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## BIG ARMY BILL BEING RUSHED THROUGH; HOUSE AND SENATE IN DEBATE

### 170,000 ARMY AVAILABLE BY LATEST PLANS

Congress Aroused to Necessity for Adequate Forces; Sinking of Big Steamer Stirrs Dutch

### THIRD BATTLE OF VERDUN STILL IN PROGRESS TODAY

Paris Declares Five Successive Onslaughts Checked; Berlin Claims Gains Being Made By Teutons

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Both houses set to work today on important "preparedness" and defense measures. Other issues were sidetracked and other business put aside and throughout almost the entire afternoon both houses debated the military measures. Ten hours was set as the limit on debate.

The army bill was formally reported to the senate. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, announced that he would ask unanimous consent to take it up Monday. It embodies the most extensive proposals for an increase in military strength that the United States has ever considered in peace times.

Congressman Kahn of the House military affairs committee, said that while the bill provides for an army peace strength of 140,000, in the event of war the president could bring the army to 170,000 exclusively military troops.

The HAGUE, Netherlands, March 17.—The sinking of the fine Dutch liner Turbantia, reported yesterday, has aroused widespread resentment in the Dutch nation against Germany, whose submarine policy is held responsible for the loss of the steamer and the probable loss of lives.

The Turbantia, outward bound from Amsterdam to the river Plate, South America, sank off Northbinder lightship.

In a vigorous article today the Vaderland calls attention to the fact that the Turbantia was sunk simultaneously with the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, and states that his successor is proving that he is continuing the submarine program by sinking the newest and finest vessel flying the Dutch flag.

### U. S. INVESTIGATING

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The American consul for Holland, Frank Mahin, has been instructed to investigate the Turbantia sinking. The American consular agents at Gibraltar and Lisbon have also been instructed to investigate the attempt to torpedo the French steamer Patria, which narrowly escaped a submarine's attack off Algeria a few days ago. The Patria is declared to have been attacked without warning. A number of Americans were passengers.

LONDON, England, March 17.—According to a despatch from a Reuter correspondent at Flushing, there have without doubt been casualties in the sinking of the Turbantia.

Members of the crew say that the explosion occurred amidships and shattered the deck and the lifeboats. The violence of the explosion indicated that the steamer was torpedoed.

The Dutch admiralty states that 377 from the Turbantia have arrived in Holland. Revised lists of those aboard show there should be 381. The Richard Carmen-Schillings, wealthy New Yorkers, were saved.

The ship bore identification marks showing that she was a neutral.

BERLIN, Germany, March 17.—It was officially stated today that the submarine warfare will proceed under the limitations already explained to neutrals, but that there will be no indiscriminate sinkings.

### GERMAN CHANCELLOR RUMORED TO RETIRE



Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg.

LONDON, Eng., March 17.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, is likely to retire from office soon, according to the Geneva, Switzerland, correspondent of the Daily Express.

There have been numerous rumors for more than a year past that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg would retire. Some of the rumors have represented him as out of sympathy with the Kaiser on important state matters.

### GERMAN FLEET MAY COME OUT

PARIS, France, March 17.—The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, minister of the German marine and commander of the navy, is believed to be due to his unwillingness to accede to the Kaiser's desire to send the big fleet into battle. The change in naval command may preclude the preparation of the German high sea fleet for an early sortie against the British fleet.

### 120,000 ARMY PLAN RUSHED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—President Wilson today signed the joint congressional resolution calling for the various units of the army to be recruited up to full peace strength, making a total strength of the army of 120,000.

### BRITISH ENLISTMENT SUBJECT OF DEBATES

LONDON, Eng., March 17.—A heated debate took place in the house of commons today and tonight over the order calling married men to the colors. The order has aroused much opposition, as it had been understood the call would not be issued for some time. The debate continued until one o'clock in the morning.

### STEAMER SUNK, 8 MISSING

NEW YORK, March 17.—The steamer Kanawha, New York for Rio Janeiro, has sunk off South Carolina. A lifeboat containing eight of the crew is still missing, 21 having been rescued.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN HEADQUARTERS REPORT, March 16.—In Flanders, especially near the coast, there were violent artillery combats today, increasing in intensity, also in the sectors of Roye and Ville aux Bers, northwest of Rheims. The French, after a strong but inefficient artillery preparation attacked without the least success the German positions south of St. Souplet and west of the road between Sommepey and Squaline. The French suffered numerous losses, but the German losses were few. The Germans took unwounded two French officers and 150 soldiers.

