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NAVAL BATTLE FOUGHT IN ADRIATIC SEA; ALLIES CLAIM VICTORY WON

CHARGES MURRAY MADE CHANGE TO HELP HIS FRIEND

W. B. Lymer Says Specifications for Pumping Station Machinery Were Altered After Bids Had Been Advertised For

NOTHING "SLIPPED OVER," SAYS MURRAY IN DENIAL

Lynch Asks That Lymer Produce Letters Said to Prove the Charge, But Loan Fund Commission Rejects All Five Tenders

All five of the bids for furnishing equipment to the Kakaako sewer pumping station were rejected this morning at a meeting of the Oahu loan fund commission, held in the form of a public hearing at the capitol. Lawyers and representatives of the various firms that had submitted bids on the equipment were present, and verbal fireworks at times were highly effective.

Attorney W. B. Lymer roused a bit of ire when he said that friendship on the part of the manager of the water department had led to an amendment in specifications after bids had been advertised for, in order to let the Lynch company in on the bids. Lymer declared that any contract thus awarded would be invalid, and asked the commission to reject all bids and call for new ones.

Chairman Lester Petrie and Manager Murray both informed Lymer that Murray was not a member of the commission and that he had not had a part in passing the specifications. Lymer then withdrew his contention insofar as the commission was concerned.

James Lynch, representing the Lynch Company, declared that Lymer's statement was too small to be answered, but denied that there had been any favor shown in the matter.

Lynch wanted Chairman Petrie to ask Lymer to show certain letters in which Lymer had stated that he could prove his contention, but Commissioner Castro rising to a point of order said that the matter was so complicated that in view of public interest the bids should all be rejected.

Castro so moved and the motion carried. "I can show the papers," said Lymer, just before Castro's motion.

Harry Murray, manager of the water department, declared after the vote to reject that he had done nothing in the matter that he could not answer for. There was nothing "slipped over" on any bidder, he declared, and no protests had been made prior to the opening of bids.

A second motion by Castro was passed, providing for the specifications to be reconsidered by the board.

Congressman Frear Says Hawaii Trip Seems Like Dream

Wisconsin Representative is Anxious to Come to Islands Again and Be With Ad Club

Representative James A. Frear of Wisconsin is not too busy with affairs congressional to forget Hawaii's charms, to which he paid tribute on his visit here with the Washington party last spring. In a letter to President Farrington of the Ad Club, responding to an invitation, he writes: "Washington, D. C., Dec. 16. "Hon. W. R. Farrington, president, "Ad Club, Honolulu, Hawaii. "My dear Mr. Farrington: "Just a word to say that in the midst of labors I want to acknowledge your invitation to be present at the Ad Club on December 6. I would like to have heard Evangelist Brown and to have joined in the Ad Club anthem, "I Love You, Honolulu." "It all seems like a dream and a wonderfully pleasant dream at that. We think of you frequently, and in this mail I am in receipt of Christmas greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Riggs. Some day I hope to be with you again."

RUN CARS HOUR LATE
All street cars of the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company will be kept running on schedule one hour later than usual tomorrow evening, to accommodate New Year's Eve crowds.

SUGAR
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Sugar: 96 deg. test, 4.58 cents. Previous quotation, 4.545 cts.

FOR RENT
Furnished or unfurnished, a large two-story house. Apply 408 Beretania st., or phone 3230.

SEVEN THOUSAND EXTRA VOTED AT SHERIFF'S PLEA

Police Department Will Have More Than \$1150 Extra Per Month Next Half Year

SUPERVISORS LAY DOWN CONDITIONS FOR GRANT

Rose Must Give Heed to Suggestions From Board in Return for Extra Amount

Increasing by practically \$7000 the appropriation of the last six months, the board of supervisors late last night voted an appropriation of \$75,000 for the police department in the coming half year budget. The action came after a lengthy discussion pro and con upon the question of the sheriff's need for more money, and of the efficiency of the office.

Mayor Lane today gave out the following statement for the board relative to the increased appropriation: "On account of the charges of inefficiency of the police department made through various sources during the last several months, the board of supervisors has appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for six months in order to enable the sheriff to carry out the plans he deems advisable to make that department efficient."

