

GERMAN RAIDER IN ATLANTIC SUNK BY CRUISER?

AUSTRALIA BEARS WAR SPLENDIDLY, RHODES DECLARES

Former Honolulu Newspaperman, on Way Home From Business Trips, Gives Graphic Statement; Tariff on American Goods May Go Much Higher

[The Star-Bulletin is particularly gratified to present below a graphic and authoritative statement on Australian conditions by Charles L. Rhodes, former newspaperman of Honolulu and now a prosperous businessman of San Francisco. His statements on war conditions in the colonies are of unusual interest, and are made as the comment of a trained observer.]

"I found Australia an intensely interesting country," said Charles L. Rhodes, for many years a resident of Honolulu, who is a returning passenger by the Sonoma on his way to San Francisco from a business trip to the Antipodean continent. "In the first place," he continued, "the country is prosperous. Business is good in every line. I did not meet a single American in business there—and I met a good many—who did not say that business in his line was good, large in volume, and at very satisfactory rates of profit. I met an 'Emma McChesney' in Melbourne representing a Chicago corner house, who, like the time I talked with her, thought she had come to the wrong place to sell her class of goods; but when I met her a little later she had joined the chorus of the other Americans who had found that the Australians have money and are not afraid to spend it if you have the goods they want."

Wart Demands Met. Of course the war has imposed heavy burdens on the country. Old taxes have been increased and new ones imposed. But the people are accepting these as necessary, and paying them on the whole, I should say cheerfully. The activities of the war have called for large expenditures which have been met partly by increased taxes and partly by loans; and these expenditures have put large amounts of money in circulation which have stimulated many lines of trade. The country seems to have entirely recovered from the effects of the drought of the past two years, and the outlook for agriculture in all its branches is magnificent. Even the drought only affected parts of Australia severely.

Speaking of droughts, I have had to revise my notions, radically, about Australian droughts; and I suppose I had the average idea that people outside of Australia have, that Australia is the natural habitat of droughts, and that they are as plentiful as popovers were once supposed to be in Kansas. Not but what sheep and cattle die of hunger and thirst now just as easily as they used to do, but the Australians are learning how to meet drought conditions. They are learning that though all signs fall in dry weather, and clouds and rain become as infrequent and empty as pools in a stream, still they can get sufficient supplies of water for stock in the driest season by digging or boring for it. True, they have to pump it after they have found it by digging or boring, and after they have watered their stock they may still have to feed them.

Equal to Commissioner Requirements. But the picturesque haystack and the picturesque silo are proving themselves equal to the commissioner requirements. It is becoming accepted as a commonplace in Australia now that if a sheep or cattle raiser will arm himself with a diving rod to show him the place to bore, and with boring apparatus to reach the water the diving rod located, and a pump to raise the water after he has reached it by boring, and will overcome his prejudice against the harvester trust long enough to lay in a supply of moving machines, and his prejudice against enough to stack hay and fill silos, he can come pretty near being in a position to give the drought the laugh.

Of course each farmer has to do this for himself; and therefore until each farmer does it for himself the losses in sheep and cattle from drought will be large. But they are learning. It is true, too, that diving rods and silos will not save the wheat crop in dry years. But then they reckon that wheat raisers make so much money in the good years that they can stand a drought once in a while.

But seriously, Australia, through her scientific run experimental farms and the practical good sense of her farmers, are effectually learning how to meet drought conditions as far as they can be met, and to minimize their effects when they do come. Primary Industries Prosperous. The needs of the war resulting in the British government buying the whole Australian crop both of wheat and wool have made the primary industries exceedingly prosperous. There is steady development and progress in other branches of agriculture and in horticulture. This isn't saying there isn't room for still further

Late News At A Glance

CHICAGO POLICE SCANDAL REACHING WIDE
CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 10.—Investigation of the alleged police "graft ring" led today to the arrest of Thomas Newbold, a wealthy cafe and hotel owner. State's Attorney Hoyne refused to give the reason for the arrest beyond saying that his hotel was the scene of raids.

"BUFFALO BILL" PASSES AWAY AT DENVER
DENVER, Colo., Jan. 10.—William F. ("Buffalo Bill") Cody, noted plainsman, Indian fighter, Civil War veteran and showman, died here today, after several weeks of failing health. He was born in 1846 and was known all over the world.

