

12 CARGO SHIPS TO BE ADDED TO PACIFIC FLEETS

New York Corporation Going After Trade With Orient On Big Scale

NO PASSENGERS WILL BE CARRIED, IS STATED

Details of the plan by which a New York company expects to enter the Pacific with a fleet of huge cargo carriers, possibly calling at Honolulu, reached the city by mail today from San Francisco. The news had previously come in a brief wireless despatch to the Star-Bulletin.

The Chronicle of February 25 says: "Another stride in trade between San Francisco and the rich ports of the Orient is seen by shipping men in the announcement received here yesterday that the firm of Gaston, Williams & Wigmore will shortly invade the Pacific with a fleet of huge cargo carriers."

Coming in the wake of other announcements spelling further prosperity for this port, the plans of the New York company to invade the San Francisco field set California street agog.

"At the same time shipping men were busy discussing the increase of the Pacific Mail Panama fleet by three new steamers of 5700 tons capacity, which were bought in New York from the Dutch West India Company and which will soon be on this coast. The three vessels will be in the Pacific within three months, and when they will be in service the runs of the Mail liners will be increased to Callao instead of stopping at Balboa as at present.

A Fleet of Freighters.
"The Gaston, Williams & Wigmore Steamship Corporation was organized in New York to operate steamship lines across both the Atlantic and Pacific, but it is understood that the greater part of their efforts will be devoted to the Pacific trade. The company has purchased six steamers, has chartered six more, two of which being built on the Great Lakes will be taken over and four others are to be built soon.

"News which is of particular interest to the San Francisco shipping world is that the company will come into the field here with a number of freighters operating direct to China, the Philippines, Straits Settlements, Vladivostok and Japan.

"In the Atlantic the steamers will be passenger carriers and will operate to Archangel when navigation is open and to other European ports. The company, it is stated in New York, does not intend to enter the Pacific as a passenger carrier.

Additions to Panama Line.
"Hillard J. Rosenzanz, director of the Far Eastern division of the firm of Gaston, Williams & Wigmore, is to be the Orient representative of the steamship company, and will be here next month en route to the Far East. He is a San Franciscan by birth and is well known here, as is his partner, Thomas Koenig, with whom for a decade he was engaged in supplying the Orient from Vladivostok to India with all kinds of American machinery and merchandise.

"The two men are known in every capital and seaport in the Orient and have hundreds of friends in the countries through which they preached American goods for years. Rosenzanz knows the export and import trade as do few American businessmen.

"While possibly not of so great a scope in interest to the San Francisco shipping world as the announcement of the steamer to the Orient, the fact that the Pacific Mail is to add three new up-to-date steamers to its Panama service will mean better service to the west coast."

Irwin McKnight, freshman at Lowell high school and one of the most promising athletes from the grammar school, broke both bones in both legs while being hazed by upper classmen of the school.

One billion and a quarter feet of lumber was logged in British Columbia for the year 1915.

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REFUGEE SHIPS BEYOND PALE OF AMERICAN LAW?

Alleged Liquor Sales on German Vessels May Have Been on "German Territory"

Although District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan says he is convinced that if "blind pigs" were conducted aboard the interned German cruiser and merchant ships those responsible are liable to prosecution, other attorneys raise the point as to whether the local U. S. court has any jurisdiction to proceed in the matter.

One attorney, formerly connected with the federal court, says that the admiralty jurisdiction of the court is limited only to American vessels. If there was a murder committed, he adds, the court might prosecute on the ground that the peace had been disturbed. "But," this attorney adds, "there is no clutch on that."

Another question raised is whether the Geier and other interned vessels are not strictly German territory, so to speak, and this brings out again the point whether, if this be true, the government has jurisdiction to prosecute any alleged violation of the laws regulating the sale of liquor.

Up to press time today License Inspector W. P. Fennell had placed no evidence in the hands of the local federal officials upon which might be based the issuance of warrants of arrest. Fennell said that no further action had been taken in the matter, and that he was "waiting for the attorneys to do something."

The city and county attorney's office says that it has nothing to do with the case.

