

POSTAGE RATE ON NEWSPAPERS MAY REMAIN AS NOW

Secretary Burleson Suggests Congress Ignore Recommendation He Made

Information that will be interesting to readers of and subscribers to mainland newspapers and magazines and that is of special interest to Honolulu papers comes by the last mail. It now appears unlikely that postal rates which would be practically prohibitive on newspapers and magazines will be contained in coming legislation.

Writing to Representative Moon, chairman of the postoffice committee, Postmaster-General Burleson says in part: "Since writing my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, there has appeared before me a committee representing the Agricultural Publishers' Association, also other representatives of periodicals and magazines, all of whom earnestly urged that no steps be taken at this time to increase the rates of postage on second class matter. These representatives claim that the war and other unusual conditions have recently caused an abnormal increase in the price of paper, and such increases, coming as they did after the contracts had been entered into for the advertising matter, seriously threaten the financial stability of these periodicals and publications."

INCOME TAX OF HAWAII HAS BIG GROWTH IN YEAR

ations here in many more than those did last year. The increase was from \$1,000,000 in 1916 to \$1,500,000 in 1917. The increase in the number of taxpayers was from 10,000 in 1916 to 12,000 in 1917. The increase in the number of individual taxpayers was from 8,000 in 1916 to 10,000 in 1917. The increase in the number of corporate taxpayers was from 2,000 in 1916 to 4,000 in 1917.

BOOZE AND GAS DO NOT MIX WELL

Too much liquor was the cause of a serious auto accident on Kalaheua Saturday night, of a bad motorcycle spill near the same place Sunday afternoon, of several other minor accidents and of over half of approximately 45 arrests made by the police on Saturday and Sunday.

C. W. Sleeper, said to have been under the influence of liquor, crashed into a liquor delivery wagon of Otahiti in the auto accident, careening into an electric light pole, scattering bottled goods all over the street and tearing the machine to pieces. No one was seriously hurt. Sleeper has been released on a \$100 bond to appear Tuesday.

Chief McDuffie was following Sleeper and trying to catch him to arrest him for heedless driving when the accident occurred. The Japanese driver was thrown from his vehicle and Sleeper went through the windshield. A man and a woman who were with him escaped unhurt to hide in the bushes where they were discovered by McDuffie.

The motorcycle affair Sunday afternoon came when Louis Pui tried to take the turn from the right to the left side of Kalaheua near John Eng road where the new pavement is being laid. He was going to Waikiki with a friend riding tandem and had passed three autos at a terrific rate just before he swung out for the curve to be precipitated in the bushes. W. H. Hutton, detective and police officer, who was in one of the cars which had been passed, was the first man on the scene. He called for the ambulance but when it arrived Pui had entirely recovered from the fall under his machine. Nevertheless he took a ride to the police station, charged with heedless driving and operating his machine without a license. He is out on \$100 bond to appear Tuesday. The police say he had been drinking.

Other accidents and troubles which came to the attention of the police was the crash of John Curry's car with auto No. 627 on Peretania near Alapa Saturday afternoon and the fracture of Tai Sun Lee's shoulder when he fell from Edward Willie's truck at the corner of Queen and Nuuanu streets the same afternoon. T. K. Song's bicycle was damaged on Hotel near Munnakee Sunday by an unknown truck, and auto No. 2474, driven by F. Bederman, ran into Chow Jan on horseback near Fort Shafter Sunday, injuring the animal so severely that it had to be shot. Ray Ellis fell from the third floor of the Moana hotel Saturday, fracturing his leg. H. B. Robinson had four stitches when he hit his head at the emergency hospital Sunday night after a fight with his wife near Liliha and Vineyard streets during which the woman is said to have uttered a forcible hiss and scolded, instead of a usual hiss. The police say both were intoxicated.

CENSUS BUREAU PUTS LOS ANGELES TENTH AMONG CITIES OF U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The census bureau has made public an official estimate of the population of American cities on July 1 of the present year. According to these figures Los Angeles is the tenth city in the United States in point of population and San Francisco is the twelfth. The estimates are based upon the average yearly increase as shown for the figures obtained from the census of 1910 and 1916. The population of Los Angeles is fixed at 593,512 and San Francisco at 463,516. Other cities are given as follows: New York, 5,007,541; Chicago, 2,487,729; Philadelphia, 1,709,516; St. Louis, 1,077,897; Boston, 756,176; Cleveland, 574,673; Baltimore, 529,231; Pittsburgh, 519,990; Detroit, 571,754; Buffalo, 469,542. Other California cities were the top of the list are Oakland with 198,604 and Sacramento with 69,906. Berkeley is rated as having 65,533; San Diego, 53,290; Pasadena, 46,469; San Jose, 38,902; and Fresno, 34,956.