ADAMSON LAW ARGUMENTS ARE CLOSED
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Final arguments were heard today in the supreme court consideration of the Adamson eight-hour railroad law. Assistant U. S. Attorney Hagermann closed the case for the government, upholding the act. He said that it could be operated temporarily in the same manner as the Interstate Commerce Commission regulates rate.

NAVY MEN HAVE MISHAPS IN H-3 SALVAGE
EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 10.—Boatwain Roofs sustained a broken shoulder and Lieut. Harvey S. Halpell was bruised, while several other members of the salvage crew received minor injuries when boats carrying sailors of the cruiser Milwaukee, attempting to take shoreward a line from the stranded submarine H-3, got into difficulties and were upset in the surf. The heavy breakers washed the men ashore.

SUFFRAGISTS SILENTLY PICKETING WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—To impress upon Washington their earnestness in advocating the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution, suffragists today began a "silent picketing" of the White House. Twelve pickets from the Woman's Congressional Union are stationed at the main gates. Officials will do nothing so long as the suffragists create no disturbance and the police are smiling at the feminine maneuver.

POLICE OF MANY CITIES HUNT HARRY THAW
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 10.—The police of many cities are searching for Harry K. Thaw, indicted by the grand jury for assaulting a youth in Kansas City. It develops that the man arrested in Philadelphia as O. Byrnes, Thaw's bodyguard, in reality is Oliver Bower, a friend, who declares he is not involved in the accusations. Byrnes was alleged to be implicated with Thaw.

LABORITES TRYING TO INFLUENCE MOONEY TRIAL?
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 10.—Uproar reigned today at the trial of Thomas J. Mooney, alleged ringleader of five suspected bomb-plotters in the "preparation" parade-bombing case, when a spokesman produced a pamphlet favoring the defense, saying that he had received it by mail. It is a felony to try to influence jurymen or taleamen in this state. Counsel for the defense denied any connection with the matter calling it "a frame-up of the system." The pamphlet was published by the International Workers' Defense League.

BIG CROWD ON GREAT NORTHERN SEES VOLCANO
HILLO, Hawaii, Jan. 10.—The steamer Great Northern arrived here on time today with a big crowd. Many of the passengers went to the volcano to see the unusually fine display. The weather here is beautiful.

BOARD OF TRADE HAS LIVELY ELECTION
HILLO, Hawaii, Jan. 10.—The Board of Trade held its annual election today, a very lively contest with the largest crowd on record present. George H. Vicars was elected president, E. N. Dwyer vice-president, and V. L. Stevenson secretary.

SCHOONER SAVED FROM DRIFTING ASHORE
In danger of drifting upon the reef in the zone wind blowing this afternoon, the four masted British schooner Cecilia Sadden signalled the Matson tug Intrepid for assistance and was towed inside the harbor by the tug. She was berthed at the lee side of Pier 17 to stay until the storm passes.

FEDERAL SITE LITIGATION IS CLOSED
The last disputed claim to property in the Irwin site was settled in federal court this afternoon by the entering of a judgment in favor of the W. G. Irwin Estate Company. Unless unforeseen litigation arises, this paves the way for a speedy payment of the \$200,000 which already has been received by the U. S. Attorney's office from the treasury department for the purchase of the federal building site.

HARBOR BOARD MAY VISIT WAIKIKI BEACH
At the suggestion of Commissioner Tom Church this afternoon at the meeting of the harbor board, that body will probably visit Waikiki beach to determine action in regard to fences obstructing the right of way along the water. Discussion on the subject arose following a report from Harbormaster W. R. Foster as to fences now along the line. Church said he felt that the board as a whole should assume responsibility for any tearing down that may be necessary.

RAINFALL FOR STORM ABOUT 25 INCHES
At 2:10 this afternoon the total precipitation for last night and today's kona storm was 2.41 inches, according to Meteorologist A. M. Hamrick of the U. S. weather bureau. From last night, when the rain began at 10:30, to 3 a. m. today, 1.71 inches fell. Today's rainfall to 2:10 this afternoon has been .70 of an inch, making the total precipitation for the kona season to date 9.26 inches. Indications are that more showers will fall tonight.

