

The art of any country is the exponent of its social and political virtues.—John Ruskin.

PHILIPPINE BILL DEBATED PRO AND CON IN SENATE

Senator Poindexter Declares Popular Sentiment is for Retention

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—The question of retention of, or the final withdrawal from the Philippines was debated at length in the senate yesterday, a number of amendments being offered to the Philippines Bill and the authorized statement being made that the President was not in favor of any amendments that would set a date for the withdrawal of the American flag from the islands.

Senator Poindexter, who opened the debate, stated that he was in favor of an announcement that the United States intends to remain in control of the Philippines indefinitely.

This is the general sentiment of the American people, he said, the desire of the nation to retain the Philippines being shown by the majorities cast against the Democratic nominee for the presidency in the three elections of 1904, 1908 and 1912, in all of which elections the Democratic national platform contained a clause favoring the independence of the Philippines.

Amendment Moved.

Senator Clarke of Arkansas, Democrat, offered an amendment to the bill proposing that the American jurisdiction over the islands be withdrawn within two years, guaranteeing the integrity of the Philippines pending the negotiations provided for in the resolution, which authorizes the President to secure an agreement from the Powers to guarantee the independence of the group for a period of five years, during which the Filipinos may establish their own government.

Senator Stone of Missouri, Democrat, said that he would vote in favor of the resolution of Senator Clarke, provided it were amended to make the guaranteed term of Filipino independence 20 instead of five years.

IN WAR ARENA

BRITISH LICK TURKS IN TIGRIS VALLEY.

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 18.—The victory of the British on the Tigris against the Teco-German forces appears to be complete and the British expeditionary force, which has been beleaguered at Kut-el-Amara will soon be reached by substantial reinforcements. This was officially announced in the house of commons yesterday.

The Teco-Germans were encountered near Wadi, on the Tigris, by the relief expedition and driven from their positions and pursued for six miles, the Turks leaving their wounded on the field and allowing the British to take a large quantity of supplies.

BERLIN SAYS ALLIES PLAN TO DEPOSE CONSTANTINOPLE.

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 18.—Reports credited to the Overseas Agency were published here yesterday that a force of troops has been landed by the Allies at Phaleron, only five miles southwest of Athens, the advent of these troops creating alarm in the Grecian capital.

It is reported that the Grecian government, fearing that it is the intention of the Entente to seize and occupy Athens, has already transferred part of the state archives to Larissa, in Thessaly.

The despatch adds that the landing of the Allies at Phaleron is part of a plan of the Entente Powers to overthrow Constantinople and make Venizelos head of a new Greek republic.

PRINCE EITEL SENT TO GREECE ON MISSION

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 18.—A Central News despatch from Amsterdam confirms rumors that have been credited to Berlin sources to the effect that Prince Eitel Frederick, son of the Kaiser, has been sent on a special mission to his uncle, King Constantine of Greece. The mission of Prince Eitel is said to be in connection with diplomatic affairs of the highest consequences.

SWEDEN'S KING DECLARES FOR PREPAREDNESS

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 18.—At the opening of the Swedish parliament yesterday, King Gustav, in his speech from the throne, outlining the program for the government for the session, said that he hoped the desire of Sweden to maintain her strict neutrality would be realized, but that the events transpiring throughout Europe made it imperative that Sweden increase her defensive forces, both on land and sea.

MONTENEGRO DENIES PEACE PACT, SAYS SWISS REPORT

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 18.—Official denial of the acceptance of any peace terms on the part of Montenegro have been received here, despite the official announcement credited to the Hungarian premier that the Montenegrins had agreed to unconditionally lay down their arms to Austria.

GARRISON ROUSES ENTHUSIASM BY DEFENSE SPEECH

"For Home and Country" Key-Note of Strong Argument for Preparedness

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Urging all Americans to organize for the fight for proper defense against a possible foreign foe, Secretary of War Garrison last night aroused the enthusiasm of a large crowd of New Yorkers gathered to hear his address. The speech was the feature of the big dinner of the Bankers' Association here, and financiers from all over the country were present and cheered the points made by the secretary.

Mr. Garrison declared that inasmuch as the peace at any price propagandists of the country have taken the pains to organize for the spread of their theory, it became the American of a different breed also to get into harness and fight for what he believed best "for his country and his home."

Says Nation Favors Plans.