"This action is taken on the understanding between the board and the sheriff that any suggestion the board makes through the police committee regarding the best interests of the department will be cooperated in by the sheriff."

Rose Outlines Plans. Sheriff Rose said today he would put on three detectives, three motorcycle men, and two lunas to boss the jail prisoners who will work in Kapiolani park. Heretofore the prisoners worked in three gangs. Now there will be but one.

"I have \$75,000 for six months," Rose said. "This is for salary and expenses. The extra officers will be used as the regular force is, in suppressing gambling and kindred activities. I understand that unless I keep the department up to standard I will get no increase when I come before the supervisors again."

Rose says more patrolmen are badly needed as he has only nine. He needs more detectives, because half the present force are used as interpreters and he wants enough men to keep some on duty at detective headquarters all night, which cannot be done now.

25TH SOLDIERS AGAIN INVOLVED IN A STABBING

Two Privates Fight and Johnson Stabs Leonard; Good Chance for Recovery

The second stabbing affair within a few days occurred at Schofield Barracks this morning, and, like the first, it was between two soldiers of the colored 25th Infantry regiment.

Private Leonard of Company K was stabbed in this morning's row by Private A. Johnson of the same company. Though the wound is serious, there is good hope that Leonard will recover. He was taken immediately to the hospital.

The quarrel occurred while the men were at work at a hayshed unloading some hay. Corporal Dial, who was in charge of the detail, reports that the men had been quarreling for some time at their work but he had kept them apart. His back being turned for a few moments, they began to fight, and Johnson stabbed Leonard in the left breast, under the arm, with a pocket-knife.

Others who were near the scene of the fight say that Leonard struck the first blow and that Johnson then whipped out the knife and used it offensively. Johnson is being held by the military authorities.

GRAND JURY THOUGHT TO BE INVESTIGATING DEATH OF MRS. MOORE

Although a coroner's jury did not fix blame on Miss Dorothy Spring, a tourist, and Dr. John C. Peden, a physician at the Queen's hospital, in connection with the death of Mrs. Mary Moore, it is believed that the city attorney's office this afternoon took the case before the territorial grand jury, and that a charge of manslaughter may be preferred against the couple.

ROBS PLANTATION OF \$14,000 OVER SIX-YEAR PERIOD

Hans Reichelt, Assistant Bookkeeper of Lihue Plantation Co., Arrested, Confesses

STUFFED PAYROLLS TO HIDE HIS PECULATIONS

Trusted Employee Manipulates Books and Lives Extravagantly on Proceeds

Hans Reichelt, assistant bookkeeper of Lihue Plantation Company, Kauai, has ended a career of six years of peculations with confession of systematic thefts amounting to about \$14,000 of the plantation's funds. He is under arrest and will be vigorously prosecuted by the Kauai authorities, the officers and directors of Lihue plantation being determined that his crime shall be adequately punished.

News of the embezzlements of Reichelt, who was a trusted employee and as such given discretion in the handling of funds, reached Honolulu yesterday with the return from Kauai of D. P. R. Isenberg. He, with Rev. Hans Isenberg, president of Lihue Plantation Company, made a close investigation of the irregularities and an examination of the accounts. Mr. Isenberg confirmed today the fact of the thefts and stated the position of the plantation to be that the crime must be followed by deserved punishment.

Reichelt, he says, has confessed to the thefts, which he succeeded in covering up by a system of padding payrolls. The exact amount is not yet known but it will be very close to \$14,000. The man was arrested on Tuesday.

Manager F. Weber of the plantation recently returned to Kauai after some time in Honolulu at the hospital. He detected the first evidence of irregularity by finding on a payroll the name of a laborer and a payment made without the usual mark to determine what sort of work the man had done. The plantation's system is to mark on each payroll the sort of work for which the payment is made.

Thus after a payment for railroad labor will be the abbreviation "r"; for cane-cutting, "c.c."

Reichelt's explanation of why he did not fill out this particular payroll item properly aroused suspicion. Questioning by Manager Weber broke down Reichelt's defense and soon the whole story was learned.