West of the Meuse French attempts to reconquer the height of Morthomme and the forest positions north and east were stopped at their beginning. No change has taken place between the Meuse and the Moselle. South of Niederwiesbach German patrols advanced into the enemy's trenches after effective artillery preparation. They destroyed the defensive positions and returned with prisoners and booty.

### BIG ORDNANCE SUPPLY DEPOT FOR SHAFTER

President Approves Army Bill Appropriating \$300,000 for Construction

### STATION WILL COVER ABOUT TWENTY ACRES

General Shops, Saddlery Shop, Reserve Storehouses and Quarters Included

According to word which reached army headquarters today, President Wilson has recommended the appropriation of \$300,000 for a big ordnance supply depot at Fort Shafter. The project as laid down has also been approved by the war department.

The depot, which will be known as the Hawaiian ordnance depot, has been under consideration by the local department for about six months, and complete plans and specifications have been sent to Washington.

Plans drawn up here provide for a depot covering in its various buildings, approximately 20 acres, to be situated in the northeast portion of the military reserve. This will be toward town, mauka of the present buildings at Shafter, and about one mile from the road.

The new depot, which will be modern in every detail, will include general shops, saddlery shops, a supply depot, reserve stores houses, gun sheds and quarters for non-commissioned officers and enlisted men.

It is believed that the plans have been reported to committees in Congress, but so far as known have not been reported out of the committees. According to army officers it is possible that this appropriation is the same as has been mentioned during the last few days in despatches from Washington, and not the appropriation for general buildings.

For barracks for the three full regiments which Shafter is to have \$900,000 is needed. When wireless Associated Press reports about a \$300,000 appropriation for Shafter reached the Star-Bulletin it was generally supposed that the money was for the general barracks, but now that sum is thought to have been intended for the ordnance depot.

### MRS. HONAN DIES; IS MOURNED BY CHILDREN HERE

This morning at an early hour Mrs. Thomas Alexander Honan, 56 years of age, died at the residence of her eldest son, H. M. Honan, at Prospect avenue and Magazine street.

Mrs. Honan leaves many children in the islands to mourn her loss. Besides H. M. Honan of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company, she is survived by T. A. Honan, Jr., secretary of the Hawaiian Carriage Manufacturing Company; John A. Honan, who is with the Koloa Plantation Company; Joseph P. Honan, a pattern maker for the Honolulu Iron Works; Edward J. Honan, bookkeeper at the Manufacturer's Shoe Company; Mary Honan, a school teacher on Kauai; Mrs. Charles Simpson of Stockton, Cal.; and Mrs. Victor Jacobson of Honolulu.

The hour for the funeral services at Williams' undertaking establishment was set for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

### FRENCH AND GERMAN CLAIMS OF THE DAY

PARIS, France, March 17.—Five successive onslaughts have been made by the Germans on the French lines east of Verdun but each has been repulsed with losses.

BERLIN, Germany, March 17.—Two French attacks on the German positions at Morthomme failed today.

### NEW FRENCH MINISTER OF WAR JOFFRE'S FRIEND

PARIS, France, March 17.—It is emphasized that the resignation of Gen. Gallieni, the French war minister, is due to ill-health. General Roque, who succeeds him, is of the same type as Gen. Joffre and the two are great friends. Roque has been decorated several times for bravery in war.

### DADMUN HARVARD CAPTAIN

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 17.—H. Dadmun, star guard on the Harvard team, has been named captain of the 1916 team, to succeed Atherton Gilman of Honolulu, who cannot serve because he is deficient in his studies.

### KAUAI RAILROAD PROJECT IS HIGH 'UP IN THE AIR'

Homesteaders Blame Governor for More Than Year of Delay on Contracts

### LIHUE PLANTATION UNABLE TO SERVE KAPAA TRACTS

Governor Understood to Fix Responsibility on Former Commissioner Tucker

After much more than a year of negotiation between Governor Pinkham, Lihue Plantation Company and Makee Sugar Company, the railroad project planned to serve the homesteaders of the Kapaa district is "up in the air," with the prospect that it will materialize.

As a result, the homesteaders are proceeding on makeshift contracts, several of them face the possibility of going broke, and Lihue plantation, after advancing many thousands of dollars in preliminary work on the railroad, finds itself unable to get the cane crops it has helped make possible.