The speaker asserted that he was convinced from what he has seen of the people of the United States that they are in favor of a proper and adequate system of defense against invasion, and he urged his hearers to make it plain to the present Congress that such a system as outlined by the president's plan is demanded by the whole people. Otherwise, he said, the noise made by the relatively small and unimportant peace element would swell out of all proportion to the actual weight and authority of those making it.

"Unless this is done there is danger that the present utterly insufficient system under which the country suffers now will be retained," said Mr. Garrison.

Urges Federal Control of Military.

Continuing, the secretary of war added that he believes that the federal government should control the entire military forces of the country. Unless this power is given to the central government, he said, the proposed militia system, which will contain the germs of a great good to the nation will prove of no real and lasting value in times of stress.

PINE PLANTERS ORGANIZE; PLAN BETTER SYSTEM

Market Division to Give Instruction in Growing, Packing and Marketing Fruit

To work for more up-to-date methods in growing, packing and marketing their fruit, 15 pineapple planters on Oahu met in the office of A. T. Longley, superintendent of the territorial marketing division, last Saturday afternoon and formed an association of growers which, they hope, will soon increase in membership.

F. E. Haley of Waimea was elected president, and George Wond of Aiea was chosen secretary. There are no other officers. Growers from Waimea, Aiea and Wahiawa were present. Brief talks were made by T. Pearson, a California produce man, and by W. A. Anderson, head of the market's bureau in San Francisco, and J. H. Westgate, special agent in charge of the federal experiment station.

The idea of the association is to instruct pineapple growers principally regarding picking, seasoning and packing fruit intended for shipment to the mainland. It is proposed to hold a meeting once a month to talk over the results of instructions which will be given by the marketing division. Each month some member will be assigned special experimental work, and he will be asked to bring the results before the association.

VAUGHAN TO LOSE NO TIME IN CONDEMNING SPRECKELS INTERESTS

As soon as the persons interested furnish him with abstracts, and as soon as these are forwarded to Washington, D. C., District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan will begin proceedings to have condemned the three-fourths interest held by the Spreckels estate in the opera house site, which is a part of the Irwin site chosen for the new federal building.

Upon the arrival of the abstracts in Washington, Mr. Vaughan says, he will receive instructions to file the condemnation suit, which is necessary in order that the government may have a clear and complete title to the Irwin site.

"You may rest assured that I am not going to lose any time in this matter," Mr. Vaughan remarked today.

Philadelphia manufacturers are purchasing all available coal in preparation for a strike of miners expected early in 1916.

An order for 10,000 tons of steel rails was placed with the Illinois Steel Co. by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad.

DE FOLCO COMPANY SCORES REAL TRIUMPH AT OPENING OF SEASON Sings Tonight



Luigi Poggi, tenor, who will be heard for the first time in Honolulu when he appears as Manrico, in "Il Trovatore" tonight.

DANIELS NAMES BOARD TO PROBE E-2 EXPLOSION

Another Victim Dies From Injuries and Others Still in Critical Condition

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The cloud of secrecy that covers the explosion on board the United States submarine E-2 was not lifted to any degree by the authorities yesterday, although Washington announced that Secretary Daniels has appointed a board of inquiry to investigate the accident and report on the causes therefor.

The membership of this board is Capt. Bullard, Comdr. Sparrow and Lieuts. McDowell and Fisher. The board will begin its probing tomorrow, according to the statement of naval authorities here.

The victims of the sulphuric acid fumes and of the explosion are still hovering on the verge of death. One of them, G. H. Clark, a machinist's mate, died of his injuries in the naval hospital in Brooklyn late yesterday afternoon. The others are in no immediate danger, but the physicians fear internal injuries in two.

The naval board appointed by the commandant of the Brooklyn navy, which began its investigation immediately after the explosion, resumed its sessions yesterday morning, and summoned several witnesses before it, but neither the witnesses nor the members of the board would make any statement for publication, and the yard officials contented themselves with saying that the fullest investigation and publicity would be given the accident when the official board begins its sittings.

WASHINGTON AFTER BIG NAVAL DOCK

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—Washington state wants the largest navy drydock in the whole of continental America, and yesterday Senator Jones of that state introduced a bill providing for the construction of such a dock, to cost not less than \$3,000,000. The Jones bill provides that the drydock shall be at least 1000 feet long, and shall be capable of handling the largest of the monster battle cruisers contemplated by the naval program of this year.

The Washington state naval drydock will be built in the Puget Sound yard, if the bill fathered by Senator Jones becomes law.

NIKKO PLEASES ENVOY

TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 17.—Grand Duke Michaelovitch visited Nikko today. The Russian envoy was particularly pleased with the scenic beauties of the place, and stated that the Nikko scenery is unsurpassed.

