

## VILLA AND AMERICANS FIGHTING, SAYS UNOFFICIAL REPORT TO FUNSTON

### CONFERENCE ON PREPAREDNESS NEW PLAN HERE

Chamber of Commerce Plans Meeting to Pass Resolutions Setting Forth Needs

### CONGRESS TO HEAR OF OAHU'S NECESSITIES

Military Roads, Sewer System at Schofield, Adequate Barracks Among Items

To call at an early date in Honolulu a big conference on preparedness, at which all the interests of Hawaii will be represented—that is the new plan of the Chamber of Commerce, which has the support of many army officials, of Brig-gen. Samuel I. Johnson of the National Guard of Hawaii, and of others interested in measures for the adequate defense of the Hawaiian Islands.

A military road around Oahu, an adequate sewage disposal system at Schofield Barracks, better barracks for the men—these are a few of the important questions to be taken up, and on which resolutions and recommendations will be passed and forwarded to Congress through the agency of Delegate Kalanianoʻe.

The idea back of the conference is not in any way to intrude on the activities of officers of the Hawaiian Department, or to attempt to meddle with department plans, but to let Congress know how the civilian population of Oahu regards army needs here.

Army regulations prohibit officers sending communications to Congress direct, and it is hoped that some of the resolutions and recommendations may reflect the needs here which are apparent to civilians who know service people.

It is pointed out that preparedness in its broad sense is too general a term for the average citizen to set upon, but that if he is given a chance to state conditions in his own locality and learn how best to defend his land and his home from the encroachments of a possible enemy, the word appeals to him much more.

It is just this which the proposed conference will try to do—to educate the people of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands to the needs of their own soil in time of war.

If the citizen population can be educated to defense measures which apply to the islands especially, much will be done in their protection, according to army officials.

Various branches of the Chamber of Commerce over the United States have had, or are planning to have in the near future, conferences of this kind.

The Chamber of Commerce in Spokane, Wash., has just completed a two-day conference of this sort, the dates being March 27 and 28.

Both President George W. Smith of the Chamber of Commerce and the chamber secretary, Raymond C. Brown, declare themselves heartily in favor of a movement of this kind. "You may say for me that it is just what we need here," declared the president.

"I shall be glad to work for the movement in every way I can as secretary of the chamber," said Mr. Brown.

Brig-gen. Johnson of the National Guard also offers to aid through that institution in any way he is needed.

### CHIYO MARU ON CHINESE ISLAND; EVERYBODY SAFE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] SHANGHAI, China, March 31.—The T. K. K. liner Chiyo Maru grounded early today in a fog near the Lema Islands, south of Hongkong. Nine tugs are unloading the passengers. Launches from a British destroyer are assisting in unloading the liner's passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 31.—The Chiyo's return sailing dates have been cancelled and the passengers are being taken to Hongkong.

HONGKONG, China, March 31.—A British destroyer brought a large number of Chiyo Maru passengers here today. Charles Rush, an American, said that all the passengers were asleep when the Chiyo struck.

"When the steamer struck the vessels were reversed and the Chiyo lashed to one side," said Rush. "Immediately wireless calls were sent out and all was poured on the sea to prevent the swells dashing over the decks. There were 185 cabin passengers, but no disorder."

The passengers had gotten into the lifeboats before the British destroyer arrived.

(For further particulars see shipping page.)

### 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 Wireles:

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	19 1/2	19 1/2
American Smelter	100 1/2	100 1/2
American Sugar Rfg	109 1/2	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	117 3/4	117 3/4
American Copper	85 1/2	85 3/4
Atchafalpa	103 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Loco	105 1/2	105 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	86 1/2	87 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	49 1/2	49 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	23 1/2	23 1/2
Canadian Pacific	167 1/2	166 3/4
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	93 1/2	93 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 1/2	43 3/4
Crucible Steel	92 1/2	89 1/2
Eric Common	36 1/2	36 1/2
General Electric	167 1/2	166 1/2
General Motors	121 1/2	121 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	110 1/2	110 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	58 1/2	57 1/2
Kennecott Copper	76 1/2	77 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	103 1/2	104 1/2
New York Central	56 1/2	56 1/2
Pennsylvania	24 1/2	23 3/4
Ray Consol.	141 1/2	139 1/2
Southern Pacific	53 1/2	53 1/2
Studebaker	132 1/2	131 1/2
Tennessee Copper	84 1/2	83 1/2
Union Pacific	116 1/2	116 1/2
U. S. Steel	82 1/2	81 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	91 1/2	90 1/2
Utah	164 1/2	165 1/2
Western Union	164 1/2	165 1/2
Westinghouse	65 1/2	65 1/2

\*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

### WAIMEA TROOP OF CAVALRY TO GET EQUIPMENT

### War Department Will Spend \$12,000 Fitting Out Guard Cowboy Members

Instructions just received at headquarters of the Hawaii National Guard from the war department state that the 1st Separate Troop of Cavalry, N. G. H., commonly known as the Waimea cowboys, will be fully equipped by the federal government from a portion of unallotted funds.

