Great Britain tomorrow will simultaneously declare cotton absolute contraband. This action is being taken because the Allies claim Germany is getting material for explosives from the cotton cargoes.

Germans Capture Bielske Forts

BERLIN, Germany, August 21.—The Germans have captured Bielske and driven the Russians across the Riala river.

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