DISCUSS REPAIR WORK FOR PIER NO. 7
Plans for the immediate repair of the Waikiki side of Pier 7, said by harbor board engineers to be necessary, and involving about 3500 square feet of surface will be considered by the commissioners at a visit to the waterfront later today. This action was decided upon at the meeting this afternoon. The board also has before it for discussion plans and drawings for the sheds on Piers 8, 9 and 10. They call for a 100 feet tower in the center of the big structure, an auditorium 85 by 140 feet, and galleries from which swimming races in adjacent slips may be viewed by spectators. Miss Dorothea Ellerbrock, stenographer, has filed her resignation with the board. She is now absent on a vacation trip to the mainland.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GETS BACK OF OLYMPIAD
Authorizing that Raymond C. Brown, secretary, take such steps as he deems necessary to bring about a huge Olympiad in the summer of 1918, to which all preparatory schools on the mainland will be invited, the board of directors of the chamber of commerce went on record as backing the undertaking to the extent of its moral support at its meeting this afternoon. The directors also approved the budget for 1917 which amounts to \$2500. This is \$207 more than the actual expenses incurred during 1916. The budget for the Hawaii Promotion Committee, amounting to \$25,548, was also approved. J. P. C. Hagens, chairman of the finance and audit committee, suggested that \$1200 be raised by subscription to pay for the hire of an attorney to follow bills which come before the session of legislature in February, and it was approved.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE HOPES FOR PROHIBITION HERE
Anti-Saloon League members here have reason to hope that legislation for prohibition in Hawaii and Alaska will pass Congress at this session. An Associated Press despatch last night said that the Hawaii prohibition bill is before the house committee on territories and that the prohibition for Alaska has been urged on the floor of the house, with the possibility of passage of a measure to make both territories dry. George W. Pate, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, said today that the prospects for this joint measure are good. He says the league has been given to understand by Delegate Kuhl that he will not oppose a prohibition measure in Congress for Hawaii and other territories, but would oppose singling out Hawaii in a congressional bill. This opposition, he has indicated, would be because he believes in "home rule" and a referendum vote here unless Congress regards prohibition as generally desirable for the territories.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors Tuesday night a resolution authorizing the issuing of bonds to pay for King street extension was passed. The bonds will amount to \$6500 and pay 5 1/2 per cent. They will be dated January 15, 1917, and payable January 15, 1926. The members of the new territorial grand jury will meet in the Judiciary building at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon. The next meeting of the board of supervisors will be held Friday evening, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

Col. C. P. Iaukea New Secretary of Hawaii

President Appoints Him; Recommended By Governor

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—President Wilson this afternoon nominated C. P. Iaukea as secretary of the territory. C. S. ALBERT.

Col. Iaukea, Oahu senator, treasurer and managing trustee of the Liliuokalani Trust, and agent for Queen Liliuokalani, succeeds Wade Warren Thayer as secretary of Hawaii.

Mr. Thayer's resignation took effect on January 1, or when his successor was appointed and qualified. The appointment of Col. Iaukea, as told in the above despatch, was sent to the U. S. senate this afternoon by the president. It is expected to be quickly confirmed. No possible reason is known here for any delay in confirmation of a veteran Democrat and a citizen highly respected and cordially liked.

It has been rumored several times in the local press that Col. Iaukea might be the man recommended by the governor as secretary, but nothing official was known about it, the governor declining to discuss the matter in any way.

The Star-Bulletin's despatch was the first news of the appointment received here. This paper conveyed the news to the governor, Col. Iaukea and retiring Secretary Thayer.

Col. Iaukea has been a Democrat virtually ever since party government was firmly established in the territory, following the uncertain and shifting political conditions that accompanied annexation. He has held numerous offices in the old and more modern days. He accompanied Kalahele as aide around the world in the eighties, and later used to bear messages from the king to the legislature. In recent years he has been sheriff of the county and territorial senator, his term in the latter position just closing. As his comment upon the news, Governor Flakham gave the Star-Bulletin the following statement: "For many years I have realized and recognized the sentiment due the

NOTED HAWAIIAN IS HONORED BY WILSON



COL. CURTIS P. IAUKEA

Hawaiian people and their place in the land that was once solely their own.