Cost of the equipment, which will be full in every detail, is estimated to amount to approximately \$12,000, and is the largest boost for the guard cavalry that has been given to it since its organization in October of last year.

Approximately 150 separate articles are included in the list of equipment, which ranges from army saddles, bridles, guns and ammunition, to pitchforks and currycombs. Orders have been forwarded by the war department for the equipment.

In addition to this good news, it is announced that the troopers are to be trained for two months in the arts of cavalry warfare by Sgt. W. C. Alexander, 4th Cavalry, Schofield Barracks, who is to spend a furlough of two months at Waimea. This will mean practically the same training for the men as would be given by a regular employed instructor.

Johnston Pleas at News. Brig-gen. Samuel I. Johnson is much pleased with the news that has come in regard to the Waimea boys, and it is safe to say that when the word is given out at Waimea, the surrounding hills and valleys will echo with many a lusty shout.

Much interest was shown by the troopers at their first inspection, which they underwent a few weeks ago when Gen. Johnson and Col. Charles S. Lincoln were on the Big Island. The inspection hour was placed at 6 o'clock in the morning.

Two troopers were on Maui just previous to the inspection, but were caught by wireless and came over to Hawaii, getting to Waimea in time for their part in the examination. Another man rode 25 miles to attend the inspection, leaving his home shortly after midnight.

Officers in command of the troop are Capt. O. H. Sorenson; 1st Lieut. Samuel K. Parker and 2nd Lieut. John Lindsey, Jr. The troop is composed of 74 men.

### CHANGE IN 'FRISCO P. O.

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—Hesse Roberts, superintendent of mails in the local postoffice, succeeds Postal Inspector McGrath, who was recently relieved on orders from Washington and charged that he was being dismissed because he would not kowtow to the postmaster.

Rosarians May Come This Fall. A letter received today from Dean Vincent, prime minister of Royal Rosarians of Portland, says that plans for their excursion to Hawaii have not entirely fallen through. They may come this fall.

During the later years of George III's reign all performances of Shakespeare's King Lear were forbidden in consequence of the madness of the king.

### NOVEMBER MAY SEE HILL SHIP IN PORT AGAIN

Stone Asks Guarantee of \$40,000 for Each of Two Trips Before December Sailing

TOLD PURSER EARLIER DATE HAD BEEN PICKED

Captain Ahman Thinks His Ship May Return Much Sooner Than People Expect

That the Hill liner Great Northern will be placed on the triangular run between San Francisco, San Pedro and Hawaii in November or December, whether any bonus from Honolulu businessmen is forthcoming or not, is the outstanding fact apparent today as the result of what Cal Stone, general traffic manager of the Great Northern Pacific Steamship Company, told Lorrin A. Thurston, Promotion Committee representative, in San Francisco at the conference between Lorrin Thurston, Cal Stone and President Gilman, and what Stone told Purser John S. Ford of the Great Northern a few days later.

"Mr. Stone and Mr. Gilman told me at our conference that if the people here are willing to guarantee \$40,000 each trip, for two trips in November, they would put the Great Northern on the island run that month, but that unless the guarantee was made, the liner would not resume the Hawaiian service until December," says Mr. Thurston. He made this statement a few minutes after coming ashore from the Great Northern this morning. Has Brighter Prospect.

Comes now John S. Ford, purser of the Great Northern, and adds another and more encouraging angle to the situation. "Mr. Stone told me in San Francisco before we left," says Mr. Ford today, "that the Honolulu service would be resumed in November and that the company will start advertising that date now."

Here is what Capt. A. Ahman, commander of the Great Northern, says relative to the situation: "I would not be a bit surprised to see the Great Northern put back on the Hilo-Honolulu run a great deal sooner than most people are looking for."

W. P. Metzler, "official chaperone" of the liner, says he is positive the Great Northern would not have been taken off the triangular run until fall had it not been imperative to put in bigger water tanks and make such other changes as are necessary for the longer voyages to the islands. Built for Short Run.

The Great Northern was designed for the short run between San Francisco and Flavel (Portland) and the seven trips made to Honolulu have

### CAPT. MASSEE IS ORDERED TO MEXICAN LINE

Capt. Edward K. Massee, U. S. A., who on March 22 completed his assignment as judge advocate for the Hawaiian department, has just received orders from headquarters to a department in 1912, Capt. Massee came to the judge advocate's office, opening it under the new orders. He had the rank of 1st lieutenant at that time, his rank as captain having been given October 3, 1915. He will keep the rank of captain in joining the infantry again.

