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LANSING SEES INDICATIONS BERLIN WOULD YIELD TO U. S.

EXTRA DIVIDENDS MAY NOW FOLLOW CONGRESS ACTION

Plantations Strong Financially,
Though Some Drawbacks
Are in Sight

RAILROAD SITUATION IS
CAUSE OF SOME CONCERN

Possibility of Strike Involving
250,000 Mileage Is Se-
rious Factor

First of the welcome crop extra dividends expected materialized this afternoon. Directors of the Pioneer Mill Company at a meeting voted to pay an extra cash dividend of 2 per cent on May 1. It was also decided to increase the regular rate of dividend from 1 1/2 per cent to 2 per cent a month. Thus Pioneer will pay a regular dividend of 40 cents per share and an extra of 40 cents.

With the bogey of "free sugar" out of the way, Hawaiian plantations are expected to turn loose some extra dividends, and already the stock market "sharpshooters" are figuring out which of the island companies are likely to make announcements next month.

Last year the plantation corporations piled up heavy surpluses, for the menace of free sugar had not disappeared. But what with the extraordinarily high prices of sugar and the prospect of a continuance during an indefinite period of war-time, and with fat treasuries, the plantations are expected to distribute some of these surpluses among shareholders.

A few weeks ago the Star-Bulletin published figures showing that 16 companies at the end of 1915 had on hand cash balances totalling more than \$8,750,000. Since that time profits have been mounting right along, and even the comparative slowness in setting some of the island sugars to market has been a benefit for prices have been higher with almost invulnerable steadiness.

There are, however, a couple of "ifs" in the line of contentment. One of them is the matter of somewhat slow deliveries over the new water-and-rail route made necessary by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company's abandonment of the Hawaii-Atlantic service. The other is the growing undercurrent of discontent among nearly half a million railway employees in the United States and the possibility of a strike which would tie up hundreds of thousands of miles of big railroads.

While there is every hope held here that the controversy between the railroads and their employees will be settled satisfactorily, it is realized that the situation is a grave one and may easily become acute.

As told in an Associated Press despatch to the Star-Bulletin last Saturday representatives of the railroads and of the four great brotherhoods of railway employees will meet in Chicago on April 27 to discuss the demands of the men.

Demands of Men.

Mail advises a few days ago gave these demands in brief as follows:

1. In all but passenger service the pay for 160 miles or 10 hours or less shall be given for 100 miles or eight hours or less.

2. Overtime shall begin after 100 miles or eight hours and shall be paid for at one and one-half times the new higher pro rata rate instead of for time at the old lower pro rata.

The railroads have been given until April 29 to present an answer to these demands, which are in effect for an eight-hour instead of a 10-hour day.

The unions presenting the demands are the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Their total membership is between \$30,000 and 400,000.

The strikes plan involves tying up freight and passenger transportation on every railroad of the United States and on a total steam railroad mileage of \$50,000.

The unions insist that all railway managements in the United States enter into a collective agreement for the purpose of handling the demands through a joint committee representing all the railroads concerned.

Until the new sugar routing was arranged, Hawaii had nothing particular to worry about as regards railroad troubles. But with the present long transcontinental haul from San Francisco to the eastern refineries, with a total of 220,000 tons of sugar to be moved, railroad transportation troubles become of vital importance here.

The railroads are having difficulty enough anyway with the tremendous amount of business now in their hands, but a strike would be disastrous. For the reason that it is so essential that no strike be ordered by the unions, local observers are rather confident that an agreement will be reached.

One critic of sugar affairs said today that while many extra dividends may be announced next month, it would not surprise him to see the companies wait until more of their product was in the market before declaring the million-cutting in order.

