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GERMANY ADDS TO "RUTHLESS" WAR; NO MORE WARNINGS

Sailing Ships Now at Mercy of U-Boats; Austria Would Avert Break With U. S.

MYSTERY BILL IS FOUND UPON DESKS IN SENATE TODAY

Measure Would Keep Liquor in Hawaii, Limiting Places of Sale; Authorship Not Known When Members Assemble

Copies of a new liquor bill, distributed in the senate, have set the members of the upper house to wondering as to the origin of the measure which came through the mail without letter to explain or return address on envelope but postmarked from Honolulu.

The bill, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors in the territory of Hawaii, and to repeal the second sub-section of section 2109 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, A. D. 1915," has been placed on a majority of the senatorial desks. The upper house men found it when they arrived for business this afternoon.

Several features stand out prominently in a study of the bill, as follows:

1. Licenses for liquor shall be limited to 15 in each county, including five for bar licenses, five for hotels and five for restaurants.
2. The mayor of Honolulu and the chairmen of other boards of supervisors shall have the power to recommend the granting or issuing of the hotel and restaurant licenses for sale to guests.
3. All licenses to sell liquor by retail shall be issued by the different boards of license commissioners.

LABOR SCARCITY NOT 'EMERGENCY'

Scarcity of citizen laborers who are willing to work on the Hillebrand water project, construction of which is under Picanco & Gomes, contractors, can not be considered as an "emergency," according to an opinion sent to the Oahu loan fund commission by Attorney General I. M. Stainback.

The contractors had requested that permission be granted them to work their men more than eight hours a day, the men being willing, it is said, as a means of increasing their daily wages. It was suggested that scarcity of labor on the job could be held as creating an emergency, but Attorney Stainback ruled differently. Such privilege could not be granted under the eight-hour law, he says.

"An extraordinary emergency which will justify contractors permitting laborers to work more than eight hours a day on government work," says the opinion, "is a sudden and unexpected happening or unforeseen condition calling for immediate danger to life, health or property. The construction of a tunnel contemplated by a contract is not, in its nature, emergency work."

Stocks Gain on Strong Market

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

Stock	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	97 1/2	96 1/2
American Smelter	110	108 1/2
American Sugar Rfg.	125	124 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	81	79 1/2
Arizona Copper	102 1/2	101 1/2
Atchafalaya	52 1/2	51 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	71 1/2	70 1/2
Bethlehem Steel, New	127	126 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	24	23 1/2
Canadian Pacific	154 1/2	153 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	80 1/2	79 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	45 1/2	44 1/2
Crescent Fuel	65	63 1/2
Erie Common	25 1/2	25 1/2
General Electric	163	161 1/2
General Motors, New	111 1/2	109 1/2
Great Northern	115 1/2	114 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	115	114 1/2
Kanawha Copper	45 1/2	44 1/2
Lehigh R. & N.	71 1/2	70 1/2
Lowell	91	89 1/2
Pennsylvania	54 1/2	54 1/2
Ray Common	27 1/2	27 1/2
Reading Common	92 1/2	91 1/2
Southern Pacific	92 1/2	91 1/2
Standard Oil	100 1/2	99 1/2
Texas Oil	125	124 1/2
Union Pacific	134 1/2	133 1/2
U. S. Steel	106 1/2	104 1/2
Utah	113 1/2	112 1/2
Western Union	95 1/2	94 1/2
Westinghouse	49 1/2	47 1/2
May West	184 1/2	182 1/2

FLYERS WILL BE NO NOVELTY HERE IN NEAR FUTURE

Encouraging growth in membership was reported at a meeting of the board of governors at the Aero Club of Hawaii this morning in the office of General F. S. Strong, president. Secretary R. C. Holliday read out and the club governors elected a large list of new members, many of whom were enlisted by General S. I. Johnson, N. G. H., when the latter was on Hawaii recently. He took the applications of many of Hilo's leading business and professional men.

