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U. S. AND AUSTRIA MOVING TOWARD PROHIBITION IN HAWAII GOAL OF LOCAL MOVEMENT

Anti-Saloon League Begins the Circulation of Petitions Throughout Territory, to Get Definite Backing

RESPONSES LARGE AND SENTIMENT IS STRONG

So Report Workers From All Islands; Documents Will Go to Senate and House; To Cooperate With National Organization

A territory-wide movement for prohibition in Hawaii, actively begun about two weeks ago by the Anti-Saloon League, reached Honolulu definitely yesterday in the circulation of petitions addressed to the senate and the house of representatives of the United States.

The petitions read as follows:

"We, the undersigned residents of the Territory of Hawaii, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within said territory and forbidding the importation of the same, except for specified purposes, into the territory from abroad or from any other state or territory of the Union."

As the petitions are circulated they are signed in duplicate—that is, one signature goes on the document addressed to the senate, and one on the document addressed to the house, and it is planned to present them to both houses simultaneously.

Inquiry at the office of the Anti-Saloon League of Hawaii this morning brought the following statement from its superintendent, Dr. John W. Wadman:

"The National Board of Control of the Anti-Saloon League of America, at its biennial session held at Atlantic City, N. J., in July last, in outlining a policy for the future, included within its scope of operations a federal bill prohibiting the liquor traffic in the District of Columbia and the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska. This action was taken by the Board of Control at its own initiative. With a view to supporting such a movement as thus inaugurated, the Anti-Saloon League of Hawaii has recently prepared and circulated petitions addressed to the senate and house of representatives at Washington, D. C. These petitions have been sent out to the three hundred or more delegated members of the League, and for the last week or so, these members, including pastors, Sunday school superintendents, presidents of young people's societies, have been busy circulating the same in their various districts and making returns to headquarters here in Honolulu. These returns thus far have been quite general and most encouraging. A large number of the petitions, duly signed, have been received, and after others have materialized they will be tabulated and forwarded to Washington, D. C., to be used by the national officers there in support of the movement as indicated above."

Busy in Business District.

Dr. Wadman further said that three committees today were circulating the petitions in the downtown business district and that the signatures were being given in large numbers. One of these circulating the petitions reported this morning that he finds a much stronger general sentiment in favor of prohibition for Hawaii than was the case during the campaign of five years ago, when a "plebiscite" or popular vote gave a large majority against a "dry" territory.

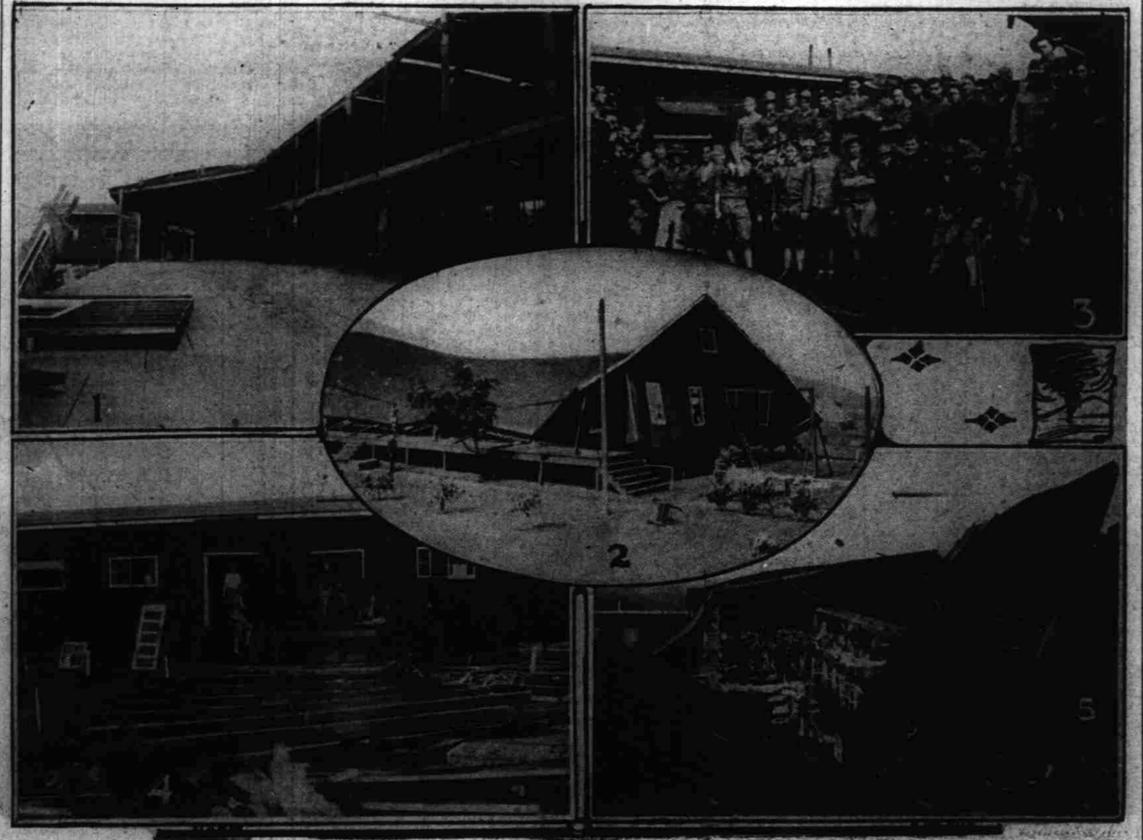
Yesterday the workers reported a number of signatures.

