

PROBLEM OF ACCOMMODATING TIDE OF TOURISTS ACUTE, SAYS BERNDT

Believes Situation Warrants "Tent City" or More Hotel-Building

Confronted with a situation described by Chairman E. A. Berndt as "acute," the Hawaii Promotion Committee is conducting a detailed canvass of the city to find rooms and board or rooms alone for a tide of tourists which threatens to overflow all available accommodations.

With tourists arriving in larger and larger numbers, Chairman Berndt says that the hotels are all full, that there is an actual shortage in rooms with bath, and that by February the problem will be even more acute.

On a small scale the project of a "tent city" has been received by one real estate man, Dr. E. L. Hutchinson, as feasible, and Berndt reported to-day that Hutchinson is preparing to put up, on Wilhelmina Rise, 15 or 20 small cottages on the "wooden tent" plan. These cottages he expects to fill with tourists during the rush tourist season, and in the "off season" is confident that the superb view, splendid air and comparative accessibility will make them popular as summer homes for city residents.

"I do not believe that Honolulu realizes how pressing this problem of accommodations has become," said Chairman Berndt this morning, "but it is a fact that owing to lack of rooms and bath for tourists, some people have not come who would have come. It is also a fact that private parties here have received cablegrams or letters asking them to see what can be done to get accommodations for friends anywhere—either in hotels or private homes.

"The Promotion Committee is carrying advertisements in both Honolulu papers asking people who have accommodations of any reasonable sort to let us know, and we will appreciate even the mention of a room which is available.

"There is, besides the wealthy tourist who demands the best and who spends largely during his stay, a large number of travelers with modest purses who are willing to take good, clean rooms in almost any locality.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED

Per Oceanic str. Sonoma, from San Francisco, today.—For Honolulu: I. L. Berk, J. G. Budd, S. E. Burns, Mrs. Burns, Miss E. J. Colquhoun, T. H. Cosford, Mrs. Cosford, W. K. Low, Mrs. Low, B. F. Magel, J. W. Mengel, Mrs. Mengel, Miss Mengel, Miss Mengel, Syd. Smith, Mrs. Smith, W. D. Wooster, Mrs. Wooster, H. Weston, Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Magel, H. Atkinson, Mrs. G. Cabrie, Ed. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes, Miss B. Levison, Miss E. Quigley, W. G. Robinson, J. Sellig, G. Cabrie, J. Enos, T. Kawamura, M. Pierce, L. K. Sen, Through passengers—Mr. Carter, Mrs. Carter, Miss Carter, Frank Coffee, Mrs. Coffee, Mrs. Ashley Cooper, Miss Bert, A. H. Hutton, Miss Ingram, L. J. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Miss Leonore Jones, Master K. Jones, Ben Linn, Mrs. Linn, Miss D. Mansfield, D. F. Magel, E. J. Misch, Addison Parker, A. Robertson, E. C. Schaefer, W. J. Schutt, Mrs. Schutt, C. L. Walter, C. A. Wilson, R. M. Withycombe, Mrs. Guston Carle, M. Cardiff, S. P. Coffey, W. E. Coleman, Mr. Cook, Miss Cook, A. Cooper, Mrs. M. A. Ferguson, W. G. Ferguson, H. M. Hansen, D. L. Hunter, Mrs. F. M. Jackson, Miss Jackson, O. E. Jager, T. Lawton, C. P. Moore, Mrs. Gertrude Oatman, W. D. Pollard, A. L. Robertson, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Molly L. Robertson, L. Robertson, Mrs. L. Robinson, Miss U. Robinson, W. C. Striland, H. C. Turnham, W. E. Wolgast, Mrs. Wolgast.

otherwise I am certain that the hotels, particularly at the beach, would go more largely into the cottage-building plan. But our information is convincing—the tourist trade is going to keep on growing. The Great Northern has come on the local run to stay—at least for the winter and spring months. Few people realized how fast the travelers are arriving here to spend from two weeks to six months. And 75 per cent of Hawaii's tourists come back. Not always the next year, but always eventually.