Verdi's "Aida" Presented at Opera House By Best Company Honolulu Has Ever Had; Kristoffy, De Folco, Holmes and Galazzi Stars on First Night

(By HALLETT E. ABEND) Old as is the adage that "the third time is the charm," it seems true of Honolulu's third season of grand opera, which bids fair to far outclass the two previous seasons which this city has known. If the De Folco Company maintains the standard set last night at the opening of the season with Verdi's "Aida."

The popular verdict last evening, which has ample critical justification, is that the De Folco aggregation of musicians constitutes a company well balanced and above the average, and that the stars of the company are really stars. The good impression made last night was achieved in spite of all manner of adverse circumstances. The weather was very bad, but even though scores of people telephoned and canceled their reservations, the Opera house was nearly full. "Aida" is admittedly a difficult opera, both for the orchestra, principals and chorus, and demands lavish costuming and scenery, as well as several ensembles which crowd the stage uncomfortably, but in spite of all these obstacles a satisfying performance was given.

Kristoffy Real Sensation. Last night was undoubtedly Johann Kristoffy's night. The young Austrian prima donna was the most talked of member of the company, and it was generally conceded that she is not only an exceptional soprano, but also an actress of more than ordinary ability. Kristoffy had the rather extraordinary experience of making her entrance in the title role and receiving absolutely no applause when she first appeared on the stage. Visibly, then, she set about to win the approval of her audience, and subsequent applause proved that she succeeded.

The centering of interest in the prima donna last evening did not indicate any indifference to Eugenio de Folco, whose abilities as a singer and whose singing have admittedly improved since he sang here two years ago with the Lambardi Company, and made himself a general favorite. "Aida" is a woman's opera, and Kristoffy was new and a surprise, but de Folco's performance was fully appreciated nevertheless.

The world's tenors will never forgive Verdi for having written "Celeste Aida" so early in the score, for that famous aria is one of the most difficult tenor solos in grand opera and must be sung with what is called "a cold throat," but de Folco handled it admirably nevertheless. His voice was also heard to exceptional advantage in act three when, as Rhadames, he finds that he has unwittingly betrayed the military secrets of Egypt's king. Holmes as "Amneris."

Bernice Holmes, the mezzo soprano who sang "Amneris," daughter of the Egyptian king, is already known to Honolulu audiences, and was warmly received. Her acting, as always, was good, and her singing of the difficult role was admirable. Few in the audience would have guessed that her speaking voice was husky, for all of her notes seemed to come without effort.

Another surprise for local music lovers was furnished by Galazzi, whose name by some oversight did not appear on the program. Galazzi sang "Amonasco," the captured Ethiopian king, and his two big scenes with Aida were among the most effective in the opera. Wanrell, the basso, sang "Ramfis," the high priest, though billed on the program as Amonasco. His share of the score afforded opportunity for little but chanting, but his performance gave promise of what he can do in more congenial parts. Another error in the program listed Rovere for the part of the king—a part sung by Marti, and very acceptably.

Cello Well Handled. Chevalier di Rocca was conductor last evening, and the orchestra was entirely adequate. Comparison of the company with the Lambardi company was inevitable by those who were in Honolulu during the first opera season, and last night opinion was divided as to which organization had the better orchestra. Di Rocca is especially happy in his use of the cello and the piccolo. The first impression during the brief overture, that the orchestration was a little "thin," was soon overcome.

The one big adverse criticism of the performance last evening is that the waits between the acts were inexcusably long. It was 11:55 before the performance was over, and one inter-act was of exactly 20 minutes duration.

The scenery used last evening deserves special mention, being far more adequate than anything usually brought to Honolulu. If the De Folco company sets and costumes all of its operas as well as "Aida" was put on last evening, a new record will have been set here. Ballet and Danseuse.

The corps de ballet are shapely, graceful dancers. Emilia Costanza, premiere danseuse, has yet to win the favor of the audience here, for last evening she did not appear a creditably better dancer than others in the bal-

Gypsy Mother



Bernice Holmes, who, after her success last evening, will sing tonight, taking the part of Auzena, the gypsy mother, in "Il Trovatore."

let, though she created a mild sensation by appearing barefooted and sans tights. The chorus is well trained, vocally, with the masculine voices predominant. The introduction of part of the members of the Hawaiian Band in the big scene at act two at the gates of Thebes was not entirely successful, for the very modern band instruments rather clashed with the ancient Egyptian stage settings.