Just what form the prohibition campaign is taking in Washington is not definitely known here, the developments of the last few days of Congress not having reached here by mail as yet. Senator Gronna of North Dakota has introduced a bill for prohibition in Hawaii, while the Anti-Saloon leaders have under consideration a bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in Hawaii, Alaska and the District of Columbia.

The local Anti-Saloon League members will work in cooperation with their national organization in supporting the bill which that body feels is most feasible, according to the indications in evidence here now.

Dr. Wadman said this morning that the league has no paid workers circulating the petitions, and that except for country districts, which are slow in reporting, the returns have been general from all parts of Hawaii.

Storm's Havoc At Schofield Barracks Shown In Photos; Company Homes Wrecked By Wind



The high winds at Schofield Barracks gave the big army post a merry Christmas mixed with some hard work and considerable danger to inmates of collapsing structures. Photo No. 1 above shows the interior of barracks wrecked by storm after debris had been cleared away and property removed. Co. 1, 1st Infantry. No. 2 shows D Company barracks, 1st Infantry, caved in by flying roof, where Pvt. Cronin and Derington were seriously injured. No. 3 shows group of jolly I Company men in their wrecked quarters, where Pvt. Gissandanner was seriously injured. No. 4 shows barracks of Troop A, 4th Cavalry, almost entirely demolished by storm. No. 5 shows interior of barracks, Company F, 1st Infantry, wrecked by storm.

DEFINITE BREAK

UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS SAYS SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS NEAR

Vienna Rumored to Have Declined To Meet American Demands On Ancona Sinking

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Unofficial information of a credible nature in Washington circles today is that Austria will not meet the demands for disavowal and reparation voiced in the United States' notes concerning the sinking of the Italian passenger liner Ancona. Austria's refusal to comply with the demands of the United States is believed to have brought definite action appreciably nearer. Teutonic diplomats are represented as preparing for a severance of relations with the United States government.

PARIS, France, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advices received here from Vienna convey the impression that the Austrian reply on the American demands regarding the Ancona will be such as to result in a severance of relations between the Dual Monarchy and the United States.

Ford Party Holds Peace Meeting In Stockholm; Big Demonstration

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 28.—A public meeting held today under the auspices of the Ford peace party was characterized by the most enthusiastic demonstration for peace since the war began. When Louis Loehner, secretary of the Ford party, announced that the committee had secret information that certain belligerents were willing to negotiate for peace, the meeting became tumultuous. He said the committee had this information since the peace ship left New York.

Rev. Charles F. Aked, the San Francisco pastor, in an address found fault with the president's failure to take the initiative in a peace movement.

Capt. Boy-Ed Raps Uncurbed Press

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Capt. Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché who, with Capt. von Popen, has been recalled at the request of the United States "for military and naval activities," sailed today on the steamer Rotterdam for Germany. Before his departure Capt. Boy-Ed made a statement denouncing the "reckless utterances of the irresponsible press." He predicted that the United States some day in self-defense will find it necessary to curb the press.

On the same steamer are sailing Col. E. M. House, close friend and adviser of the president, and Brand Whitlock, the American minister to Belgium. Col. House is going to Europe to convey to the U. S. diplomatic representatives there matters from the president which cannot be entrusted to the mails or the telegraph and to receive reports from them. Minister Whitlock is returning to his post, having come to America on leave on account of his health. Neither would discuss his mission nor the war.