That Honolulu is not making any extensive preparations for handling a big tourist traffic is believed due very much to the recent unsettled conditions of transportation. Last year it was feared that the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail liners would cut the tourist trade down to a minimum. The Great Northern service was hastily arranged and whether it is to be permanent is not yet known. Consequently hotel men say that on account of transportation uncertainties and the fear that the war may end and the tide of tourists turn to Europe, no extensive building plans now are justified. Members of the Promotion Committee do not agree with this. They say that Honolulu fails to realize just how fast Honolulu is becoming known as a desirable tourist resort, summer and winter, and how it is taking the people who used to go to the south or to some of the Atlantic islands for their annual outings.

PANAMAN IS BACK TO FINISH HER LOADING

Bringing 6500 tons of sugar from island ports, with 2000 more to load here to complete her cargo, the American-Hawaiian steamer Panaman, Capt. N. J. Kane, arrived from Hilo and Kahului at 8 o'clock this morning, and will sail either tonight or at daylight tomorrow morning for New York, via the Straits of Magellan.

Captain Kane said this morning the steamer will reach New York, unless more bad weather is met, March 20. The kona gale of last week has made the Panaman a week behind her schedule, as she was unable to work at Kaaanapali at all, and her loading at Kahului was also delayed.

The Panaman was at Kaaanapali loading, a week ago yesterday, and had only taken on 117 tons when the kona began to blow. Captain Kane anchored his ship off that port, staying there for two days and then steaming around to Kahului, where the steamer took refuge until the gale abated, after which Captain Kane took his ship to Hilo.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the Matson steamer Wilhelmina will sail for San Francisco. To date 75 cabin and 12 steerage passengers are booked. She will take out 4700 tons of new sugar, 500 tons of molasses, 4500 bunches of bananas and 40,000 cases of canned pines.

In the Four Counties Inn, in England, it is possible to eat in Leicester-shire, sleep in Staffordshire, drink in Warwickshire and smoke in Derbyshire without leaving the building.

Old Spanish and French coins valued at \$1,250,000 arrived at the Philadelphia mint to be transformed into current money for the republic of Cuba.

OLAA PROVING BIG PUZZLE OF LOCAL STOCKS

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seems scarcely possible, in view of the large and heavy interest bearing bond issue. It has not been announced, however, to what use the surplus will be put, but the general expectation is that it will be put into a sinking fund, or used to purchase bonds for retirement.

Olaa's \$850,000 in profits last year was made on an output of 32,300 tons of sugar. The 1915 crop, it is reported, will probably run around 26,000 tons, with a 26,000 tons output in prospect for 1917.

Onomea's Condition. Contrasted with this is Onomea's position, with no bond issue to pay interest on or to clear up, a stock issue of 75,000 shares which at current prices, \$47, gives a valuation of \$3,525,000, and with \$716,000 cash in the treasury (after paying \$450,000 or 20 per cent in dividends last year) a net valuation of \$2,309,000. If Onomea pays 10 per cent this year, it yields, at present prices, more than 15 per cent on the investment, the par value being \$20, and recent sales being around \$47.

Onomea in 1915 made a net profit of \$320,000 (not including depreciation), on an output of 21,300 tons, though the estimate was only 17,000 tons. This year's estimate is also 17,000 tons, but the cane is likely to run to 19,000 tons or more, and there is a 22,000 ton crop in prospect for 1917.

Street rumor among those interested in sugar stocks has it that certain of the "big men" locally are indulging in much head-shaking and in many doleful prophecies over the future of sugar when the war ends, as well as loud cautions that stocks are now too high.

What basis this may have, coupled with the rumor that the same pessimists have lately unloaded large blocks of stocks in the hope of breaking prices, is not definitely known—but it is said that the large unloading was made with the hope of reducing prices so that they might buy in again at a lower level before Congress takes final action on the sugar tariff.

Pressure of buying orders from small and large investors, however, has caused the market to absorb all offerings with prices climbing up the scale, and now the "big men" are said to view the prospect of not being able to "buy in" again, except at an advance all along the line.

A ministerial decree was issued at Vienna prohibiting the baking of rolls, biscuits, and other fancy breads. The order does not apply to households.