YARD BOY DIES FROM INJURY BY CONSUL'S AUTO

An inquest over the remains of M. Tomohiro, a yard boy employed at Consul Liliuokalani's place in Beretania street, who was run down on January 15 by an automobile driven by British Consul E. L. S. Gordon, convened in Sheriff Rose's office early this afternoon.

Tomohiro died on March 4. It is understood that, at the time of receiving the injuries which resulted in his death, he was engaged in cleaning the yard at the consul's place. While the Japanese was still in the Queen's hospital Dr. G. Negoro, Mr. Isobe, T. Machida and other friends of the dead man called on the British consul and asked the latter if he would pay the expenses. They were informed by the consul that he would pay nothing until the coroner's inquest returned its verdict.

CORPORATION MEETINGS

Annual meetings of sugar companies and other Hawaiian corporations will soon be in full swing. From now on for the next few weeks a large number of shareholders' meetings will be held, to go over last year's activities and choose officers to act for the ensuing year.

Meetings of corporations so far advertised include the following:
MARCH 10.
Pauka Agricultural Company, Ltd., 10 a. m.
Moaula Agricultural Company, Ltd., 10:30 a. m.
Waikapu Agricultural Company, Ltd., 11 a. m.
Kuhua Agricultural Company, 11:30 a. m.

ALOHA! What To See

(For the benefit of tourists and arrivals from the mainland, the Star-Bulletin publishes a brief directory of a few of the scenic and historical attractions of Hawaii. Additional details will be given on inquiry at the rooms of the Hawaii Promotion Committee in the Alexander Young hotel building.)

- Take Waikiki Car.**
Aquarium.
Surfing and bathing at Waikiki.
Take Kalia Car.
Bishop Museum, daily except Wednesday.
Fort Shafter.
Moanalu Gardens.
Ten Minutes' Walk.
from Business Center.
Old Royal Palace.
Old Throne Room.
Old Coral Church.
Old Mission House.
King Lunallilo's Tomb.
Washington Place.

- Outside the City.**
Walks in Tantalus Hills.
The Paoli, by motor.
Coral Gardens, 12 miles by auto, daily.
Haleiwa Hotel, by motor or rail.
Wahiawa Hotel, by motor or rail.
Pearl Harbor, naval station.

On Other Islands.
Volcano via Hilo, by steamers Wednesday and Saturday.
Haleakala on Maui, by steamer, Wednesday, Saturday, Monday and Friday.
Waimea Canyon, Kauai, by steamer, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.

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ONE REAL BATTLESHIP ABLE TO WIPE OUT ENTIRE PACIFIC FLEET

Admiral Winslow Talks Up Before Naval Committee of Lower House

While the house military committee late last month at Washington was taking steps toward getting its bill for increasing the regular army and federalizing the National Guard before the house, the naval committee was being informed on February 24 and 25 by Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow that the entire Pacific fleet which commands might be an easy victim for a single enemy battleship.

Admiral Winslow made the statement smilingly. Pressed by Representative Stephens of California for an exact description of the condition of the ships under his command, he said the force is wholly inadequate, even with all its reserves called out, to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific. What plans the navy department has for meeting an emergency there or in the Atlantic, however, he said were matters of strategy which he did not care to reveal, except in confidential session.

Fleet is inefficient.
Representative Stephens asked if the navy was prepared to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific. "If you want me to say that we have no fleet there, I'll say it," said the admiral. "We don't pretend to have one there. But if you want me to say what we would do in case of war in the Pacific or Atlantic, these are questions of strategy and should not be discussed here in open session."

Under further questioning he said ships held in reserve for five years, as was the case with some of the armored cruisers of the Pacific fleet, deteriorated rapidly and needed careful overhauling before they could operate at maximum speed. The guns of some of the cruisers, he added, probably had not been fired for a number of years, and the largest weapons of the fleet were low-power eight-inch guns.

"One good battleship, under certain conditions, ought to overcome all we've got," he added.
Admiral Winslow said the navy will be short 5000 men of the number necessary on the Pacific coast alone to man all reserve ships. He thought all ships should be in full commission at all times in order to train crews.

More than forty-eight submarines,

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Federal trial jurors not engaged in the Duke murder case have been excused until further notice.

Honolulu Lodge No. 409, F. and A. M., will hold a special meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Work in third degree.