For perhaps six out of the seven years he has been in the plantation's employ, Reichelt has been stuffing the payrolls. In one month he got as high as \$400. By various manipulations he accomplished his work free of detection.

The money has been spent in various ways. He built a fine house and lived extravagantly. In fact, it has been learned that he borrowed money on his note from Chinamen on Kauai, not getting enough from his manipulations of the accounts.

Such of his assets as can be realized upon have been turned over to the plantation authorities. His wife has a homestead, but the plantation officers will not take it from her. She has three children and much sympathy is expressed for her.

Reichelt came to the islands about seven years ago from the states. His father is still living in Germany. When his large expenditures and extravagant scale of living were commented upon, Reichelt's explanation was that he was getting money from his father.

Sheriff Rice has the prosecution in hand.

MAYOR INVITES ENTIRE CITY TO NEW YEAR DANCE

Mayor Lane extends the following invitation to the people of Honolulu for the open air ball to be given by him tomorrow night: "Tomorrow night being the eve of another New Year, the people of Honolulu are hereby extended a cordial welcome to attend the sidewalk dance and Hawaiian tableau which are to be held on Bishop street and in the park adjoining.

"Dancing will start at 7:30 o'clock, and will last until after midnight. Let the people of Honolulu come out and enjoy to the fullest this last night of the year."

Prohibition Men Getting Ready For Big Campaigns

National Leaders Meet in Chicago, Discuss Possible Nominee in 1916 for President

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—The opening guns of the national prohibition fight which will be waged next year in conjunction with the presidential campaign and the lesser political fights in the states are being loaded in Chicago today.

Prohibition leaders from various parts of the country are assembled, to consider the coming general campaign. They predict that unless the Republican and Democratic platforms of 1916 contain prohibition planks, there will be many defections among the voters, who will insist on a campaign against the liquor traffic.

Several possibilities are mentioned for presidential nominee on the prohibition ticket, including Ex-Governor Haley of Indiana; Ex-Governor William Sulzer of New York, Former Congressman R. P. Hobson of Alabama and Ex-Governor Eugene Foss of Massachusetts.

Sulzer, elected in the Democratic landslide of 1912, was soon after in hot water politically, and was ousted from office on charges of graft and corruption, his enemies of Tammany Hall being behind the fight on him.

He has since favored the Progressives on several occasions.

ORTERIC OF LOCAL FAME, IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

And now the unfortunate steamship Orteric's troubles are ended, her sinking by a German submarine being mentioned in the Vancouver Sun of December 16.

Less than four weeks ago the Star-Bulletin gave the news that the federal circuit court for the ninth circuit, California, had affirmed a decision of the local federal court, awarding the United States government the sum of \$8962.30 as penalty against the Orteric for infraction of the law relating to the carrying of passengers.

The Orteric had brought a load of immigrants from Europe to Honolulu and was fined by customs officers here for deficiencies in passenger accommodation.

JAPAN DECIDES ON ATTITUDE TO REBELS IN CHINA

Cabinet Holds Meeting at Bed-side of Sick Premier; Results of Conference Kept Secret

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shiping) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 30.—The Japanese cabinet held a meeting today at the home of Premier Okuma who was forced to his bed last week by illness. The cabinet decided the attitude of the Japanese government toward China, but nothing was given out after the conference.

Three more provinces in the south of China have announced their intentions of throwing their strength with the revolutionists. One province, Sze Chuen, has already revolted, while the province of Kiang Su is expected to make the announcement of independence at any moment. Shanghai is the port of the Kiang Su province.

Yuan Shih-kai for the first time since the straining of relations between the parties in China is worried. The head of the monarchy party has been conferring with his cabinet night and day since the first provinces revolted.

Trouble in Chang King. (Special Cable to Nippu Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 30.—The district of Chang King in the province of Sze Chuen in central China has declared its independence, and the troops in the garrison in that city have joined the revolutionary troops in the other independent provinces.

FAIRBANKS' "FAVORITE SON" MOVEMENT STARTS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—There is a movement of Republicans here to place the name of former Vice-President Charles Warren Fairbanks on the presidential primary ballot in this state.