British Said to Be Seizing U. S. Mail

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—A report to the Overseas News Agency says that British patrol boats have seized the American mail on two steamers bound for Holland.

It is believed that Washington applies the parcel post system to matter which Great Britain regards as freight.

(Note.—This may refer to the reported sending of foodstuffs by parcel post from the United States to Germany, this mail having now been seized by Great Britain.)

French Take Offensive At Herzstein

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 28.—The French have taken the offensive at Herzstein and have attacked the German lines. Details are lacking.

Full Text Of First Austrian Reply

Vienna Rejects U. S. Ancona Demands

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The full text of Austria's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, signed by Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs Burian, and forwarded by American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, as made public today by the state department follows:

In reply to the much esteemed note, No. 4167, which his excellency, Frederic Courtland Penfield, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States of America, directed to him in the name of the American government under date of the 9th instant, in the matter of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, the undersigned, preliminary to a thorough, meritorious treatment of the demand, has the honor to observe that the sharpness with which the government of the United States considers it necessary to blame the commanding officer of the submarine concerned in the affair and the firmness in which the demands addressed to the imperial and royal government appear to be expressed, might well have warranted the expectation that the government of the United States should precisely specify the actual circumstances of

As is not difficult to perceive, the presentation of the facts in the case in the aforesaid note leaves room for many doubts, and even if this presentation were correct in all points and the most rigorous legal conception were applied to the judgment of the case, it does not in any way sufficiently warrant attaching blame to the commanding officer of the war vessel or to the imperial and royal government.

The government of the United States has also failed to designate the persons upon whose testimony it relies and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the imperial and royal fleet. The note also fails to give any information whatsoever as to the number, names and more precise fate of the American citizens who were on board of the said steamer at the critical moment.

However, in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement to the effect that citizens of the United States of America came to grief in the incident in question, the imperial and royal government is in principle ready to enter

RAINFALL SINCE NOON YESTERDAY NEARLY 4 INCHES

Downpour (Since) Beginning of Storm Friday Reached Total of 7.94 Inches Today

Despite the fact that for more than 36 hours Old Man Barometer has been climbing steadily up the scale on the little instrument in the weather bureau office, Oahu's rainy weather is continuing.

At noon today the total rainfall since the beginning of the storm on Christmas Eve was exactly 7.94 inches. From 12 noon yesterday, when the rain gauge recorded a fall of 4.09 inches, up to noon today, a total of 3.85 inches of rain has fallen. Yesterday's barometer recorded 29.87 inches, while today it has climbed to 29.98.

From 8 o'clock last night to 8 o'clock this morning there fell in rain a total of 2.33 inches, while from 8 o'clock this morning until noon today 1.39 inches of rain had fallen.

"There was nothing especially unusual about last night's rain," said A. M. Hamrick, federal weather man today. "It was a very hard rain, however, and probably came because of the change in wind."

"Yesterday afternoon the wind swung around toward the Northwest, the prevailing direction to which it is holding today, and as the air was already heavy with moisture the sudden cooling from the change brought down the moisture in the form of rain. Mercury Has Dropped.

"Today at noon the thermometer registered out 68 degrees Fahrenheit, while all yesterday forenoon when the wind was in the southeast it was hovering about 74 and 75 degrees.

"If the thermometer today was up to 90 degrees," continues Mr. Hamrick, "we would be having but little rain. Saturated air at 100 degrees is able to hold 19.8 grains of water vapor per cubic foot. At 70 degrees it holds but 8 grains; at 60 degrees, 5.8 grains, and at zero, .5 grains. This shows how rapidly the cooling of the air affects the supply of rain."

Night patrols were kept out by the city engineer's office from dark last evening to daylight this morning, unblocking clogged storm drains and diverting ditches that threatened to undermine sidewalks and fences, and tear out portions of streets.

One of the biggest damages reported to the engineer's office at noon today was in the road leading down from Castner to Kaukonahua gulch where the water has eaten out the roadbed and rendered it practically impassable. Notices are being printed today warning travelers of the dangerous

MEN OF FIGHTING AGE DETAINED AT DOCK AT SYDNEY

Australia Will Not Let Any Men Capable of Service Depart From Country

Instead of her usual hundred or more passengers from Australia, the Oceanic steamer Sonoma docked at 8 o'clock this morning at Pier 10, with only a comparative handful of travelers on board. She left only six passengers here, and her through passengers are only 43.