For the many months of delay and for their present situation, the homesteaders blame the governor. The governor is reported in turn to blame his erstwhile land commissioner, Joshua D. Tucker. The homesteaders are inclined to be caustic in their remarks, though their anger is temporarily lessened by the fact that sugar prices are so high many of them are going to reap a golden harvest. They are not worrying about the present, but the future, with the probability of much smaller sugar prices after the European war, is causing them anxiety.

The homesteaders say that over 60 contracts are awaiting action by the governor and have been in his office for months. These contracts are with the plantation companies. Inasmuch as the contracts affect land opened to public entry by the territory the territorial government reserves the right to pass upon them. The governor maintains that he has been studying the situation in

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### SHRINERS MEET TO PLAN STUNTS FOR POTENTATE

Preliminary arrangements were completed for a big street parade by the Shriners to honor Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Portland, Me., and other visiting Shriners who will arrive here on March 31. According to the committee on entertainment the parade will not present the usual stunts owing to the presence of the imperial potentate.

Chairmen of the various committees met at noon today at the Masonic Temple to outline the first plans for the reception of the visitors. It is certain that a luau, a trip around the island, a ceremonial session, a banquet and a ball will be among the features. The committee will meet again on Monday at noon to arrange the details of the final program. The general committee will hold the next meeting on Friday at 12 o'clock noon.

According to the reports received from the mainland there will be more than 50 visiting Shriners here the last of the month and this number will represent many states on the mainland. Honolulu Shriners announce that all will be taken care of, and "50 more boosters for Honolulu and Hawaii" is their slogan.

### GOVERNOR WALSH TO DEPART FOR ORIENT ON SHINYO WEDNESDAY

Former Governor David J. Walsh of Massachusetts, who is visiting Honolulu, expects to leave for the Orient on the steamship China next Wednesday. This afternoon, if possible, Governor Walsh will leave for the island of Hawaii on the Mauna Kea to visit the volcano.

Governor Walsh has an office in the Alexander Young hotel, but spends his afternoons at the beach in a little cottage "far from the madding crowd."

### ANOTHER RUMOR TURKEY WOULD CONCLUDE PEACE

LONDON, Eng., March 17.—A Rome despatch says that a message from Berne, Switzerland, has been received there to the effect that Naby Bey, ex-Turkish ambassador to Rome, is endeavoring to negotiate a separate peace between Turkey and the Allies.

### HAS CHARGE OF SUGAR BILL IN UPPER HOUSE



Senator F. M. Simmons.

### U. S. EXPEDITION HASN'T YET MET MEXICAN ENEMY

Carranza Soldiers Cooperating and Troops Moving on Villa's Trail

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 17.—Moving southward on the trail of Carranza's Villa, the American expeditionary columns have not yet met the enemy, according to information which reached here today. No clashes have taken place, says the meager and censored news.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—Consul Silliman has telegraphed to the state department satisfactory assurances from the Mexican government that the entrance of Americans will not be opposed. Consul Silliman is now with Carranza.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 17.—Carranza troops are cooperating with the American expedition, according to news which has reached here. Four hundred of Gen. Calles' troops are preparing for the march.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The senate today adopted without opposition a resolution offered by Senator La Follette approving the president's sending the expeditionary force into Mexico and assuring the Mexicans that the entrance of troops is merely to punish Villa and his immediate followers.

LAREDO, Texas, March 17.—Fourteen Carranza soldiers and ten civilians were killed last Tuesday when a carload of grenades and artillery ammunition exploded at Monterey, Mexico. The news has just reached here, having previously been suppressed by Carranza because of the tension of affairs. All those killed were Mexicans.

EL PASO, Tex., March 17.—There is increasing uneasiness here over the prospects of anti-American outbreaks in Mexico. Americans in the northeast of Mexico continue to leave the country.

### CHERRY DANCERS MUST SAIL BACK TO NIPPON

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji) SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—After hearing many petitions to allow the two little cherry dancers to remain in America, the authorities after a long consultation refused the request and the dancers, who have been detained at the immigration station, will be deported by the next steamer. They will probably leave here on the Persia Maru.

The cherry dancers came from Japan at the time of the exposition, where they made a decided hit, and at the expiration of the exposition the Japanese maidens decided that they would remain in America, as they had made many friends here, but the pleadings of the two were in vain.