Capt. Massee has made many friends among the civilian population of Honolulu during his stay in the islands, and during the last few months has acted voluntarily as instructor from the army for the Punahou cadet corps.

### DENTIST CLUBMAN IS INDICTED FOR MURDER

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] NEW YORK, N. Y., March 31.—Arthur Waite, clubman and dentist, accused of poisoning the aged John Peck, Grand Rapids millionaire, was indicted for first degree murder today. He claims he put the drug in Peck's soup by orders of Peck's physician, Dr. A. A. Moore.

### Shriner Potentate and His Party on Long Pilgrimage

BIG DELEGATION OF NOBLES AND LADIES WELCOMED HERE



J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine, who arrived today at the head of a notable Shriner party.

Following the thousands of the well-known mainland Masons and their kindred in the waters of the mid-Pacific in the steamer Great Northern, 47 Shriners, representing 13 mainland Temples, arrived in Honolulu today with Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens of Kona Temple, Lewiston, and of Portland, Maine, who made the pilgrimage here to inspect Aloha Temple.

Accompanying the Shriners were their wives and relatives to the number of 23, aside from 18 other women who joined in the pilgrimage for the pleasure of the jaunt. Two well-

### GRAY DENIES HE EVER TOOK COIN FROM GAMBLERS

Officer Facing Affidavits From Chinese Chefa Men Declares His Innocence

Vigorous denial that he has ever accepted bribes from anybody in the five years that he has served as an officer is made by Officer Jesse Gray of Wahiawa, against whom charges were brought before the Civil Service Commission yesterday.

"There is nothing to the claims made to the commission," Gray declares today to the Star-Bulletin, when asked for a statement in regard to the charges that he has taken money from four Chinese to protect them from raids by officers.

"I knew none of these men personally, my only acquaintance with them coming from the fact that I had served warrants on two of them at previous times, while I had seen another who was used as an informer in the police department at one time."

Gray intimates that he believes the Chinese were backed by other persons to make the affidavits published yesterday afternoon. He will not say who these other persons may be, but believes that their names will be brought out at the hearing set by the

### TWO NOMINATIONS OF JUDGES ARE APPROVED

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The nominations of A. G. M. Robertson for chief justice of the territorial supreme court, and of James Wesley Thompson for judge on the Hawaii circuit bench, were favorably reported to the senate today by the judiciary committee. No action on the names of Clem K. Quinn, of the Hawaii circuit, and W. L. Whitney, second judge of the first circuit, had been taken.

### YUAN'S SOLDIERS IN CANTON JOIN REVOLUTIONISTS

[Special Cable to Liberty News] SHANGHAI, China, March 31.—Yuan Shih-Kai's hold on South China was lost today when his troops stationed in the garrison at Canton declared their independence and went over to the Republican army. This means the loss of all South China. Have Large Seaports.

Hearing that the troops had revolted, many prominent leaders in China urged Yuan to resign at once to save further trouble. The Republicans have taken most of the large seaport towns, and with two railroad centers now have complete control over six provinces in South China. Republican troops have also taken Shantou and Chow Chow Fu, two districts in Kwantung, and the Monarchy troops in these two cities have joined the Republicans. The opinion of many prominent authorities in South China is that this action will mean the resignation of Yuan or a new attack by the revolutionists in North China. Republicans hope to end the war speedily as Canton is the richest city in China, and the troops will have plenty of funds to carry on a campaign against Peking in case that Yuan refuses to resign as head of the Chinese government. Confirmed From Tokio. (Special Cable to Nippu Jiji) TOKIO, March 31.—Reports from Canton received this morning state that the revolutionary troops have gained the upper hand in South China and that Canton soldiers have joined the Republican movement. This is

### MALANCOURT IS LOST TO FRENCH IN NIGHT BATTLE

Germans With Terrific Determination Dislodge Enemy From Vantage-Point

TEUTONS USE LIQUID FIRE UPON DOUAMONT

In Spite of Appalling Ferocity of Attack, Fail to Take This Position

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] PARIS, France, March 31.—After a terrific all-night struggle the French early this morning lost possession of Malancourt, in the Verdun sector.

The Germans made an attack of terrific determination, following artillery preparation, and when the bombardment ended the village was in smoking ruins, through which the Germans charged, to end the fray in a street battle. The French then evacuated the spot. Gen. Pettin's troops are now holding the outskirts of the ruined village.

The Germans also attacked Douaumont today, using liquid fire, but were repulsed.

### GERMANS GET PRISONERS

BERLIN, Germany, March 31.—The Germans took 328 prisoners in the capture of the Malancourt position. In fighting between rival aircraft at Arras the British lost three biplanes today, two of the operators being killed.