"They have, in some instances, been and are now badly led, and have not understood the hard economics of civilization and health, hence the race has declined in numbers and position.

"An easy-going climate made an easy-going people with the logical consequences.

"What we sow that do we reap, and this fact applies to all nations, peoples and individuals.

"I believed there was an opportunity to encourage, inspire, and revive a true spirit in the Hawaiian race by securing for them a representative second only to that of governor of Hawaii, hence I expressed the above sentiments to the honorable secretary of the interior and the president of the United States and recommended the appointment as secretary of the Territory of Hawaii the nearest entitled representative living of the old monarchy and the present territory, Col. Curtis P. Iaukea.

"LUCIUS E. PINKHAM, Governor."

UNCLE SAM WILL ACT AS MEDIATOR

Australia and the southern colonies in general are coming to appreciate more fully Uncle Sam's neutrality, says Hon. Nell Neilson, trade commissioner to North America from New South Wales, who is in Honolulu for a few hours on the Sonoma. He has been "home" for a few months and is now returning to his headquarters in San Francisco.

Admitting freely that there has been much criticism of American neutrality, he declares nevertheless that Australia is beginning to realize that America has been of immense benefit to the Allies in supplying war munitions, and most important of all considerations, that America is the only possible mediator when the war comes to a close.

"America is the only great neutral power—the only mediator—and we must turn to America for mediation to secure peace," he says. "Holland is out of the question—too small and relatively unimportant to mediate between these great warring groups. All the other neutrals are out of the question. Spain, once a great power, is now decadent." He was asked if the president's recent peace suggestions had imperiled the position of this country for mediation. He answered at once that they have not.

"Of course there is much criticism of the president by the Allies, who say any such suggestions at this time are entirely inopportune and play into the hands of Germany, but the president has not diminished the usefulness of his country."

"The Allies are now beginning to get their stride whereas Germany is at the top of her success."

He tells interestingly of the organization of every Allied country toward carrying on the war indefinitely. Australia is doing this to a remarkable extent.

Mr. Neilson says there is no danger of a British coal embargo cutting Hawaii off from Australian coal, nor of the meat for the army being stopped, but doubts if there will be any lightening of the present trade restrictions, as the conditions in the colonies make regulation of food and clothing stuffs necessary. He also expresses the opinion that the failure of the conscription bill to carry on a referendum vote will not greatly lessen the number of men Australia will send to the front, though recruiting may go along more slowly. In sum, he takes a decidedly optimistic view of the war situation, with entire confidence that the scale is turning in favor of the Entente Powers.

ENTENTE REPLY TO MR. WILSON READY; REPORT FROM PARIS IT WILL BE "ULTRA SENSATIONAL"

All Allies Join in Reply to President's Suggestion That Terms Be Outlined--Heavy Fighting on Northeast Front

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 10.—Perpetual rumors in shipping circles are that the German raider which has been reported as operating in the Atlantic has been sunk by a British cruiser. No details are known.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 10.—An emphatic declaration that Germany must not resort to unrestricted submarine warfare, no matter what the conditions of the campaign, has been voiced by the Socialists of the Vorwaerts Association, according to a despatch from Berlin received here. The despatch says that the association has gone on record as expecting the German government to do its utmost to support the efforts of President Wilson for peace, and to secure a statement of terms from both sides.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10.—Secretary Lansing stated this afternoon that the diplomats of the neutral countries were given the president's peace note without instructions, in the belief that the note would speak for itself. He emphasized that neutral diplomats have not been informed that the president would welcome the support of their countries. This comment was brought out by the statement published this morning that Dr. Henry Van Dyke, minister to The Netherlands, had not asked the support of that country in presenting the president's communication. Another note—the reply of the Entente Allies to Mr. Wilson—is figuring prominently in the day's news. Official information reached Washington late today that the Entente answer has been handed to U. S. ambassador Sharp in Paris.