The club is in communication with Miss Katherine Stinson and her manager, and the noted aviatrix, now in Japan, will probably come here for a series of flights in April, under the auspices of the club. However, definite announcements can not be made until the details are settled.

FORBES WORKING ON PIER 8 PLAN

As a result of the board of harbor commissioners' visit Monday afternoon to the new territorial piers 8, 9 and 10, Chairman Charles R. Forbes is today working out figures relative to an anchorage system to strengthen Pier 8.

Forbes said his plans and figures will be presented to the harbor board at a special meeting which has been set for 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. He did not go into details concerning his plans and referred a Star-Bulletin reporter to Commissioner McCarthy, who was in his office alone writing, and said he was too busy to talk.

At last night's special meeting of the board to consider the Lord-Young Engineering Company's bids for extra work on the new piers, a session lasting until 10:30 failed to result in any agreement between the contractors and the commissioners. E. J. Lord and E. F. Cykler, his chief engineer, were present for the contractors. Attorney-General I. M. Stainback attended for a few minutes and his second deputy, W. H. Heen, was there the whole meeting. Forbes said today no conclusion was reached. It is likely the whole matter will be threshed over again at Tuesday afternoon's special meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER MAY WIN OVER DEMOCRATS

Pauahi Street Faction Reported to Be Ready to Back Up Civic Bodies

Enter Lincoln L. "Link" McCandless and the so-called Pauahi street Democrats into the city charter controversy.

"Did you ever see the Democrats beaten in the fifth district?" he asks. "The chamber amendments provide for the election of three supervisors from the fifth, three from the fourth, and a mayor at large.

SKATING ON OIL AT YOUNG TODAY

If the movie man had been stationed on Bishop street this morning near the Alexander Young hotel when the pavement he might have twisted off a comic reel that would make even the famous Charlie Chaplin and cause "Fatty" to turn green with envy.

About a dozen of Honolulu's citizens did a high dive and the long slide and the quick flip in such an amazing, ludicrous manner in so short a time that spectators roared aloud at the antics and Traffic Officers Andrews, at the corner of Bishop and King, nearly went hysterical. Incidentally Andrews saved two women's lives—at least their composure.

When the oil had been smeared the full length of the street in front of the Young block traffic was temporarily suspended there until the drying covering could be applied. It was during this short time that the comedy took place.

Several school children went down in the black stickiness, businessmen in white flannels emerged a wreck, a Chinese met with the surprise of his life and others' clothes were temporarily ruined, the two ladies nearly so. Andrews had not stopped just in time.

MILITIA LAW TO BE BROUGHT TO CONFORM WITH FEDERAL DEMANDS

Senator J. H. Coney has been handed for introduction in the senate a bill authorizing changes in the present militia law to correspond with the federal requirements under the new defense act.

GERMAN EFFORT IN MEXICO SEEN TWO WEEKS SINCE

Assertion Was Published That Teutons Would Strike at U. S. From South

Assertions that Germany aimed a blow at the United States through Mexico were made more than two weeks in advance of the publication of the details of the German plot to bring about a war between the United States and Mexico and Japan.

"If Germany succeeds in dragging the United States into war her first blow against this country will be struck through Mexico. For two weeks the German ambassador, working among his own consulates all over the United States as well as those of Austria-Hungary, has been sowing the seeds of the German army, both regulars and reservists, from American ports and railroad centers to Mexico City, where orders governing their future activities will await them.

GERMAN PLOT IS POPULAR TOPIC

The government is in possession of information to the effect that a large quantity of arms and ammunition collected here at the beginning of the war and stored in two large warehouses in New York has found its way to Mexico City, where it has been held intact since its arrival.

Two Navy Yards Now For San Francisco

The bill as it passed the house and the senate naval affairs committee has added \$100,000,000 and carried appropriations for 42 great ships and great ammunition stores. The total of the appropriations amounted to \$38,255,238, about \$3,000,000 in excess of the bill of last session.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE EMPLOYS EXTRA HELP DURING YEAR

Representative Lorrin Andrews, speaking from the floor of the house today, asked that the clerk request the attorney-general's department to hurry along a report which he asked for some days ago showing the amounts of money paid out by the office, or for the office, during the last two years, for outside legal work.