The Catholic Ladies' Aid Society will hold a meeting in the Library of Hawaii at 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.

Because of the National Guard dance there will be no meeting of the Naval Militia at the armory tonight. The next meeting will be held on March 14.

Marcelo Laezen, a native of the Philippine islands and a carpenter by occupation, has filed in federal court his declaration to become an American citizen.

Application for a passport has been filed in federal court by Miss Henrietta Lewilyn Lissak of East Oakland, California, who intends to travel in Japan and China for pleasure. She will leave here in the Tenyo Maru on March 31.

The annual meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of Hawaii will be held in the Christian church, Kewalo street, from 9 to 11:30 o'clock on Thursday morning of this week. A temperance address will be made by Rev. L. L. Loubourou, pastor of the Methodist church, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Special music has been arranged for the evening meeting.

GUARDSMEN TO OPEN DANCE AT AN EARLY HOUR

National guardsmen wish to call special attention to the fact that the big benefit dance which is to be given tonight to secure furnishings for the enlisted men's club rooms, will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Lieut. Lawrence Judd and Sgt. Bruce W. Shelton are in charge of the arrangements, and promise a good time. The big armory has been put in spick and span shape for the event. A charge of 50 cents will be made at the door for gentlemen, while ladies will be admitted free. Good military music will be furnished by the 1st infantry Band, N. G. H.

Reports from Galveston that the British government had fixed a cotton freight rate of \$2 per 100 pounds, coupled with the information that Great Britain was facing a serious cotton shortage, caused an advance of several points on the New York exchange.

The Stampa, Turin, Italy, announces that Andrew Carnegie has offered \$12,000,000 for Belgian relief.

with four submarine bases, are necessary for shore protection of the Pacific coast. Admiral Winslow told the committee.

An additional navy yard on the Pacific is also needed to properly care for the Pacific fleet. Winslow declared Mare Island Yard could never be a first-class yard because of the shallow channel, although a yard of the first class must be maintained on San Francisco bay.

Points Out Drawbacks.
The waterfront and the shallow channel at Mare Island would be great drawbacks to that yard when 50,000 ton battleships are built, the Admiral declared. The yard at Bremerton can care for the largest ships, but this is not the case at Mare Island. Lack of anchorage facilities, depth of channel and the lack of room for docking are defects at Mare Island which could not be overcome.

Admiral Winslow said the smaller type of submarines ought to be abandoned and large sea-going submarines provided for defense of Pacific ports. The navy war college, he said, should work out the exact number necessary.

Stephens asked if it would be advisable to transfer to the Pacific fleet reserve battleships and cruisers of the Atlantic fleet in view of the statements of Admiral Winslow that the whole Pacific fleet at present could be easily destroyed by even one first-class battleship. Winslow said it would be better to keep the powerful Atlantic fleet intact.

Wants Three Yards.
The admiral said the Puget Sound navy yard ought to be improved, but he believed that no more money should be appropriated for Mare Island. When the site for Mare Island was selected, he said, nobody believed we would build such large ships as are now being constructed. At least three first-class yards capable of repairing the largest battleships should be maintained on the Pacific coast. Mare Island, he held, cannot be developed into a first-class yard, no matter how much money is spent on it.

The United States navy's whole system of government and operation, from the education of officers to questions of ship and gun construction, was sharply criticized by Admiral Winslow. Without radical changes, the admiral declared, a fully efficient fighting force comparable to the British navy could not be reproduced in 50 years.

Heavy Downpour Adds Nearly 3 Inches to Mark

Total for March to Date Now 6.30 Inches; 1.65 Fell in One Hour

Nearly three inches of rain fell last night from 5:25 until about 7 o'clock this morning. The precipitation from 3 o'clock last night to 8 this morning, as recorded by Meteorologist A. M. Hamrick of the U. S. weather bureau's local office, was 2.34 inches.

This brings the total rainfall for March to date to 6.30 inches. Before the rain started last night it was 3.36 inches, and that figure was well above the normal for March, as recorded for the last 11 years. Water stood half a foot deep in some South King street houseyards at 3 this morning.