YOUNG WOMEN SING XMAS CARDS THROUGH STREETS

Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent) WALLIKU, Dec. 29.—Something entirely new in the celebration of Christmas this year was the incident in the early morning of Christmas Day when 15 young ladies sang Xmas cards through the streets of Wallikua. Miss June McCall, head kindergarten of the Alexander House Settlement, advised the idea and led the troupe that went from house to house for three hours Christmas morning. The ladies made up appreciatively more than anything else that happened on Maui this season, and no one who heard the singing can ever forget it. Miss Mitchell the other young women were Lillian Weight, Mrs. A. Garcia, Mary Hart, Ella Bai, Adele Conroy, Louise Kalia, Mary Hoffmann, Kay Downey, Anna Adams and Ah Kai Awa.

PVT. ROBINSON DESERTS

Pvt. Thomas H. Robinson, 3rd Company, Fort Rucker, has been declared a deserter from the United States army, having left the post on December 27, 1916. Pvt. Robinson is a native of New York city, where his mother is now living. He is a cook by occupation, is 25 years and nine months old, has dark brown hair and eyes and a ruddy complexion; he weighs 186 pounds and is five feet seven inches in height. Forest Service investigations show that \$750,000 to a million dollars worth of wood is cut from orange groves in the United States annually, and practically all from material which was formerly wasted.

EXPRESSES HIS THANKS

Capt. N. C. Nielsen of the lookout station at Diamond Head wishes to thank all the merchants who contributed to the purse gotten up for him this last Christmas. Capt. Nielsen is well known and liked by the business community and is remembered each Christmas. The wood-waste exchange established by the Forest Service for the purpose of aiding wood-using establishments in the closer utilization of wood waste has developed rapidly last year. The cooperators now number over five hundred, many of whom have reported successful purchases or sales of wood waste through the medium of the exchange.

MRS. C. N. ARNOLD TAKEN INTO FOLD

Mrs. Cecelia Nelson Arnold, widow of the late Charles N. Arnold, died Sunday, following a week's illness. The body was to be an view at Williams' undertaking parlors after 3 o'clock this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the same parlors. The body will be cremated and the ashes given burial in Nuuanu cemetery, where the husband of the deceased is buried. The late husband was a Civil War veteran and prominent in S. A. B. circles.

Mrs. Arnold, who was one of the best known Hawaiian women of her day, was born in Honolulu on January 5, 1858, and would be 59 years old next Friday, had she lived. Her husband died here in 1890. She was educated at the Holy Cross school, Episcopalian, in Lahaina, Maui, and was one of the first students of that institution. Surviving the deceased are Superintendant Charles N. Arnold and Arthur K. Arnold, a son; Miss Alice Arnold, Mrs. M. I. Gelpi, Mrs. Arthur McDuffie, Miss Lillian C. Arnold and Miss Lelana L. Arnold, daughters, all of them, with the exception of Lillian, being at the bedside when their mother passed away. There are also eight grandchildren and a number of nephews and nieces.

Miss Lillian C. Arnold, who has been away in the mainland, will arrive in the Matsonia tomorrow morning from San Francisco, and expected to be with her mother at their joint birthday, which falls next Friday. Mrs. Arnold was for many years connected with the Seaside Hotel at Waikiki and up to her death conducted the Halekulani Hotel, also at Waikiki, which she owned.

St. Francis Hotel To Boost Hawaii Strong in 1917

We are going to do our best to boom Hawaii in 1917 is the New Year greeting sent to the Hawaii Promotion Committee by the manager of the St. Francis Hotel. In a letter to A. J. Taylor, secretary of the committee, the manager announces that one of the booklets, the Hawaiian Primer, will be placed in every room in the hotel. Taylor says that this offer guarantees one of the best bits of publicity that Hawaii could receive. The Palace Hotel has already asked for a number of booklets which would be given to all the guests of the hotel. Each arriving guest in the two big hotels will be given full information regarding Hawaii. The St. Francis Hotel also offered to place on display any advertising posters regarding Hawaii in a prominent place in the lobby of the Powell street hostelry.