NEW YEAR'S FOR SEAMEN.

Observing New Year's Eve, the Seamen's Home and Seamen's Institute will hold a social evening tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in their building, Alakea and Halekaula streets. Every sailor in port is invited to attend. The affair will be the first social program enjoyed by the crew of the wrecked Chilean bark Ivanhoe in a long time. The crew are making their headquarters at the Institute.

On the program are instrumental and vocal numbers, games, and other

BERLIN DESPATCHES ASSERT ENEMY UNABLE TO MAINTAIN DRIVE; LOSE MANY SOLDIERS

POSITIONS AT HARTMANNSWEILERKOPF RECAPTURED, GERMANS DECLARE—BRITISH FAIL IN SURPRISE ATTACK ON LILLE—SALONIKI THOUGHT SAFE FROM TEUTON ASSAULT, MEN BEING LACKING

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—Official from Paris.—In an engagement in the Adriatic sea between a squadron of the Allies and an Austrian division, two Austrian torpedo-boats were sunk. The remainder of the Austrian squadron fled, pursued by the Allies. The loss of life is not stated.

The Austrian division had come from Cattaro, along the lower Austrian Adriatic coast, and purposed to bombard Durazzo, the Albanian port.

It is reported that the French have occupied the Turkish island of Castelorizo, in the Aegean sea, and will use it for a naval base.

GENEVA, Italy, Dec. 30.—It is reported that the Italians have occupied Durazzo.

LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—Reports from the eastern arena yesterday and today lead the war experts to believe that the activity in the Bukovina district means an important battle in progress. In this section the Russians have taken the offensive and along a 40-mile front are battering the German and Austrian positions. The front extends from Pruts north to the Dneister.

That there is heavy fighting on other parts of the eastern line is shown in unofficial advices from Russian sources which say that the Germans futilely attacked the Russian positions in the region of Lake Babit, while the Russians are threatening Mitau. The success of the Russians around Mitau is likely to endanger considerable forces of their opponents.

Macedonia Quiet; Allies Think Germans Lack Troops for Invasion

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—The situation in Macedonia is unchanged. No further friction between the Greeks and the Bulgarians is reported.

It is believed that the Germans are not able to spare sufficient forces to make an attempt against the strongly-fortified Allies who are camped around Saloniki. To this reason is ascribed the failure of the Teutonic soldiers to follow the retreating Allies from southern Serbia into Greece.

French Claim Success In Vosges; Say Berlin Partially Admits It

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—After days of ferocious battling in the Vosges section, the French claim to have made a successful advance at Hartmannsweilerkopf, where they reported capturing some strong positions several days ago. The success here is partially admitted in the Berlin announcements.

Berlin Says Germans Have Taken Back Hartmannsweilerkopf Positions

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 30.—There is heavy fighting today in the Vosges. The Germans have recaptured the positions near Hartmannsweilerkopf.

Further to the northwest the British made a surprise attack near Lille, but the assault failed.

Recruiting Tension Is Relieved

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] LONDON, England, Dec. 30.—The domestic tension in England over the prospect of compulsory military service is being relieved. There is much speculation as to the method to be adopted to reach the unmarried men, the majority agreeing that the Derby plan of attesting as to whether one is married shall be extended.

Austria's Reply on Ancona Is Ready

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Ambassador Penfield in Vienna has been handed the reply of the Austrian government to the latest U. S. note on the Ancona sinking. It is 3000 words in length and probably will arrive at the state department on Saturday.

Montenegrins Say Beat Austrians

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Dec. 30.—After three days of fighting the Montenegrins have forced the attacking Austrians to retreat to Raskovogora.

"Sunny California" Mantled With Snow; Oranges on Whitened Boughs

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—When dawn came today over Los Angeles and the surrounding country, a remarkable spectacle was revealed. In many points in the citrus fruit districts orange-trees were mantled in snow. The temperature, however, is not freezing and the oranges are believed to be undamaged.

At many California points snowfall is reported for the first time in years.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 30.—Temperatures of zero or below are reported from many points in Idaho, Montana and Washington.