LONDON, England, Jan. 10.—Official confirmation is given the report that the Entente Allies are about to make a formal reply to the suggestion of President Wilson that both sides formulate their terms of peace and the demands which they are fighting to enforce. The Entente reply is the combined reply of all the Allies, each of which has signified its approval of the form of the note. The delivery of the note will be made in Paris within a very short time.

Greece Yielding To Entente Force

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, Eng., Jan. 10.—News from Athens says that the Greek council of ministers favors the acceptance of the terms of the Entente ultimatum. The Exchange Telegraph Agency says that the Greek government is yielding to the pressure of the Allies.

ATHENS, Greece, Jan. 10.—It is announced in government circles that the Entente Powers have given satisfactory guarantees against the extension of the Venizelos influence, which is hostile to the present government. The Constantine council of ministers will shortly make a reply to the Entente ultimatum.

SHANNON SUNK? REPORT DENIED

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 10.—The Overseas News Agency reports that the British cruiser Shannon was sunk by a mine in November.

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 10.—The British admiralty denies that there is any truth in the story of the sinking of the Shannon.

GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 10.—The Yser front, in Upper Belgium, north of the Somme, has developed temporary lively activity. By successful air engagement and fire of our defense guns the enemy lost six aeroplanes on the west front today.

On Prince Leopold's front, west of the road from Riga to Mitau, the Russians yesterday attacked again with strong forces on a broad front and succeeded, at the An river, in increasing the terrain they gained on January 5 somewhat, but on all other places were sanguinarily repulsed.

Archduke Joseph's front: In spots there are snowstorms and severe cold. We once more thrust back the enemy between Pina and Oytov valleys. On von Mackensen's front the ninth army achieved another great success on January 7, throwing back Rumanians and Russians from strongly fortified main mass of Mt. Odesi to Putna. Further south of the Mibocru position, which already was constructed in October and is now tenaciously defended, we captured by hand-to-hand storming, Pushing behind, we gave the enemy no time to settle in the sector line on the canal between Pocsani and Tarcova, but pierced this position and pressing further crossed the Pocsani-Dezseba canal. Pocsani has been taken and 2500 prisoners, three cannons and several machine guns taken.

On the Macedonian front, between Ochrida and Ploche the advance of strong hostile reconnoitering detachments was unsuccessful. FENNEL MUCH IMPROVED. Queen's hospital authorities report this afternoon that the condition of Lieut. Inspector William F. Fennell, who was operated upon yesterday, is very much improved. His spirit is very cheerful.

The note will not be made public in the Allies' capitals for 48 hours after it has been received in Washington out of courtesy to the United States. The terms as outlined in the note are more specific as to the demands of the Allies than the reply which the Entente group made to the German proposals. It is understood, however, that the note is still of a general character and is very vague in its language. PARIS, France, Jan. 10.—Maurice Huet, a well-known journalist, has written an article declaring that he has it on good authority that the Entente reply to President Wilson is "ultra sensational" and that its delivery is imminent.

MADRID, Spain, Jan. 10.—King Alfonso's statement showing a renewal of confidence in the Romanones ministry is bellowed to give the government the necessary prestige to face all of the problems which resulted yesterday in the resignation of the entire ministry. Parliament reconvenes on January 25 and it is prophesied that the Romanones ministry will be in power and have the backing of the King at that time.

RUSS OFFENSIVE CHECKED-BERLIN. BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 10.—The new Russian attack was made today, following the announcement of a sharp offensive two days ago, with stronger forces southwest of Riga, but without success, the attacks failed to gain any ground. In Rumania the Teutonic Army advanced north of Ploesti on the left bank of the Putna valley. The Russian slans have been driven back in northern Rumania along the whole Kadey river. GERMANY AFTER FLEMISH COAST. LONDON, Eng., Jan. 10.—The Low San Times says that Lieut. General Strang, a liberal deputy of the German parliament, is a speech at the German parliament, that Germany must emerge from the war in possession of the Flemish coast. Dr. Strang is quoted as saying that Germany has not a single naval supporting point to serve as defense in war-time. FENNEL MUCH IMPROVED. Queen's hospital authorities report this afternoon that the condition of Lieut. Inspector William F. Fennell, who was operated upon yesterday, is very much improved. His spirit is very cheerful.