

KING GEORGE VOICES ALLIES' RESOLVE TO FIGHT WAR ON TO VICTORY

EXPECT SPECIAL DIVIDENDS WHEN CONGRESS ACTS

Men on 'Change Think Enormous Surpluses of Plantations Are Likely to Be Distributed in Part at Early Date

MILLS IN FINE SHAPES; RESERVES NOT NEEDED

"Melons" of Unprecedented Size and Juiciness Likely to Be Sliced as Soon as Future of Tariff is Definitely Settled

While stocks continue to climb, investors, speculators and all persons interested in Hawaiian sugar stocks or its profits, which means practically all the business men in the territory, are eagerly wondering how large a part of the millions now held in reserve will be paid out in special dividends.

That melons must be sliced by most of the companies is generally conceded on all hands, though no intimation of any official nature has been given out that any such plan is in the wind.

Dividends of from 20 to 30 per cent, and even higher in some instances, were paid by the sugar companies during 1915, but without exception those on a paying basis piled up huge reserves because of the then uncertain prospect of the sugar tariff.

Big percentages of the earnings were used to put the plantations and mills in the best physical condition while money was plentiful—the managers wisely making every preparation for free sugar, which for a time looked inevitable. The huge reserves were designed to keep the companies going during probable lean years.

Waiting for Bill to Pass.

Now conditions are reversed. Free sugar is not even a remote danger, and there is no prospect of a speedy termination of the European war to reduce prices. With land and mills in the best condition ever known in the history of the industry on these islands, and with bulging treasuries, it is held certain that big dividends will be paid as soon as the bill repealing the free sugar clause has safely passed Congress and been signed by the president.

Sixteen companies had on hand cash balances totaling \$8,751,000 at the end of 1915, according to the best obtainable information of what annual reports will show.

Estimated Balances.

The 16 companies included in the foregoing estimate, with their approximate December 31 cash balances, are:

Hawaian Agricultural	\$583,000
Haw. C. & S. Co.	600,000
Hawaiian Sugar	1,318,000
Honolulu	550,000
Kekaha	240,000
Koloa	350,000
Maua Agricultural	90,000
McBryde	1,122,000
Olaa	71,000
Oahu Sugar	453,000
Onomea	1,000,000
Pepeelee	715,000
Pioneer	400,000
Waialua	415,000
Walluku	398,000
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Total \$8,751,000

With the free sugar clause repealed, all is clear sailing, and will assure big profits as long as the war lasts.

Cuba's No Menace

Cuba's record-breaking production this year seemed for a time to menace the price of the commodity, but with September delivery of Cubans selling around 4.06 in New York, apprehension on this score is a thing of the past. This price equals about 5.06 for Hawaiian sugar.

Notwithstanding this year's Cuban production up to the end of January being calculated as almost 150,000 tons ahead of that produced on the island to corresponding date last year, the combined stocks in the United States and Cuba on January 31 showed a decrease from last year's figures of more than 45,000 tons.

Europe, it is estimated, will have to import from 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 tons for the use of the Entente Allies this year, which will more than take care of Cuba's excess production. European needs will also offset any possible increase in the output of beet sugars on the mainland of North America.

JAPANESE MAKE FIRST FLIGHT IN MANCHURIA

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 15.—Two Japanese aeroplanes made the flight from Mukden to a frontier post today. This is the first attempt made by Japanese aviators to fly in Manchuria.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

Stock	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	23 1/4	23 3/4
American Smelter	102	101 1/2
American Sug. Rfg.	113	113 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 3/4
Atchafson	103 3/4	103
Baldwin Loco.	112	111 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	87 3/4	88
Bethlehem Steel	469 1/2	470
Calif. Petroleum	32 1/4	32 1/2
Canadian Pacific	172 1/4	172
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	95	95 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46 1/4	45 1/2
Crucible Steel	82 1/2	82 3/4
Erie Common	37 1/2	37 1/2
General Electric	170	170 1/2
General Motors	47 1/2	48
Great Northern Pfd.	121 1/2	122
Intern. Harv., N. J.	110 1/4	110 1/2
New York Central	105 3/4	105 3/4
Pennsylvania	57 1/4	57 1/4
Southern Pacific	93 1/2	94
Studebaker	152 1/2	152 1/2
Tennessee Copper	59 1/2	59 1/2
Union Pacific	133 1/2	134 1/2
U. S. Steel	82 3/4	83 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117 1/4	117 1/2
Western Union	89	89
Westinghouse Electric	67 3/4	67

*Bid.

