

Merry Christmas---to the Whole World---Merry Christmas!

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ALL'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD ON EVE OF HAWAII'S XMAS

Yuletide Spirit Rules in Honolulu; Streets Crowded With Last-Minute Shoppers; Holiday Crowds Fill Big Stores

MANY TREES PLANNED FOR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

Special Services at Churches This Evening, on Xmas Day and on Sunday; Army Posts Hum With Preparations for Festival

"God Bless you, Merry Gentlemen, may nothing you dismay."—Old English Carol.

Away from the biting winds and snows of the north and into a land of palm trees, soft breezes and perpetual sunshine, old St. Nicholas and Christmas will visit Hawaii tonight and tomorrow, bringing joy to the people of a score or more nationalities and creeds.

For weeks Honolulu has been preparing for this big closing event of the year. Happy shoppers have thronged the streets and the stores, Honolulu's business houses have never looked prettier, and their holiday attire alone has been a source of wonder and surprise to all. Varieties of appropriate Christmas gifts, such as would be found in any well-appointed mainland city, have been on display, and business has been brisk.

Special Church Services. Scores of prayers and good cheer will ring from the various Honolulu churches tomorrow, where special Christmas services will be held. Practically all the churches in Honolulu will observe the day. Some unusually fine musical programs have been arranged, and many of the meetings will be in the form of song services.

In the schools, at the forts and down in the heart of the tenement districts the Christmas spirit will reign unchecked. The Associated Charities, the Palama and Beretania settlements and the Salvation Army will see that the poor of the city are provided for. Both the Oahu prison and the city jail will observe the day with bounteous dinners.

Following is a complete program of the manner in which various local churches and other organizations will observe Christmas Day: Central Union Church.

The second sacred musicale of the winter will be given at Central Union church Sunday night in the form of Christmas music. Miss Gatfield, the church organist, and Miss Alice E. Harrison will give organ solos; Carl Mittner will play the violin and Mrs. C. L. Hall, accompanied by Mrs. Westervelt, will sing. The choir of the church will give many of the old Christmas carols and anthems. The public is cordially invited to enjoy the musicale.

"Christmas and the Christian Endeavor" will be the topic for a meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society to be held in the church at 8:30 o'clock next Sunday evening. Christian Church.

The annual Christmas program with a real Santa Claus and a huge, real old-fashioned Christmas tree was held at the Christian church last night. This was the first Christmas of the Christian church in the new church building, and naturally it was an important occasion. Extensive preparations were made to inject the old-fashioned Christmas spirit into the festival, and the event brought out a large crowd of children and grown-ups. Kaunakapili Church.

The Young People's League, under the direction of Rev. A. Akana, will begin celebrating Christmas Day by having a special Christmas service at the Kaunakapili church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. This plan of celebrating the Christmas was inaugurated by Mr. Akana a year ago. He felt then, as he does now, that the true Christmas spirit as well as the religious significance of the Christmas Day have been forgotten by the young people, and that Christmas has been thought of by a large majority of them, as a day of sports. And so, in order to keep before the young, the meaning of this great day of the year, a special religious service is necessary.

Being the second special Christmas service held by the league, and having invited all the Hawaiian and the English speaking church members to be present, a large attendance is expected.

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STUART'S SUIT IN LAND MATTER IS THROWN OUT

Judge Ashford Sustains Eight of Nine Demurrers Filed in Case By Governor

EXECUTIVE AMENABLE TO MANDAMUS, HE SAYS

Although holding that the governor is amenable to a writ of mandamus, and is subject to the law the same as any other person, Circuit Judge C. W. Ashford today sustained eight of the nine grounds in the demurrer filed by Governor Pinkham and Land Commissioner Joshua D. Tucker to the action for alternative writ of mandamus brought against them by Circuit Judge Thomas B. Stuart.

The only ground in the demurrer which was overruled was that alleging that the court had no jurisdiction of the person of the governor, and of the land commissioner, for the purpose of mandamus.

The demurrer virtually was sustained as a whole. The decision handed down by Judge Ashford was oral.

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CHINA PROVINCE RISES AGAINST NEW MONARCHY

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] PEKING, China, Dec. 24.—A revolutionary movement against the monarchy has broken out in the province of Yunnan. The movement is under the leadership of Tasi Ao, ex-military governor of Yunnan and an opponent of the monarchy. The government has sent 30,000 troops to quell the insurrection, which started at Yuan Nanfu, Yunnan. The government troops are reported still loyal to Yuan in this province and neighboring provinces are not affected.

SANTA CLAUS EXPOSED



SINKING OF N. Y. K. LINER TO BE PROBED

Submerging of Yasaka Maru, Bound for Orient, Likely to Be Taken Up Diplomatically; Report Vessel Was Unwarned

HENRY FORD SAILS FOR HOME, QUITTING PARTY

Rumors Say He Broke Down When Found Official Recognition of Peace Mission Was Withheld; Will Continue to Finance Trip

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Maintaining its stand for the rights of non-combatants at sea, and the principles that merchant vessels cannot be torpedoed without warning, the United States may make the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru the subject of diplomatic representations.

The Yasaka Maru, of the Nippon Yusen-Kaisha line, was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean and it is reported that an Austrian submarine did the torpedoing. If the truth is established that the steamer was not warned before the torpedo was launched, the submerging will be made the subject of inquiry by the United States. It was stated in official circles here today that further diplomatic correspondence with Austria would ensue and that demands would be made for suitable reparation, based on the U. S. attitude as outlined in the various notes on freedom of the seas for neutrals and non-combatants.