WANTED Long lease on bungalow with gas stove at beach, moderate rent. "Lease," this office. 6379-4f

LOST Between Silva Rise and Liberty theater, gold nugget brooch. Reward. This office. 6379-3t

NOTICE The annual meeting of the German Benevolent Society will be held at the office of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., on Saturday, January 29, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m. All members are earnestly requested to attend. H. A. SCHROEDER, Treasurer. 6379-3t

MAUI STORM HAS LEFT WIDE WAKE OF DEVASTATION

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the mauka side of the road were carried by the water across the road, and in some instances when they came in contact with the houses on the mauka side were broken to pieces and the debris floated downstream to the sea. Blacksmith Shop Moved.

The blacksmith shop, which was a good sized structure, was taken half across the road turned endwise by the water, and is now standing in this position, leaving just room enough for vehicles to pass. Houses on the lower side of the highway are now to be found scattered here and there along the river bed to the ocean or, completely broken up, are strewn along the course of the raging stream. The height of the water was a great surprise to all who witnessed the sudden rise of the streams, and the new channels together with the wide cut in the valley where the lao bridge used to span the river at the two mile post are also matters of astonishment.

Yesterday and the day before many automobiles from all parts of central Maui visited the valley, and the exclamations on all sides were, "Isn't it terrible!" Not a taro patch remains. Many beautiful trees that were ornaments to the lao road are gone, and portions of the valley that were particularly beautiful are now masses of broken down walls or piles of debris.

Big Syphon Washed Out. The plantation syphon used to bring water from the Wahee side of the stream to the Waikapu side is completely washed out. Elsewhere cement and wooden flumes of the Waikapu Sugar Company and the Hawaiian Commercial and Sugar Company are completely ripped out. Many fields are stripped of their cane. All this damage can be easily seen as one passes up and down the familiar roads of Waikapu.

Many thrilling stories of rescues have come to light yesterday and today. In several instances the workmen on the plantation were just starting in the fields when they saw the danger to their families and neighbors and rushed back in time to give warning and help get people to points of safety.

Joe Welch, who chanced to be on the mauka side of the Wahee road when the flood was breaking into the houses and people were swimming about trying to save their families, did some heroic work in rescuing a score of persons.

Had Rope Around Waist. David Kailua, John I and Levi Hoopi were with Welch, as well as a rope around his waist he made trip after trip into the stream to assist those in need of help. The police did valiant service under the direction of Sheriff Crowell, who seemed to be everywhere at once with his gang. Angus McPhee was also a man of the hour, directing parties where the greatest need was seen. Details of the death of some of the persons whose bodies have been found are heartrending, and the narrow escape of a large number of families shows how close to an even greater calamity Waikapu has been.

The relief committee selected yesterday at a mass meeting of Maui citizens organized immediately. The meeting at which all central Maui was represented was called by Sam Kalamas, chairman of the board of supervisors. Joaquin Garcia was appointed secretary. The meeting was interesting in bringing together all nationalities in the common need of the hour. It also showed what immediate relief had been given by the Waikapu Sugar Company, the Maui Dry Goods and by the County of Maui, as well as by private citizens.

Laborers Cared For. Manager Penhallow stated that the plantation had at once taken care of all the families of its laborers that had suffered and that all were housed until new buildings could be erected. This task was to be undertaken just as soon as carpenters and lumber could be secured. Frank F. Baldwin, manager of H. C. & S. Co., was chairman of the meeting.

The relief committee opened up headquarters at once at the Alexander House Settlement front rooms, which had been offered for the purpose. A telephone was installed. Daily meetings are being held from 11 to 12 o'clock, and the committee organized with Leslie R. Mathews as chairman, Joaquin Garcia as secretary, and R. A. Wadsworth as treasurer.

Sub-committees were at once put to work as follows: Sheriff Crowell is to ascertain from the Hawaiians what need there is among their people. Mr. Mathews has charge of the Filipinos, Mr. Garcia the Portuguese, Mr. Otsuka the Japanese and Mr. Wadsworth the Chinese and all others.

An important meeting of the committee adjourned a little past 12 o'clock today and it was found 330 persons were in need and 34 families were homeless. A large number of buildings belonging to these families were washed away. The committee is in charge of relief work only, and it is expected that the \$2500 available by vote of the board of supervisors on Wednesday, together with the \$300 that has already in addition become available will with other aid expected be sufficient to meet the greatest need. It is generally understood that all relief work that has already been done and the work that is yet to be done will be handled by this one general committee.