Sugar Prices Are Aviating

Sugar prices are aviating this afternoon. Local cablegrams received show a New York price of 6.27 cents per pound. Alexander & Baldwin had a cablegram telling of a sale of Cubas at 6.40 and of Porto Rican at 6.14, giving an average of 6.27, which figure was confirmed by the Sugar Planters Association cable advices this afternoon. Associated Press despatches below tell the rest of it:

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 25.—Sugar prices jumped today. Fine granulated is selling at 7.40. Raws are also strong. Sales of Cubas at 5% with cost and freight. Futures shared in the upturn, likewise setting new records.

(The Cuban sale with the duty of 1 cent added brings the figure close to the 6.40 quoted above and incidentals will make up the slight difference.)

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25.—Wholesale sugar prices will advance 15 cents a hundred tomorrow, reaching the highest marks in local history. Cane sugar (refined) will be \$8.15 a hundred and beet \$7.95.

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:

	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	19 1/2	19 1/2
American Smelter	93 1/2	91 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	108 1/2	107 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Aluminum	85 1/2	85 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	84 1/4	84 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	439	429
Cell. Petroleum	21 1/4	21 1/4
Canadian Pacific	166	164 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	92 1/2	92 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	42	41 1/4
Cruible Steel	81 1/2	78 1/2
Eric Common	34	33 1/2
General Electric	162	161 1/2
General Motors	42 1/2	42 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	119 1/2	119 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	111	110 1/2
Kennecott Copper	55 1/2	53 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	76	75 1/2
New York Central	102	101 1/2
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	22 1/2	22 1/2
Southern Pacific	95 1/2	95 1/2
Studebaker	127 1/2	124 1/2
Tennessee Copper	47 1/2	46 1/2
Union Pacific	130 1/2	130 1/2
U. S. Steel	83 1/2	82 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	80 1/4	79 1/4
Western Union	90	89
Westinghouse	57 1/2	56 1/2

SUGAR JUMPS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—Sugar, 96 degrees test, 6.27 cents. Previous quotation, 6.02 cents.

COL. REYNOLDS WILL BE SENT TO CHICAGO

Army orders received here today state that Lieut.-col. Frederick P. Reynolds, Medical Corps, U. S. A., is relieved from duty in the Hawaiian department, the order to be effective August 3. He will be assigned, after a leave of absence this summer, to duty as assistant surgeon and sanitary inspector of the central department, with headquarters at Chicago.

Other officers of the Medical Corps who will leave the islands for mainland duty are Capt. Albert P. Clark, July 31, and Capt. Joseph L. Siner, July 2.

FUNSTON WILL JOIN SCOTT IN OREGON TALK

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 25.—Gen. Funston, commanding the border forces and in command of the U. S. expedition in Mexico, will accompany Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, to the latter's conference with the Mexican, Gen. Alvaro Obregon. Obregon is en route to the border in a special train. The conferences will perhaps begin at Juarez and end at El Paso.

HARMONY PLANS FOR FRANCHISE TAKE ON SHAPE

Work of Drafting Proposed
New Charter for Rapid
Transit Starts

Control of the utility business of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company by the Public Utilities Commission of the territory, which will give to the commission authority to require the company to make such extensions as the public may demand. Immediate securing for the city and county of an annual sum of money, amounting to between \$20,000 and \$25,000 representing 2 1/2 per cent of the gross yearly earnings of the utility portion of the company's business, which sum is not now being received by the city and county and which it would not receive for the next 14 years at least under the present Rapid Transit franchise.

These probably are the two most important features which will distinguish the proposed new charter of the Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company from the one now in effect; features which define the added benefits to be reaped by the city and county and the public generally under the new system brought about through the establishment of a thorough and concise "harmony program" by the company, the commission and the city and county.

The work of drafting the proposed new charter was expected to be begun this afternoon by the law firm of Castle & Withington, attorneys for the Rapid Transit, and James L. Coke, attorney for the public utilities commission. (Continued on page five)

ANYO MARU TO REPLACE CHIYO ON ISLAND RUN

[Special Cable to Nippon Jiji]
TOKYO, April 25.—The Anyo Maru of the T. K. K. South American line will take the place of the Chiyomaru on the run from San Francisco to the Orient. President Asano of the T. K. K. line announced this morning that the Anyo Maru would make the transfer at once.