Kristoffy will sing "Aida" again on Saturday night of this week, despite a notice on the program that Madeline Vergeri would appear in that role on that date. Kristoffy sings Saturday and Vergeri tonight and Thursday night in "Il Trovatore."

The cast for "Il Trovatore" this evening will be as follows: Leonora Emilia Vergeri Manrico Luigi Poggi Count Di Luna Michele Giovinetti Auzena Bernice Holmes Ferrando Joachino Wanrell Ruiz William Giulani Inez Matilde Renis Conductor, Luigi Di Rocca. Premiere Danseuse, Emilia Costanza. Present Last Evening.

The audience last evening was thoroughly representative of Honolulu's society and official life. Among those present were Governor Pinkham and Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ivers and their party in Box A; Judge A. A. Wilder and party in Box C; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, B. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Montague Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Super, Judge and Mrs. A. G. M. Robertson, Senator and Mrs. C. P. Chillingworth, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. C. Deering, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. Hedemann, Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Straus, Kenneth Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tenney Peck, Dr. A. C. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Castle, Mr. and Mrs. John Dominis, Dr. and Mrs. C. Hobdy, James Wilder, Gerrit Wilder, H. L. Strang, Mrs. Strauss, A. L. MacKay and son, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. von Hamm, George A. Davis and wife, D. Howard Hitchcock and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, Alan Lowrey, R. E. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Warren, Mrs. Agnes Judd and party, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dillingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lewis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McHenry, Prof. and Mrs. M. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shingle, Dr. and Mrs. B. Kilbourne, Dr. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Walker, Mr. and Mrs. John Waterhouse, Mrs. R. O. Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cooke, T. Alexander, John Deter, Theodore Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Westervelt, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Olson, H. Macfarlane, Miss Ruth Carter, Alan Lowrey, Mrs. George Sherman and party, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Lindsay, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Waterhouse, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Farrington, A. H. Gifford, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. High, R. W. Atkinson, Dr. W. T. Monsarrat, C. D. Wright, Albert Afong and many officers of the army and tourists.

William T. Lewis, pioneer candy manufacturer, died at his home in Racine, Wis., after a brief illness. An order for 2000 freight cars was awarded the Canadian Car & Foundry Co. by the French government. Germany is reported to have discovered a successful substitute for cotton in the manufacture of gunpowder. Freight traffic through the American and Canadian canals during the season just closed amounted to more than 71,290,394 tons.

TERRIFIC GALE WREAKS HAVOC IN CALIFORNIA

Oil Fields Suffer Enormous Damage; Two Ranchers Reported Drowned

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 18.—Two ranchers have been drowned and hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage has been done by the terrific storm that has raged over all of Southern California since Saturday night.

Around Bakersfield the oil fields have suffered heavily from the gale. The heavy wind which swept over the forest of oil derricks in that district is reported to have overturned more than 400 of them and to have done more than a quarter of a million dollars damage in that locality alone.

Houses were wrecked and blown away, huge timbers from the falling derricks were tossed about in the streets of the city by the wind like straws, battering down telegraph and trolley poles, breaking windows and filling the pavements with debris and broken window panes. Valley Flooded.

Other despatches from nearer at hand report that San Bernardino is confronted with the worst flood situation of her history. The towns of the valley are flooded in the low-lying sections, and in many places the bridges have gone out under the pressure of the rising waters. All electric supply has been cut off, the feed wires from the big trunk stations having been short circuited by the water. The street railroad traffic and the steam rail traffic has suspended, the tracks in places being under several feet of water.

RODRIGUEZ BODY ON EXHIBITION IN COLD STORAGE

"Slay All Foreigners" Reported Villa's Latest Order to Henchmen

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 18.—All Americans in Mexico were to have been murdered if Gen. Villa had been obeyed by his men, according to reports brought to this city yesterday by ranches and mining men returning to their homes.

These men say that while at Madera some days ago, Gen. Villa issued an order instructing his soldiers to slay every foreigner they captured "in order that no Yankees may escape our just revenge. Take no chances of missing an American," the order is said to have read, "but slay all foreigners you may meet so as to be on the safe side."

Carranza soldiers yesterday took to Juarez the body of Gen. Rodriguez as proof of their claim that he had been executed for commanding the murder of Americans at Cust last Tuesday. The body will be placed on ice and exhibited at the depot today.