WORLD RECORD TUNA CATCH IN MAUI WATERS

Noted Mainland Anglers Get Five Gamy Fighters and 25 Other Varieties in Afternoon

A wireless despatch this morning to the editor of the Star-Bulletin from the party of mainland game-fishermen who went to Maui last week gives news that another world's record catch of fish with rod and line has been made in local waters.

The catch is as follows:

Walluku, Maui, Feb. 15.—Another record broken yesterday afternoon. Five tuna caught, Burnham caught two, weighing 92 and 73 pounds. Jump two, 65 and 50. Morris one, 47. In addition 25 fish of other varieties.

(Signed) BURNHAM AND JUMP.

The party went to Maui on the Dixie Maru, the power boat owned by H. L. Morris of Denver, now visiting here, and one of the fishermen who established yesterday's record. The other two members are James W. Jump of Los Angeles and Frederick K. Burnham of Martinez, Cal. The previous record referred to was set by Mr. Jump on a fishing trip to Maui only a few days ago.

H. Gooding Field, secretary of the Hawaii Tuna Club, when informed of the figures of yesterday's catch, says that it is undoubtedly a world's record for game-fishing of the sort. Field was much pleased with the success of the party, since he has had entire faith that the waters of Molokai, off Kihui, would produce splendid fishing. The Tuna Club will award buttons to the visiting anglers for this feat.

EXPECT CABLE NAMING JUDGE KEMP OFFICIAL

A cablegram from the department of justice in Washington, D. C., announcing the appointment of Judge Samuel B. Kemp, formerly of Texas, as assistant district attorney for Hawaii, is expected to be received in Honolulu either late this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

The person who expects the cablegram is District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan, who said today that he is now positive that such an appointment from the attorney-general is forthcoming. While it is understood that Mr. Vaughan has been in communication with the department of justice regarding an assistant, he will neither confirm or deny the report.

Judge Kemp and Mr. Vaughan held a lengthy conference in the latter's office this morning and went to considerable depths into the affairs of the district attorney's office, both past and present. Judge Kemp has been a frequent visitor to the federal court since his arrival here.

"I'm sure I don't know a thing about it," he said today, when asked if he thought he would be appointed Mr. Vaughan's assistant. "I haven't heard a thing from Washington. I came to Honolulu with the express purpose of practicing law."

YUAN HIRES JAPANESE TO BOSS POLICE FORCE

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 15.—According to a Pekin despatch, Yuan Shih-kai has decided to employ a Japanese as advisor to the police department of China. The police system is now under the head of a Chinese, and Yuan has been dissatisfied with the work.

KITCHIN'S BILL UNEQUIVOCAL REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR CLAUSE

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] The Star-Bulletin cabled its Washington correspondent yesterday to get the substance of the Kitchin sugar tariff bill, about which there was considerable doubt here. This morning the following cablegram came in reply:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The Kitchin bill provides for unequivocal repeal of the free sugar clause."

It is thus evident that the Kitchin bill, which is the administration measure, does not merely suspend the operation of the "free sugar" clause indefinitely or for a number of years. If the Kitchin bill passes, new legislation at some future Congress will be necessary to put sugar on the "free list" again.

INVITE TOURIST AUTO OWNERS TO JOIN IN PARADE

Chairman Paxson Hopes Visitors With Cars Will "Get Carnival Spirit"

Tourists with autos now in Honolulu are cordially invited to enter their cars in the decorated auto parade to be held on the morning of February 22 as one of the events of the 1916 Mid-Pacific Carnival. No elaborate decoration is necessary. Further information may be obtained from Phil B. Danky, Hawaii Promotion Committee, phone 2345.

Announcement as above was made this morning by Chairman S. S. Paxson of the auto parade. The parade is assuming larger and larger proportions and with the cars which it is thought many visitors may wish to enter, the number of entries is expected to exceed 125.

In past years the auto parade has attracted several cars entered by visitors, even though in these past carnivals the decorations have been extremely elaborate. This year simplicity and ease of decoration have been two of the essential points, and it is hoped that visitors will feel free to put their cars in line and join the merry procession of machines on the morning of February 22, immediately after the military parade.

Chairman Paxson reported this morning that 125 cars are now in sight. These include the 30 expected to be entered under the auspices of the Outlook Circle, the Elks' section, the Shrine's section, the entries by business houses, organizations and clubs.

Mrs. James Bicknell and Mrs. E. M. Watson are in charge of the Outlook Circle entries, Charles F. Drake of the Elks' section, Dr. Alfred Wall of the Shrine's entries, Lewis Underwood of the Rotary Club's and Fred Hons of the Commercial Club's division. Chairman Paxson, assisted by several committee members, went out in a day or two got some 35 cars from business houses and individuals.