On the east front the Russians are again pounding away with their artillery.

### SCHULER'S STORY QUEER

LEWES, Del., March 31.—Ernest Schuler, or Schiller, captured on the coast of Delaware, was taken to a hotel after he had locked the captain in his room and threatened to blow up the vessel, admitted today that he is a German spy. He said he was instructed to blow up the ship by placing a bomb in the hold, but that the captain learned of his plan, and by a plea for his wife and daughter, who were aboard, so moved Schiller that he decided not to set the bomb off. He said he had not the heart to carry out his contemplated deed.

Some of those investigating the case discredit the story and a mental examination of Schiller is certain to be made. Perhaps he will be tried for piracy in the British West Indies, as he terrorized the vessel until the crew by signals of distress got aid from coasting craft and he was taken prisoner.

### U. S. WANTS MORE FACTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—After a cabinet meeting today high officials asserted that the evidence that the British steamer Sussex was attacked has not been completed and that there will be no action taken until the full facts have been established.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

GERMAN HEADQUARTER REPORT, March 31.—In the Lyons sector a small German detachment on a short patrol captured one French captain and 57 soldiers.

West of the Meuse, the French after a strong fire attacked a position conquered by the Germans in the forest northeast of Avocourt, being repulsed. At the southeast corner of the forest of Litter a hand to hand fight continued during the night until morning when the enemy was driven back.

Lively artillery duels took place on both banks of the Meuse and are still going on.

Lieut. Immelmann of the German aviation corps in an aircraft combat east of Baupume shot down an English biplane whose inmates were taken prisoner. This makes the twelfth aeroplane disabled by enemy aircraft killed one soldier and several were wounded in Metz.

On the east front the Russians have ceased their attacks south of Narocz lake. The artillery, however, continues a spirited exchange here as well as west of Jacobstadt and north of Vidsy. Near Postavy the situation is calm.

### CITY ATTORNEY BROWN UNDERGOES OPERATION

A. M. Brown, city and county attorney, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Puunene hospital, Maui, yesterday. He is reported as doing well, a wireless from Mrs. Brown to Mrs. John S. Walker conveying the news.

### OUTLAW CHIEF TURNS AT BAY, NOW BELIEVED

Villistas Preparing to Assume the Offensive Against Carranza Men

ANOTHER REPORT FROM GUERRERO OF BATTLING

Evident That Pursuing Columns Are Close on Heels of Fleeing Bandits

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Reports received here from U. S. agents and consular officials, and reports coming indirectly from the Mexican border, indicate that the U. S. and Carranza columns on Villa's trail have pressed the fleeing bandit chief so close that he has been forced to turn and make a stand.

It is probable that Villa himself is leading his men in a sudden offensive movement, if the reports from the Nantiquipa country are to be believed.

One unconfirmed rumor reaching Washington is that there has been a fight of Villistas at Guerrero in connection with the revolt of the Carranza garrison there. It is said that 300 were involved in this fight and that some of the rebellious Carranza garrison soldiers at once hastened to join Villa. No details have come to support this rumor, which adds that Villa's band was at that time at Minaca, 10 miles southeast of Guerrero.

### FUNSTON HEARS FIGHT ACTUALLY IN PROGRESS WITH AMERICAN TROOPS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 31.—Gen. Funston, in command of the border troops and the Mexican expeditionary campaign, heard unofficially today that fighting is actually taking place between Villa and the American soldiers somewhere in the country between Madera and Chihuahua.

The Villistas are reported to have turned at bay upon the Carranzistas who were pressing them closely. The Carranza men are declared to be preparing to resist and a pitched battle is not unlikely.

### THREE AMERICANS SAID TO HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY VILLA MEN RECENTLY

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] EL PASO, Texas, March 31.—Herman Blankenburg and two other persons have been murdered near Minaca by Villistas, according to a report here. It is believed that Blankenburg was a naturalized American and that the others were Americans.

Gen. Gavra, the Carranza commander at Juarez, has received word that a force of Americans has met Villa and a battle is in progress, according to Consul Garcia.

### POLAR STEAMER TO BE PICKED UP

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles] WELLINGTON, N. Z., March 31.—A wireless message has been received from the little steamer Aurora, belonging to Sir Ernest Shackleton's south Polar expedition, that the Aurora is "setting toward Snareas Islands and is unable to maneuver herself, the jury rudder being damaged. A tug has been sent to pick her up."

This apparently explains the dispatch a few days ago which spoke ambiguously of the return of Shackleton from the south Pole and afterward of the Aurora having broken loose and Shackleton and some of the party being left behind. The Aurora was probably sending out wireless messages, partially picked up, and it was first thought she was returning with Shackleton aboard.

Additional and overnight telegraph news on Page 9.