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LONDON GAVE DENIAL TO CANARD UPON SOLDIER

In a letter to a friend, Lieut. James D. Wilson of the navy recruiting station, Minneapolis, Minn., the late Jack London on August 5, last year, just after he had returned to the mainland from Hawaii, emphatically denied he was the author of a statement to the effect that "being a soldier is the lowest aim in life." London says, in his letter: "In reply to your inquiry I will state that I never wrote a line of this 'Good Soldier' canard. My opinion is that it behooves a country like the United States to maintain a reasonable preparedness for defense against any country or nation that at any time may go out upon the way of war to carve earth space for itself out of weaker and unprepared nations."

SCHOFIELD NOTES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent) FORT SHAFTER, Jan. 1.—The officers are all busy with numerous reports regarding efficiency of subordinate officers, regular muster and inspection returns, cards stating preference for certain stations and arms of service, property return and a vast amount of routine, statistical reports which are always necessary and required January 1 of each year. The report of the 2nd Infantry library shows a great increase in the number of books of that collection due to the expenditure for new and important volumes from the library fund, collected by voluntary contributions from the officers of the regiment for the benefit of the command. Chapel services during the week will be Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. and morning prayer at 10 a. m. on Monday, New Year's Day and Saturday, Feast of the Epiphany, evenings at 5 p. m.

JUDGE J. L. COKE QUITE WILLING

Circuit Judge James L. Coke for innocuous to Federal Judge Charles P. Clemons, resigned. This is the present day prediction of local political prophets who have been trying to figure out who would succeed Judge Clemons, whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect January 15.

A wireless despatch says it is understood in the national capital that Judge Coke will get the bench position and that it is likely he will be recommended to the president by Attorney General Gregory. Judge Coke did not express surprise today when informed of the contents of the despatch, but declared he has heard nothing about it. "I am far from dissatisfied with the position I now hold," Judge Coke says, "but any man would welcome a promotion of that nature. If the attorney general feels that I am qualified for the position I would be flattered and would accept the appointment. But the whole proposition is new to me."

It is reported that a cablegram recently was received in local official circles requesting information regarding Judge Coke's qualifications for what is believed to be a possible appointment to the federal bench. But the person receiving this cablegram is required to keep its contents confidential and will not discuss it. Samuel B. Kemp, assistant U. S. attorney, is being mentioned as a likely successor to Hon. E. M. Watson, former associate justice of the supreme court. U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber also has been mentioned as a successor to Judge Clemons.

SERIOUS CHARGE CAUSES ARREST

On a charge made by a middle-aged Chinese man, Chew Tuck, of an infamous crime, A. B. Vierra, for some time with the Honolulu fire department, was arrested early this morning by the police. The defendant is now out on a bond placed by his attorney of \$500. Chew made the complaint to the police last night and was taken to the emergency hospital. Shortly afterwards Vierra was arrested behind the Hawaii Meat Company store, where the offense is said to have occurred. The police say he was identified by Chew and that there was sufficient incriminating evidence against him to bear out the charge. Chief Vaughan of the fire department said this morning that Vierra had been with the department at the Central station for about eight months but that his connections were severed at the beginning of the year—before anything was known of the latest charge. The chief had intended to file charges of drunkenness and neglect of duty against Vierra with the civil service commission and had already received Vierra's resignation.

POLICE TAKE PRECAUTION FOR NEW YEAR'S TROUBLE WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR

Chief Rose reports that Saturday night and New Year's Eve were especially quiet and orderly and that although extra precautions had been taken to handle any disturbance, nothing out of the ordinary occurred. There was a rumor that the soldiers would mob the police out of spite for the trouble a week ago with the officers but the nearest to a riot was in Kalia, where a couple of civilians were said to be assaulted by a gang of soldiers. The crowd dispersed before the police could identify any trouble makers.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

Hawaiian Islands—Maui Island—Southwest coast, Haalea Bay—Kihel Range Lights: Rear light, focal plane height was increased January 1, 1917, to 35 feet above water, without other change. C. and G. S. Charles 4102, 4115, 4116, 4104. Light List, Pacific Coast, 1915, p. 150, No. 735b. Buoy List, Nineteenth District, 1915, p. 12. Coast Pilot Notes, 1912, pp. 4, 24. By order of the commissioner of lighthouses. A. E. ARLEDGE, Inspector, Nineteenth Lighthouse District.