This year there is no ban on signs on the cars giving the name of the business house or the business represented by the various entries. While there will be no lavish display of advertising, many cars are expected to carry neat signs. This plan is meeting general favor. It not only aids the public easily to identify the entrants, but gives credit to firms of individuals which have spent time and money on turning out tastefully arrayed machines.

"We would like to have the tourists feel that they are a part of the Carnival," said Albert P. Taylor, secretary of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, today. "The tourists have their automobiles here and we would be pleased to have them all decorate their machines, and join with us in making the parade a much bigger success. Here is one part of the program where the malihinis can participate in, and I hope that we can secure a large number of decorated machines from the tourists now in the city."

MADAME BUTTERFLY OF JAPAN REACHES COAST FIRST DAY OF MARCH

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 15.—Tamaki Miura, the Japanese "Madame Butterfly" who has been making such a decided hit in musical circles in the East, will arrive in San Francisco on March 1. The Japanese soprano will sing in concert in this city on March 2. It is expected that after her local engagement she will return to Japan.

SANTA FE OFFICES TO BE WITH OFFICE SUPPLY

Until permanent offices can be secured in Honolulu, H. E. Vernon, who recently was appointed local agent for the Santa Fe Railway, and his assistant will have their headquarters at the Office Supply Company on Fort street. The local agency of the railway is now assured, it was announced today, and Mr. Vernon is looking for adequate quarters in which to establish himself as general agent.

W. A. Bissell, assistant traffic manager of the railway, who has been in Honolulu for the last few weeks looking over business and industrial conditions, will not return to the mainland until the local agency is open and in smooth working order.

THREE INJURED IN SMASHUP AND SPILL OVER BANK

Three persons were severely injured this morning at 9 o'clock on the Kalawoa road, near Aléa, when an automobile driven by H. Rothberg collided with a bicycle ridden by M. J. Souza and then plunged through a heavy fence by the road and turned over.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegrams from official German sources were received today:

YESTERDAY'S SITUATION. "German Headquarters, Feb. 14.—Lively artillery engagements on a large part of the west front continue. The enemy directed a fire in the night against Lens and Lievin. South of the Somme there were violent engagements for the top of the advancing German position, the Germans giving up a trench which was exposed to enveloping attacks. In Champagne the counter attacks made by the enemy south of St. Maricany were easily repulsed.

"Northwest of Tahure the Germans took from the French by storming more than 700 meters of their position, the French losing seven officers and more than 300 men, taken prisoners. Three machine guns and four mine throwers were taken.

"West of Maison de Champagne there were hand grenade engagements, and south of Luisee, east of St. Die, the Germans destroyed by blasting part of the enemy's position. Near Owersart, northwest of Pfart the Germans conquered about 400 meters of French trenches and repulsed counter attacks. At night they took several dozen prisoners and two machine guns and three mine throwers.

"A German air squadron also attacked railroad stations, troop camps and other places along the northern part of the front.

"On the east front there were only patrol engagements, in which the Germans were successful."

AUSTRIAN AIR RAIDS. "The Austro-Hungarian admiralty report of February 13 says that a naval air squadron on February 12 raided Ravenna, Italy, destroying two railroad station sheds and further heavily damaged a station and sulphur and sugar factories. Two aeroplanes were heavily shelled by the artillery in Porto Corsini. Another air squadron dropped several heavy bombs with good results on pumping stations at Codogno and Cavanelles. The aeroplanes returned safely."

"DRY' FORCES IN CONGRESS CARRY IMPORTANT POINT

Consideration of Constitutional Amendment to Be Had This Session

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—The Sixty-fourth Congress at this session will consider the proposed constitutional amendment to provide for nationwide prohibition, but not the woman suffrage amendment.

This was made certain today by votes in the house. The house judiciary committee has postponed considering the Anthony amendment, providing for woman suffrage, until next December, but proposals to postpone consideration of the prohibition amendment failed of passage, a tie vote being registered, and this issue will therefore come up.

CLAIM BRANDEIS HAS PLAYED BOTH SIDES IN CASES

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—That Louis D. Brandeis, nominated by the president for justice of the supreme court, was guilty of improper conduct toward the United Shoe Machinery Company, was charged today by S. W. Winslow, president of the company. One of the recent criticisms on Brandeis, made even before his nomination, was that he drew the original leases for the so-called Shoe Machinery "trust" which has been attacked by the government in efforts to compel its dissolution as a monopoly.

Testifying today before the house sub-committee on judiciary, which is holding public hearings on the Brandeis nomination, President Winslow charged that Brandeis has attacked as illegal the acts and methods of the company which he helped to create.

H. R. Baily, former law associate of Brandeis, charges that the nominee represented simultaneously both the lessees and the lessors of the Warren Paper Mills, involving a \$21,000,000 estate.