BABY GIRLS IN LEAD OF SCORES

It takes only a little thing to turn the countenance of Mrs. James A. Rath at Baby Headquarters all into smiles. In the midst of her many details for several weeks she has been endeavoring to get some prizes for the three highest scoring babies on all the 100 counts included in the examinations and measurements. Wall & Dougherty announced this morning that they would contribute silver spoons and other prizes required and would engrave the name of the baby, together with "Baby Week Prize, Honolulu, April, 1916."

The three babies attaining the highest scores yesterday were:

1. Geraldine Bettancourt, Portuguese, 98 1/2.
2. Agnes Elizabeth Judd, American, 98. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Judd.
3. Ray Alfred Shepherd, American, 97 1/2, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Shepherd, Adler street.

These babies are entitled to the prizes unless other more nearly perfect specimens come along to challenge their rights to them.

ANSWERS IN INJUNCTION SUITS TO BE FILED TODAY

Answers to the four injunction suits brought by former Judge Arthur A. Wilder against Charles R. Forbes, Governor Pinkham and other territorial officials will be filed late this afternoon, Attorney General I. M. Stainback said today.

Two appeals were filed in the supreme court at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the rulings of Auditor J. H. Fisher denying the request for payment of two items in dispute. Demurrers to the four main complaints were overruled last week by Judge Stuart, and this is the last day on which the territory may file answers.

British Base For Fanning I. "King" Rougier's Island To Be Station

Briton at San Francisco Announces Coaling and Oil Depot to Be Established as Last Link in "All-Red" Route

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 25.—Roderick Lamb, a British subject, is here en route to Fanning Island, he says that he is to take part in the establishment of a coaling and oil station at Fanning, and that the island will be developed to fill in the "missing link" in the "All-Red" route around the world.

Several years ago, when Father Emmanuel Rougier, the "King of Fanning Island," sold this island and Washington Island to a powerful English and Canadian syndicate, Armstrong & Armstrong, it was predicted that before long Great Britain would deepen the Fanning harbor and establish a naval station there.

The islands lie 1000 miles south of Honolulu and have a romantic and rather obscure history. Father Rougier is said to have acquired them through winning the friendship of a wealthy convict. He bought them at a British high commissioner's sale in Suva and worked them as a copra estate. After they were sold to Armstrong & Armstrong for \$350,000, Rougier bought Washington Island, not far from the others, which he is reputed still to own. The Commercial-Pacific Company's cable station is at Fanning. The British project of an "All-Red" route for its cable communication and chain of naval stations came into public notice when Rougier, who is a Frenchman, sold his holdings to the syndicate. This syndicate now works the islands for coconut and copra.

SOUTH SEA "MONARCH" WHO SOLD HIS DOMAIN



Father Emmanuel Rougier, former "king" of Fanning and Washington islands, which he sold to a big British syndicate.

NUUANU WATER 'MENACE' BOMB IS TOUCHED OFF

Oahu Loan Fund Commission Gets Startling Reports From Governor Pinkham

Nuuanu water is "at present unfit for human consumption," says the governor, backed by reports he had had made. It is "far from being fit for human use." It "constitutes the greatest menace to the health of Honolulu of any one factor." "As to the insanitary condition of No. 4 reservoir there can be no doubt."

Statements like these created irritated surprise at the meeting of the Oahu Loan Fund Commission today. Like a bombshell they exploded in the midst of a quiet gathering and raised a storm of angry protest.

"If that is so, why has the Board of Health taken no action? Why has it passed the buck to us? Why does it permit the people of Honolulu to continue to use water that is a menace to health, water that might breed an epidemic of typhoid, cholera or any one of a number of other dread diseases?" demanded Charles R. Forbes, chairman of the commission. "It isn't proper. It isn't right. It isn't human. If the people of Honolulu are in danger they should be notified of it. Notice that the water should be boiled, that it should be avoided, should be shut off at once. Here these reports have been in the hands of the Board of Health since February 23 and they have been kept secret. Why?"