### MURDER CASE POSTPONED

The case of You Chih oYng, charged with murdering Kim Heung Nul, was postponed in police court today until Wednesday, March 22. L. M. Straus is attorney for the Korean.

The Japanese gardener of the Moanaka home of Hon. S. M. Damon will be closed to visitors for one week from Monday next.

### SUGAR REPEAL BILL TODAY IN SENATE; EARLY ACTION SURE

Local Sentiment Highly Optimistic as Result of Overwhelming Vote Yesterday—Prices Advancing

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—The Kitchen free-sugar repeal bill, passed by the house yesterday with an overwhelming vote, reached the senate this afternoon and was referred to the finance committee.

Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the committee, says that he and his committee members will take the measure up at an early date. No time is to be lost in putting it through. He expects a favorable report and action by the upper house within a short time. The senate is overwhelmingly in favor of the repeal bill.

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There is no longer any uncertainty concerning the sugar situation among Honolulu men interested in that commodity. All of them take as a foregone conclusion the passage of the repeal of the free sugar clause by a large majority in the United States senate, and the speedy signing of the administration measure by President Wilson. The repeal is considered already as good as an accomplished fact.

With this assured stability for the industry here a different tone is expected to prevail in the stock market, where much of the buying for the last few months has been of a speculative and at times frenzied nature. Stocks have advanced tremendously, and no further great jumps are looked for, unless the price of sugar soars to unexpected heights.

A continued general advance to an investment basis is looked for, however, and brokers and sugar men generally think that many issues which have been earning and paying big profits, and are now selling at 10, 12, 15 and even higher income percentages, will advance to six or eight per cent yield prices, under the stimulus of investment buying, both for individuals, trust funds and estates.

The price of stocks is expected to base itself in each case on individual plantation acreage and land prospects, and on the possibility of net average yields for income—over long periods, say 10 years, during which a decline from present war prices may be confidently expected.

"Sugar" said E. D. Tenney, vice-president and general manager of Castle & Cooke, Inc., this morning. "I regard the sugar question just as I have regarded it for the last six months. Yesterday's vote was so much of a certainty and the action of the senate and of the president is equally certain, that they may be considered as merely incidents.

"The one thing we face now is the movement for an excise tax, which might reduce our net production to about half a cent. I've no doubt but that the excise tax movement will have many backers, and will grow. Eventually it may become a law, but that time is far off, for the tax is unpopular—exceedingly so—and it will take many years to educate American opinion in favor of it."

Expected Better Fight. "I looked for more of a fight against the bill in the house than the senate," said J. W. Waldron, president of the Sugar Factors, this morning, "and seeing it went through the house by such a tremendous majority yesterday, I cannot but think that it will pass the senate in the same way.

"So far as this country is concerned, the effect has been discounted, as the bill's passing has been expected for the last few months as a foregone conclusion."

A. W. T. Bottomley, former president of the Sugar Factors, says he feels very pleased that the bill has gone through by such a decisive vote. "I think the senate will pass it," he adds, "although there is nothing new to say on the subject."

When asked for his views on the bill, J. P. Cooke said: "I have no doubt that the senate will pass the bill. The general opinion of those best informed in Washington was that the fight against it, if any, would be made in the house. Now that it has passed the house with so big a majority I don't look for any difficulty in the senate. By the way, the Star-Bulletin certainly did get the news through in fast time yesterday. It was quick work."

"I don't have any reason to doubt that the senate will pass the bill," remarks A. M. Nowell, secretary and manager of the Sugar Factors. "The senate has always been stronger for protection than the house in the past, and still is. Now that the house has passed the bill, it seems certain the senate will do so."

Asked for a statement as to his ideas on the situation, E. Faxon Bishop had the following to say: "Enough to See It Through. 'I don't see any reason why there should be any holdup of the bill in the senate at all. I guess there are enough Republicans in favor of protection to see it through.'"

"It is a mighty good piece of news," says Georg Rodiek. "So far as we can learn, there doesn't seem to be any doubt that it will pass the senate. It is certainly good for Hawaii's prosperity."

"The news published by the Star-Bulletin yesterday was as welcome as news can be," says J. M. Dowsett, "reflecting as it does the main industry of these islands."

"The overwhelming majority by which the bill passed in the lower

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### Wilson Wears The Green!

(A. P. by Federal Wireles) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—President Wilson wore a green tie and a shamrock today, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The shamrock was sent him by the Irish leader, John Redmond.