EARTHQUAKE BELIEVED MANY MILES AWAY IS FELT IN WASHINGTON

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Severe earthquake shocks were recorded here today, lasting more than an hour in all. It is believed the source was 4500 miles away.

PARLIAMENT IS TOLD BRITAIN STEADFAST IN DETERMINATION; RUSSIA CLAIMS BIG SUCCESS

OFFICIAL SLAV REPORT ALLEGES VIOLENT OUTBREAKS IN 12TH GERMAN ARMY CORPS NEAR VILNA AND KILLING OF LIEUTENANT—PARIS SAYS GERMAN GAINS ON WEST ARE TRIVIAL—300 SURVIVORS OF BRITISH CRUISER ARETHUSA REACH CHATHAM

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] LONDON, Eng., Feb. 15.—The reassembling of Parliament today was made the occasion for a declaration of firm resolve on the part of the Allies to wage war on to a successful conclusion.

King George, in a speech from the throne, made a brief statement which created a profound impression. He said in part: "The spirit of the Allies and my people remains steadfast in the resolve to secure reparation for the victims of unprovoked and unjustifiable outrage, and to secure also effectual safeguards for all nations against the aggression of a power which is mistaking force for right and expediency for honor."

Violent Outbreaks in German Army Near Riga Are Alleged

PETROGRAD, Russia, Feb. 15.—That the German attacks in the vicinity of Riga have been so uniformly fruitless that there is grave dissatisfaction in the army organization pitted against the Slavs is the declaration made in the official reports at Petrograd today.

The announcements report the failure of all the German assaults along that portion of the east front which is near Riga. They assert also that there have been violent outbreaks among the 12th German army corps near Vilna. It is stated that a Lieutenant Raache, commanding the Germans at the village of Girmondy, was killed and 40 officers and many soldiers have been court-martialed for their insurrections.

French Deny Germans Have Made Important Gains On West Front

PARIS, France, Feb. 15.—In the Champagne district the French have recaptured an advanced portion of the position which the Germans occupied on February 13.

A semi-official French announcement affirms that the German activity lately on the west front, while intended to give the impression of an important offensive, in reality consists only of local actions and results in inconsequential gains.

"We could do the same but our losses would not be worth the result," says the announcement.

Survivors of Arethusa At Chatham

CHATHAM, England, Feb. 15.—Three hundred survivors of the British light cruiser Arethusa, which struck a mine near the English coast and was sunk, arrived here today. It is supposed that the 16 or 17 men in the stockhold were killed when the cruiser sank as the result of the gaping hole torn by the mine in her hull.

Teuton Aeroplanes Raid in Italy

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 15.—A despatch to Reuter's from Vicenza, Italy, says that hostile aeroplanes have bombarded Schio, near Vicenza, killing six and wounding many others.

Mississippi Levee Gives Way And Louisiana Is In Path of Floods

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.] MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 15.—Alarming long-distance telephone calls from Natchez, Mississippi, today bring the news that the main levee along the Mississippi river, 35 miles below Natchez, has given way under the weight and tear of the flood waters and that the situation is very serious. There are two breaks six miles from Newellton.

A vast stretch of territory in Louisiana is liable to inundation. Many farms are flooded.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Feb. 15 (Latér).—Two thousand people of Newellton and St. Joseph are in the path of the floods. They are fleeing on special trains which were rushed to the towns when news came that the levee was giving way.

FIRE-HORROR IN MINE AT BUTTE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.] BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 15.—Twenty-one persons are believed to have perished today in a fire in the Pennsylvania mine, owned by the Anaconda Copper Company.

AUSTRIAN SPY TRIED TO PASS AS AMERICAN; NABBED BY JAPANESE

(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipco.) TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 15.—An Austrian captain who claimed that he was an American, was arrested today by Japanese officials. After investigating for several days, the local officers discovered that the man was not an American and located him in Yokohama this morning. After his arrest the man confessed that he is one of the spies of the Austrian military force.

SOUP-POISONER HAS VANISHED

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless.] CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15.—A country-wide search has begun for Jean Cronjes or Cronis, the assistant chef charged with poisoning the soup at a recent University Club banquet and making more than 100 persons ill. He has disappeared completely and efforts of police and secret service men to trace him have been fruitless.

Cronjes is believed to be an arch plotter against established society and to have planned to destroy buildings and property and take life, in accordance with destructive anarchistic propaganda.

A friend of Cronjes, John Allegri, has been arrested and was arraigned today charged with conspiracy and attempt to murder. He was put under bonds of \$25,000.

A British submarine went ashore off the coast of Holland. Her crew was forced.