The precipitation was torrential between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning. It rained so hard that the weather bureau's recorder shows jagged ink lines like mountain peaks for that period. In the hour, 1.65 inches fell. This is close to the maximum hour record, held by a downpour January 1, 1907, when 1.94 inches fell in 60 minutes.

January 25 of this year, 1.43 inches fell in one hour, while November 12 last, 1.72 was the precipitation in that time. Last December 15 1.53 fell in 60 minutes.

Since Saturday, 6.28 inches of rain have fallen. The barometer today is rising, standing at 29.92 this morning at 3 o'clock, against 29.50 yesterday. The humidity is also lower, so that the outlook for better weather is more favorable, although it is heard to say whether the storm is finished.

Henry W. Richardson, an American of Kansas City, Mo., was fined \$100 in London and ordered deported for giving false information on registering.

Buy in Hawaii WHY? Why Not

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LOCAL CHINESE WILL TAKE BIG BLOCKS OF NEW CHINA MAIL ISSUE

Many of the local Chinese merchants are planning on increasing their holdings in the China Mail Steamship Company, now operating the steamer China between San Francisco, Honolulu and the Orient. Up to and including March 2, 1739 shares of the stock had been purchased in Hawaii, amounting to \$37,519.

Chinese merchants of this city believe that the China line will be able to secure enough business to warrant placing two or three more ships on the run. The present stock of the company is to be increased from \$2,100,000 to \$4,200,000, which will give the company sufficient funds to purchase new liners.

BUSINESS NOTES

Jack Lucas, head of the Honolulu Planing Mill, whose plant on Fort street suffered by fire last week, places the loss at about \$6000 or \$7000, the exact amount not being determinable until after the insurance is adjusted. The mill is now almost in full running-order, but much material on hand was lost. Mr. Lucas hopes, however, to be able to carry out the large existing contracts of the company.

"When we rebuild, we shall put a concrete outside wall and floor, and make the plant as nearly fire-proof as practicable," he says. "It was largely due to the good work of the Honolulu fire department that other buildings were saved. The new engines worked well and the firemen certainly were on to their job."

BUILDING PERMITS

Mrs. Wahneille Kohli, owner. Location is Kakaako, Ewa side of King street, 400 ft. Ewa from Halekauwila street. Dwelling. George Keawe, builder. Estimate cost, \$290.

Christian Bode, owner. Location is Kalia, makai side of King street, 400 ft. Ewa from Kalia stream. Dwelling. M. Fujita, builder and architect. Estimate cost, \$385.

R. W. Atkinson, owner. Location is Peninsula. Veranda and bath room. M. Ohta, builder. Estimate cost, \$395.25.

Campbell Estate, owner. Location is makai side of Hotel street, 40 ft. Waikiki from Likalike street. Dwelling. Fred Harrison, builder. Estimate cost, \$400.

H. Knaack, owner. Location is mauka side of Lunallilo street, 150 ft. Ewa from Victoria street. Dwelling. H. Knaack, builder and architect. Estimate cost, \$2020.

R. B. Webster, owner. Location is Royal Grove, mauka side of Kuhio street, 100 ft. Waikiki from Kapuoff street. Dwelling. H. Knaack, builder and architect. Estimate cost, \$2200.

MORNING ON CHANGE

The "I Told You So" men were busy on the curb this morning when Oiaa sold at \$17, the price of the stock going up with the general mounting tendency of the rest of the list. Oahu Sugar gained three-eighths, Hawaiian Commercial has climbed 50 cents a share, as has Onomea, and Pahang rubber climbed the band wagon and made a gain of \$1. Brokers were evidently too eager for news from Washington on the sugar tariff legislation today to bother about trading during the session hour, for sales amounted to only 105 shares, whereas between boards 3425 were dealt in.

It is reported from Troy, N. Y., that Mrs. Russell Sage has decided to found a branch or department of the Emma Willard school in Troy for the purpose of teaching domestic and industrial arts to young women.

Colonel E. M. House, President Wilson's "ambassador without portfolio," rented his apartment at 115 East Fifty-third street, New York, to Mrs. Winston Churchill, wife of the author, Miss Flora Wilson, daughter of the former secretary of agriculture, and Miss Annette Gillette were injured in a runaway while returning from the White House reception.



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