Keeping Card Index. A careful card index is being made of all cases. Many of the persons appearing have had their cases already adjusted, for in many instances those in need lost only a second suit of working clothes, or an equipment not more expensive. Food and clothing have been sent and are being sent to the headquarters and being

subscriptions are still being received by the committee.

Several young children, who are orphans, are being cared for by families in Waikapu. Guardianship papers have in all cases where there was need been taken out, so that every precaution for the permanent relief of destitute children has been attended to.

An interesting fact has developed that comparatively little looting has been done, and where things have been taken or trunks broken into, restoration has been enforced in most cases. The sufferers have been remarkably free from robbery of any kind.

Plantation Damage Heavy. Exact estimate of the damage done to the Maui plantations is impossible at this time. No figures have yet been given out that will adequately cover the situation. Waikapu Sugar Company and the Hawaiian Commercial suffered more than did any of the other companies. Large tracts of the Kihui division are injured, and flumes are down.

The Waikapu Sugar Company lost a large number of houses. The estimate is placed as high as 50 buildings of various kinds. The growing as well as the mature cane suffered severely in large tracts, and the flumes and ditches were in many places absolutely beyond recognition. A large amount of railroad track on all the plantations was destroyed, or the roadbeds washed out. Telephone and electric light service as well as the water systems in all parts of Maui were severely crippled. Fortunately no fires broke out, otherwise large sections of thickly settled portions of Maui might have been destroyed without any opportunity of saving anything.

Reservoirs, as far as is known, were unharmed except for the 14,000,000-gallon reservoir of the Waikapu Sugar Company, between Waikapu and Maalea bay.

Highways Badly Torn Up. Damage to the Maui highways has been great. No one expected that it would be possible to get through by carriage or automobile to Lahaina for at least two weeks. Waikapu Sugar Company furnished the county with between 150 and 200 men and large numbers of men were also supplied by Pioneer Mill Company and other plantations. The result has astonished all Maui for yesterday it was possible by careful driving to get an automobile from the Waikapu side within 20 feet of a machine from the Lahaina side, and today by 6 o'clock County Engineer Cox is confident that light cars can get through, provided they make the attempt before nightfall. The road is absolutely unsafe by dark and will be for some time.

It will, of course, take weeks to get the Pali road in condition such as it was before the storm for in many places the landslides are wide and have cut deeply into the mountain road. The heavy cement bridge at Olowalu is completely gone and a new structure will have to be built there. The river cut a path twice the width of the old channel. Other bad places in the road can be repaired more easily.

Waikapu Bridge Saved. The bridge at Waikapu fortunately was saved. The stream took another course and raced down the road for a distance of 400 yards. A curious sight was to be witnessed at several points on the Lahaina-Waikapu road. In some places sea fish of various kinds were found. Elsewhere the fresh water fish were lying on the road. Piles of stones in long stretches completely covered the highway. Elsewhere the macadam was left six feet in the air while all the supporting banks were washed away. Debris was seen six and 10 feet above the normal beds of the streams, and gulches usually dry as a bone were raging torrents.

Six bad breaks have occurred in the Kula pipe and 10 bridges are down in the Kula region. The scarcity of men in Kula will make a long delay in getting these repairs made.

Only a few breaks in the ditches bringing water from Nahiku to the H. C. & S. Co. and Maui Agricultural Company have been reported and aside from the damage done by falling trees caused by the terrific wind there is nothing serious.

Hana Had High Wind. No lives are reported as lost outside the Waikapu district. At Hana much damage was done by falling trees and by the wind which is reported as having had a velocity of 80 miles an hour. The guest cottage at Manager Chalmers' house was badly injured by the fall of one of the big trees in the yard; The telephone system on that side of Maui is demolished.

Kahului has been practically under water for several days. Large algaroba trees have been lying across the roads in all directions from the seaport town.

A panic occurred in Kahului when it was reported that a tidal wave was threatening the town. Such had occurred years ago, when the lagoon was formed. Manager J. J. Walsh of the Kahului Store had been speaking of it. It was suddenly discovered that

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