Other commands took into the little city across the river from El Paso the Villa commander, Col. Baca-Valles, Col. Baca-Valles was captured by Col. Enrique Cisneros 14 miles from Columbus, N. M., where he was attempting to cross the border into the United States. Headed off by a detachment of the 13th Cavalry, the Villa officers tried to circle back but fell into the hands of their pursuers. Cisneros was executed on the spot and Baca-Valles was taken to Juarez, where he will die today.

GERMANY REFUSES TO ALLOW FORD PARTY TO TRAVEL OVERLAND

Associated Press by Federal Wireles. THE HAGUE, Netherlands, January 18.—Members of the Ford peace party have run into another difficulty, and for the time being their plans have been brought to a halt.

This impasse is due to the fact that the German government has refused to permit the passage of any of the party overland to attend the meeting called in Stockholm, and there has been some difficulty in making arrangements to reach that city by sea. It was denied here last night that appeals to the German foreign minister, von Jazow, by members of the party, had met with any success.

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC OVER BORDERLINE IS SERIOUS

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 18.—Reports of the steady increase of the epidemic of typhus fever in Mexico continue to reach El Paso. Yesterday it was announced that there are now more than 10,000 cases in that country. Steps are being taken to send American doctors into the republic to conduct a campaign along the lines followed by the American Red Cross in Serbia.

Fifty thousand cars of Rumanian wheat were purchased by Germany.

MISSIONARIES IN WEST CHINA ARE POSTED MISSING

Revolution Rapidly Gaining in Strength; Canton Next to Throw Off Yoke?

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 18.—Four Christian missionaries—three Belgians and one American—are reported missing in West China, where the activities of the revolutionists are reported to have taken on an anti-foreign tinge, as well as a revolt against Yuan. Most of the missionaries in this part of China sought refuge on the coast.

Canton will declare its independence of Yuan soon. Mongolia is active against him. In the face of this profound and widespread disaffection, a report from Peking says that he will be crowned emperor on February 6. Students Vote Republic.

Chinese students in Tokio held a mass meeting last night and declared against the empire.

A special messenger from Yuan to Japan, who had decided to leave Peking for Japan on January 18, after one postponement, has delayed his trip again. This is the report from Minister Hioki, stationed at Peking, to Tokio.

The Japanese government will take to the diet the proposal for the formation of a Manchuria-Mongolia bank, to be owned by Japanese and Chinese, the capital of the Manchuria branch to be yen 20,000,000 (\$10,000,000), and that of the Mongolia branch to be yen 10,000,000 (\$5,000,000).

Birdman Niles Gives Exhibition.

Harry Niles, the American aviator, flew at Osaka yesterday. A Japanese army dirigible will fly from Tokorozawa, near Tokio, to Osaka tonight. This will be the first flight of any Japanese dirigible. The flight was to have been made yesterday, but there was engine trouble.

WILSON NOMINATES ADMIRAL HARRIS CHIEF OF DOCKS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—President Wilson yesterday sent to the senate his nomination of Rear-Admiral Frederick R. Harris to be chief of the bureau of yards and docks.

JAPANESE DIRIGIBLE FORCED TO DESCEND

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 17.—The airship which was to have made a flight from Tokorozawa to Osaka, a distance of 300 miles, was forced to discontinue the journey after traveling 100 miles, owing to a defect in the machinery. As soon as the machinery is repaired another attempt will be made.

Masonic Temple Weekly Calendar. MONDAY—Leah Chapter No. 2, O. E. S.; Stated; 7:30 p. m. TUESDAY—Honolulu Lodge No. 409; Special, Third Degree; 7:30 p. m. WEDNESDAY—Hawaiian Lodge No. 21; Special, Third Degree; 7:30 p. m. THURSDAY—Honolulu Chapter No. 1, R. W. M.; Stated, Installation of Officers; 7:30 p. m. FRIDAY—SATURDAY—SCHOFIELD LODGE WEDNESDAY—SATURDAY—Work in First Degree, 7:30 p. m. HERMANN'S SOHNE. Versammlungen in K. of P. hall, Mondays, January 3 and 17; Februar 7 und 21; Maerz 6 und 20. W. WOLTERS, Praesident, C. BOLTE, Sekretar. HONOLULU LODGE NO. 1, MODERN ORDER OF PHEONIX. Will meet at their home, corner of Beretania and Fort streets, every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. CHARLES HUSTACE, JR., Leader, FRANK MURRAY, Secretary. HONOLULU LODGE, 616, B. P. O. E. meets in their hall on King St., near Fort, every Friday evening. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend. C. J. MCCARTHY, E. R. H. DUNSHIE, Secs.