The statements were made in a number of reports on the condition of the water in No. 4 reservoir, filed by Governor Pinkham as part of his report on the Hillebrand Glen project. They were procured by the Board of Health at his request from a number of sanitary engineers and water supply experts. Unanimously the experts condemned the city's surface water supply. Various measures that would better it were suggested, but all agreed in saying that the water could never be made perfectly sanitary.

By motion of Commissioner Lester Petrie the Board of Health was requested to make a direct reply to the communication of the commission requesting recommendations as to the steps necessary to make sanitary the upper Nuuanu reservoir.

The governor in his report on four grounds refused to indorse the project for diverting water from Hillebrand Glen to Reservoir No. 4 so that the city might have more water for power purposes. He declared that the dam at the reservoir is not safe, that the reservoir is not in a sanitary condition and could not be made sanitary, that there probably is not enough water to be obtained from the Glen to make the project worth while, and that altogether there were enough objections to the scheme to cause him

BENNY KAUFF IS NOT MUCH HELP TO M'GRAWTTES

Addition of Fed Star Has Not Given Giants Strength to Jump From Cellar

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 25.—Benny Kauff may bring a number of people through the gate, but he surely doesn't help much in bringing Giants runs across the plate, as the McGrawites now have a safe position way down in the cellar. In their game with Boston at the Hub City today the Giants failed to play ball, and lost out by a score of 3 to 1 to the Braves. The Indians continue to show good form in the American league, beating Rowland's Sox today by a score of 9 to 2. The scores today were as follows:

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
At Boston—Boston 3, New York 1.			
At Cincinnati—Cincinnati 11, St. Louis 3.			
At Philadelphia and Chicago—Rain.			
American League.			
At Cleveland—Cleveland 9, Chicago 2.			
At New York—Boston 4, New York 3.			
At Washington and St. Louis—Rain.			

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	6	1	.857
Boston	4	3	.571
Chicago	5	4	.556
St. Louis	6	5	.545
Cincinnati	6	6	.500
Pittsburg	4	6	.400
Brooklyn	2	3	.400
New York	1	6	.143

American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	8	4	.667
St. Louis	5	4	.556
Detroit	6	5	.545
New York	4	4	.500
Cleveland	5	5	.500
Washington	5	5	.500
Chicago	5	7	.417
Philadelphia	2	6	.286

UNIVERSITY HEAD WILL PAY VISIT TO ISLANDS

President E. A. Alderman of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville will visit Hawaii during July and August. In a letter to the Hawaii Promotion Committee J. M. Page, dean at the University, states that President Alderman is anxious to spend his summer vacation at Waikiki beach, and writes asking about the weather during the summer months.

GERMAN SQUADRON BOMBARDS SUFFOLK; BRITISH VESSELS AND AIRMEN DAMAGE ENEMY CAMPS

EIGHT AEROPLANES DESTROY BASE NEAR SUEZ CANAL AND WARSHIPS AND AVIATORS WREAK HAVOC TO GERMAN POSITIONS NEAR ZEEBRUGGE — REBELLION BREAKS OUT IN IRELAND—MORE RUSSIANS FOR WEST FRONT

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Secretary of State Lansing announced today that Vienna despatches quote the newspapers there as indicating that the opinion there seems to be against Germany taking action which will lead to severance of relations with the United States.

BERLIN, Germany, April 25.—Heavy fighting took place today for the positions on Dead Man's Hill. The French advanced in waves and were repulsed with heavy infantry fire.

LONDON, Eng., April 25.—Early today a German battleship squadron, slipping out of the North Sea, appeared off the coast of East Suffolk and opened a bombardment on the watering-place of Lowestoft.