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REPORT PINKHAM TO APPEAL FROM VAUGHAN OPINION

Understood He Will Act for Filipino Guardsmen; Says Nothing Definite

That Governor Pinkham is planning to appeal from the decision handed down by Federal Judge Horace W. Vaughan on Saturday denying Filipinos the right to become naturalized American citizens, is the substance of a report that has gained circulation in National Guard circles. Governor Pinkham today declined to affirm or deny the report. "There is nothing to confirm. I am not ready to act. I have not read the opinion and have not yet conferred with the proper authorities. There is nothing definite, and cannot be until Wednesday or Thursday." Alfred Ocampo, police officer and detective, whose petition for naturalization was denied in the decision, says that an officer of the National Guard told him that Governor Pinkham would appeal in behalf of the Filipino guardsmen. Ocampo adds he has not yet given thought to the matter of a personal appeal. Judge Vaughan's decision has caused no little flurry in guard circles, especially among the Filipino companies. More than 100 members of Filipino companies already have filed in federal court their declarations of intention to become American citizens. This rush of Filipinos to the court to secure their first papers began several months ago, shortly after Federal Judge C. F. Clemons filed a decision holding that Filipinos were eligible for American citizenship. Under the Clemons decision three Filipinos already have been naturalized.

OLD WORSHIPER OF STATUE REMEMBERED FIRST OF NEW YEAR

It has been a real "Happy New Year" for the statue worshiper. A veritable shower of silver and cigars has fallen into his hands—and pockets—and his wrinkled face was wreathed in smiles as he took up his accustomed post in the shade near the capitol entrance this morning. The old fellow has had nothing to say, however; in fact, he never talks. But there is a light in his eyes that is as good as a spoken word of thanks when he stretches forth his hand for the trinkets that those who pass along the street are wont to give him on New Year's. A cleric of circuit court remembered him this morning with a handful of cigars and some silver. Others went out of their way to present their annual gift. But, with all of it, this strange worshiper of the statue never comments nor thanks. He only smiles.

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VESSELS TO AND FROM THE ISLANDS PORT TOWNSEND—Arrived Dec. 27. Sc. A. F. Coats from Kahului Dec. 7. KAHULUI—Arrived, Dec. 20. Ch. Sp. Cargan from Ulukou ports. S. S. VENEZUELA proceeds to San Francisco at 2 p. m. today. S. S. CHINA, for Yokohama, indefinite, probably this afternoon. Radiograms S. S. MATSONIA arrives from San Francisco Tuesday, daylight. Passengers, 178 cabins, 18 steerage-berths, 643 bunks; express matter, 17 pkgs.; cargo, 2544 tons; autos, 7. U. S. A. T. LOGAN arrives from Manila Friday morning, daylight.

YEAR'S DIVORCES NET BIG INCOME; \$4160 IS HANDED TO TREASURY Approximately \$4160 was paid into the office of the clerk of the circuit court during 1916 as costs in the filing of suits for divorce. This amount is larger than for several years. According to the records, 326 divorce suits were filed in the circuit court during the year just closed, and for every suit that is filed \$13 must be paid as costs to cover the filing. In some cases, however, when a woman of scanty means files a suit she is required to pay only \$4 for the necessary stamps. "But," says Clerk Henry Smith, "we always manage to get the remainder of the costs." During the last year a record has been established in the matter of divorce suits filed. A majority of the complainants were Japanese. Desertion and non-support, with an occasional charge of cruelty, were the most common grounds.

DAILY REMINDERS Expert manicurist, Union barber shop.—Adv. Don't forget to call 1431 today for Love's delicious Cream Bread. Make some of today's want ads serve YOU—by answering a few of them. Wanted—Two more passengers to make up motor party ground island, \$4.00 each. Lewis Garage, phone 2143.—Adv. For Distilled Water, Fire's Root Beer and all other Popular Drinks try the Con. Soda Water Works Co.—Adv. William H. Meyer, successor to Thomas Mott Osborne as warden of Sing Sing, assumed charge of the prison.

OUR WISH Aloha greetings, kind and true. In this message sent to you: May its spirit of goodwill fill all our hearts and lives with joy and cheer. And thru every Christmas tide May its joys with each abide. And as New Year's chimed with ring Still Alpha sweetly sing. T. G. THURM.

WILLIAM H. MEYER, WARDEN OF SING SING PRISON

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