FORD IN POOR HEALTH; COLD RECEPTION ABROAD SAID TO HAVE HURT HIM

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, with Henry Ford, auto manufacturer and peace advocate, as a passenger, sailed from Bergen today for New York.

Ford said he expected that the expedition would continue without him. It is reported that his departure was due to the fact that his physician ordered rest for him. The rumors say that Ford broke down physically when he found that official recognition for his mission was withheld and his arrival in Europe greeted with cold aloofness. Ford continues financing the trip.

He has appointed new leaders for the party, including Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver and Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago.

The newspapers here say that owing to the withdrawal of Ford prominent Norwegians may not accompany the party on its further tour. No Norwegian peace advocates responded to Mr. Ford's invitation to join the party to visit Stockholm and Copenhagen and establish working headquarters.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Henry Ford left a check for \$270,000 to finance the further tour of the peace party, it is learned today. He says he recognizes the impossibility to make headway for peace with the party at loggerheads. He says also he is satisfied with what has been accomplished, the cause of peace having been given publicity in the newspapers and will have power to end the war. Among the leaders appointed are John Barry, the San Francisco newspaperman, and Lieut. gov. Bethea of South Carolina.

NO STAR-BULLETIN TOMORROW. The Star-Bulletin will not issue tomorrow, Christmas Day.

POSTOFFICE FORCE IS SWAMPED BY RUSH OF LATE LOCAL MAIL

Tomorrow promises to be far from an idle Merry Christmas for postoffice clerks and carriers. Although every available employe was at work today, and the 354 sacks coming in on the Chiyo Maru this morning were cleaned up before noon, the volume of local mail pouring in has simply swamped the office.

Christmas cards, letters, various forms of greetings and parcel post packages all for local delivery, poured in this morning by the thousands, so that the force was unable to begin to take care of all of it. Two extra auto trucks were kept busy all day today delivering parcel post matter.

Tomorrow morning the general delivery and stamp windows will be open from 8 to 10 o'clock, and there will be only one delivery. The carriers will not leave the office on this delivery until everything has been cleaned up, which may mean they may not be able to eat their Christmas dinner until 6 or 7 o'clock tomorrow night, although postal regulations give them tomorrow as a holiday.

By order of the governor all territorial employes are to have a vacation from today at noon until Monday morning. This afternoon's leave is to

POSTOFFICE WILL BE OPEN FOR TWO HOURS CHRISTMAS MORNING

The following hours will be observed at the postoffice tomorrow, Christmas Day, December 25:

The parcel post, stamp and general delivery windows will be open from 8 to 10 a. m. One delivery will be made by letter carriers. Holiday collection will be made from street letter boxes as indicated by the time cards.

STREET CARS TO RUN HOUR LATER TONIGHT

Street cars over the entire city will run one hour later tonight than usual. This arrangement has been made by the Rapid Transit Company in order to handle the crowd of people who will wish to remain down town till past that witching hour of midnight when, it is said, all the cocks crow and the horses and cows talk in the stables.

Extra cars are to be put on the runs tonight if the crowds are sufficient to warrant them, and from the general spirit of Christmas in the air it is likely they will be needed.

allow them opportunity to get down town and do Christmas shopping.

PARDONS AND PAROLES GOVERNOR'S XMAS GIFTS

The spirit of Yuletide penetrates even prison walls. This morning Governor Pinkham signed pardons and paroles for 19 criminals in the territory, who will leave confinement and face the world as free men tonight or tomorrow.

John A. Kealoha, former Hawaii county supervisor, sentenced May 15, 1914, to from two to 10 years for embezzlement, gets his parole, as forecasted in yesterday's Star-Bulletin.

Chun Duck Soon, the Korean whose information led to the capture of the notorious Korean bandit, Yee Yo Keuk, is also paroled, as are a number of men who have been serving long years for murder or manslaughter.

Chang Koong Wai, sentenced in September, 1902, to 20 years for second degree murder, receives a general pardon, as does Watanabe Masagi, sentenced in June, 1903, to serve 25 years for the same charge.

Faced Galleys for Time. A full pardon is also granted to Kimura Tobei, found guilty of first degree murder in September of 1902. Tobei was for a time under sentence to hang, which was later commuted to life imprisonment. Still later, because of good conduct, the sentence was reduced to 30 years, and in 1909

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SHIBUZAWA HAD HOPES OF ENDING FIGHT IN EUROPE

Three score American and Japanese business and professional men of Honolulu gathered at the Young hotel at noon today to attend a luncheon and reception held in honor of Baron Shibuzawa, famous financier of Japan, who is on his way home by the Chiyo Maru.

That one of the objects of Baron Shibuzawa in visiting the United States was to confer with leading businessmen to see what could be done to end the war and bring peace between nations, was stated by the Baron today in his speech at the noon luncheon in his honor at the Young hotel.

"I went first and foremost to see the exposition," said the baron, speaking in Japanese, "for I had a great personal interest in it. Furthermore I wanted to renew the pleasant acquaintances that I had made in America in my two former trips there. I am a

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RUSSIANS CAMPAIGN IN PERSIA TO JOIN BRITISH

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—The French claim to have maintained Hartmannswillerkopf, which the Germans say has been recaptured. The Russians report successes at Trembowla and advancing in Persia, their object being to join the British.

BULGARIANS SAID TO PLAN GREEK INVASION

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Special dispatches say that the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greece. The Allies there are strengthening their forces.

BITISH LOSSES TOTAL UP MORE THAN 500,000

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] LONDON, Eng., Dec. 24.—Premier Asquith announced today that the total British casualties up to December 9 are 528,227, of whom 119,923 were killed.