The reason for this is a new military law which went into effect early in December, and which absolutely forbids men of military age leaving the country without permission, and prevents Americans and persons of other nationalities from getting away unless they have new passports signed by the American consul.

Scenes of the utmost confusion prevailed at Sydney just before the steamer sailed, according to passengers. Police officers, Australian military authorities, and detectives, searched all the passengers. Many young Australians who were attempting to flee the country to avoid a feared conscription,

POLICE TO SELL PLUNDER FIRST WEEK OF YEAR

Several hundred "hop" pipes will be burned and a varied collection of plunder sold some day of the first week in January when the police department disposes of articles which have come into the possession of the detectives and police during the last half of the year. Jewelry, knives, coins, medicine, medals and many other articles are now being inspected and sorted in preparation for the sale.

A solid gold medal, awarded to some unknown person for winning a two mile bicycle race at Co. unbia University in 1900 and a medal for "patroling" given Miss Edith Anid in 1902 are two of the interesting things in the collection. Both of these were taken from men arrested for burglary, and the owners have never claimed them.

There is a large assortment of re

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters Report, Dec. 28.—The monitors of the enemy have shelled Westende (Flanders) killing three inhabitants, among whom were two women.

"The French attacked in the morning near Herzstein. Later details are still lacking. German artillery shells have stopped the train movements at Soissons station. The French, probably in order to protect the station, provided some time ago a hospital close to the station with Geneva flags, so that the hospital possibly may be hit in view of its proximity to the station.

"On the east front Russian reconnoitering detachments were repulsed, including attacks at Beresina and northwest of Czartorysk and near Beretany."

ONLY ONE THING MAY BAR ACTION IN LAND MATTER

If the reappointment of A. G. M. Robertson as chief justice of the supreme court is not confirmed, Circuit Judge Thomas B. Stuart probably will appeal to the higher tribunal his suit for mandamus against Governor Pinkham and Land Commissioner Joshua D. Tucker which was dismissed by Circuit Judge Ashford last Saturday. If the reappointment is confirmed, however, the appeal may not be taken.

This is the summary of a statement which Circuit Judge Stuart gave the Star-Bulletin today, when asked if he intended to reopen the case.

"Do you think there is any question that Chief Justice Robertson's reappointment will be confirmed?" the judge was asked.

He replied that he had no statement to make in this respect.

"I do not wish to talk about the land case," Justice Stuart continued, "until I determine on whether an appeal shall be taken or not. After that is determined I shall be pleased to avail myself of your paper to answer the many inquiries which have been made concerning the case.

"If Chief Justice Robertson is reinstated, I shall probably not appeal. If he is not, it may be otherwise. I believe there is a more important question for you to consider than the land suit in its present state."

"It was made plain by such visiting Republicans as Cannon and the leader in the house that the Republican party would never consent to making this territory a state. Nearly one-half of our population is Japanese; nearly

NAVAL ACADEMY ON WEST COAST DANIELS' PLAN

California Congressmen to Introduce Bills for New U. S. School

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels announced today that when the increased naval program is ultimately consummated, a second naval academy will be necessary. He favors the Pacific coast as the site for the new institution.

Senator Phelan and Congressman Kent of California are preparing the bills establishing such an academy. The site is not mentioned in the bills as they are being drafted.

SOUTHERN CHINA CUTS LOOSE FROM YUAN MONARCHY

(Special Cable to Liberty News)
SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 28.—Four provinces of southern China have officially declared their independence of Yuan Shih-Kai. With the province of Yunnan already declared for independence a stretch of country from Ningpo to Burma is opposed to recognition of the monarchy. The provinces which have already made their stand against the monarchy are Cho Kiang, Kiang Si, Hunan, Kwang Si and Yunnan.

Representatives of the provinces of southern China met today in this city and as a result of a lengthy conference announced their independence. The meeting of the representatives at the reporting today stated that not only the civilians of the provinces, but the military officials and soldiers have gone over to the revolutionary party and this report was confirmed when a despatch was received from Chee Sul, military governor of Che Kiang, stating that his troops had announced that they would support the revolutionary party.

Tong Heong Min, military governor of the province of Kiang Si, sent his representative to the meeting urging the committee to declare absolute independence. During the meeting a despatch was received from Look Wing Tung, commander of the troops

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