The bombardment continued for twenty minutes, in which time two British cruisers and destroyers in the vicinity were hit. On shore two men, a woman and a child were killed.

Today an official announcement was made which says, "The material damage is probably insignificant."

British Also Do Some Raiding

LONDON, Eng., April 25.—Within the last 24 hours British warships and battle-aeroplanes have made some notable attacks on enemy camps. Eight British aeroplanes, leaving their base in the British military establishment on the Suez Canal, bombarded and destroyed a hostile camp at Quatia, Egypt, near the canal. (Note.—The nationality of the enemy attacked is not given but the camp was probably that of Mohammedan tribesmen.) British warships also carried out a heavy bombardment today of German positions near the sea along the Belgian coast, according to an Amsterdam despatch. The damage done to Zebrugge, where the Germans have persistently established naval depots and submarine bases, is declared to be enormous. Aeroplanes assisted at this attack, dropping bombs on the German shore batteries.

ARMY BILL NOW TO CONFERENCE; HOUSE JOCKEYS

Clark Succeeds in Getting Action and Joint Committees Are Named

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—The House today passed a special rule by which the army reorganization bill held up by Republican Leader Mann and others since it came back amended from the senate, will be immediately sent to conference between house and senate conference committees. A motion to recommit the bill was defeated 248 to 1. Then Speaker Clark appointed Congressmen Hay and Dent, Democrats, and Kahn of California, Republican, as the house conferees.

The Republicans objected to the recognition of Congressmen London to make a motion to recommit the bill, but Clark refused to recognize another after recognizing London. The senate has agreed to the conference and Vice-President Marshall today appointed Senators Chamberlain and Broussard, Democrats, and Dupont and Warren, Republicans, as conferees.

GERMANS DETERMINED TO TAKE VERDUN LINE

PARIS, France, April 25.—The Germans have made three successive assaults today on Dead Man's Hill in an endeavor to carry the French positions there. They also attempted to take the advanced French post at Avocourt but all the attacks failed. The Germans today made an aerial bombardment of Dunkirk, dropping six bombs, which killed a woman and wounded three men.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK IN WAR-ZONE, 11 SAVED

LONDON, Eng., April 25.—The British steamer Ross has been sunk in the war zone, eleven of those aboard being known to be saved. They have reached land. District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan today received instructions from the department of justice in Washington, D. C., to immediately begin proceedings to condemn the Irwin site, which was selected some months ago as the site for Honolulu's new federal building.

SERIOUS REBELLION IN IRELAND BEING CRUSHED, SAYS BIRRELL IN HOUSE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, Eng., April 25.—The acutely rebellious spirit on the part of disaffected Irish was made known today when Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, announced in the House of Commons that serious disturbances have taken place at Dublin. Twelve persons were killed in the riots and fighting, including several soldiers, before the situation was under control. The rebels succeeded in gaining possession of four or five districts of Dublin. They also got possession of the main postoffice buildings and cut the telegraph lines. Troops were sent out and several arrests were made. "The situation is now well in hand," Birrell announced.

MORE RUSSIANS FOR
FRENCH LINE; GIVEN
TREMENDOUS OVATION

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
MARSEILLES, France, April 25.—Another contingent of Russians, supposedly brought from Archangel on the White Sea as were the first, a few days ago, were landed here today, coming in a large flotilla of transports. They were greeted with cheers and military honors were bestowed on them. The governor of the district received the commander. Flags were flown, whistles blown and the crowds gave them a great ovation.

BULGARIAN LOSSES MADE
KNOWN; FATAL EXPLOS. ON

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
ATHENS, Greece, April 25.—Announcement was made here today that the Bulgarian losses so far in the war are 87,000 killed and 50,000 wounded and missing. A German powder factory at Dedeagatz, the Turkish town ceded by Turkey recently to Bulgaria and now used for military purposes, has blown up. A number of persons were killed, including the grandson of Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria.

Additional and overnight telegraph news on Page 5.