Congress May Keep Session Going Months

Delegate Kuhio Advises Legislature Pass Appropriation for Visit. Good to September

That the legislature pass the \$100,000 appropriation bill for the proposed visit of a congressional party, making the money available until next September, is the suggestion put by Delegate Kuhio in a cablegram to Speaker H. L. Hotelberg. The cablegram reads as follows:

"Indications extra session. Recommend appropriation available until September. Session may last until middle summer."

Mexico Mum On "Plots"

CITY OF MEXICO, Mexico, March 1.—Mexican government officials today declined to discuss the effort of Germany to involve Mexico in war with the United States, except to say that they thought the efforts would be in vain and Mexico would remain neutral.

ARMY AND MUNITIONS FORWARDED

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PAPEERS ORDERED DESTROYED

The exodus of hundreds of German officers to Mexico a few days ago was followed immediately by instructions from the German and Austrian embassies to their consuls to destroy all confidential papers relating to Mexican affairs, and this was promptly done. Last Monday Consul General von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul in New York, himself superintended the burning of all this confidential material, and the same activity was shown in the office of the German consul general on the same day.

WASHER ATTACKS FORECAST

"In what way it is proposed to strike a blow at the United States through Mexico is not at present fully understood, but it is believed that, if after war with Germany is declared, any effort is made to maintain the same proportion of export of foods and munitions to England as heretofore, a strong movement against the United States on the Mexican border will serve as the most potent argument to prevent a continuance of that policy."

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VIENNA WILL MAKE SACRIFICE TO KEEP FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH AMERICA, BERNE REPORT

Americans Released From Yarrowdale Arrive at Copenhagen With News of Hardship and Starvation in German Prison Camps—Communication With U. S. Ambassador Refused

BERLIN, Germany, March 2.—Announcement by the German admiralty today removes the last safeguard from shipping which Germany holds subject to attack.

BERNE, Switzerland, March 2.—Vienna reports today fully corroborate the previous reports that Austria is endeavoring to continue diplomatic relations with the United States.

American Prisoners Badly Treated In German Camps Long Before Break

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 2.—Four Americans, released with other citizens of the United States who were held with the captives on the prize-ship Yarrowdale at a Baltic port of Germany, reached here today. They have been three months in German camps.

They are Dr. John Davis of Columbus, Miss.; Orville J. Kim of Watertown, N. Y.; Dr. H. D. Snyder of Norfolk, Va.; and Richard Zabriskie of Englewood, N. J.

Huge Amount of Shipping Destroyed Since War Began, Half of It British

NEW YORK, N. Y., Mar. 2.—Statistics gathered by the New York Journal of Commerce and published today revealed the fact that since the beginning of the war 10 per cent of the world's existing shipping as of August, 1916, had been destroyed.

Germany Makes Another Release Pledge

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—A German note, delivered to Secretary of State Lansing today by Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, who has taken over Germany's diplomatic interests, promises that Germany will release all the Americans on the Yarrowdale on March 7, their "quarantine period" then expiring.

Navy Enlistments Now Jump Rapidly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 2.—Reports throughout the United States show that navy recruiting is increasing now faster than at any previous period since the Spanish war.

LORD-YOUNG CO. IS ONLY BIDDER FOR TURKS RETREAT TO AZIZIYAH

LONDON, Eng., March 2.—The Turks continue to retreat before the victorious British on the Tigris river front. More than 7000 Turks have been taken prisoner, and their retreat has brought the new front 52 miles east of Aziziyah.

JAPANESE PAY LITTLE HEED TO REPORT OF EFFORT BY GERMANY

TOKIO, March 2.—News of the reported effort of Germany to bring about a German-Japanese-Mexican alliance against the United States through the mediation of Mexico in case of war between the United States and Germany, reached here in a cablegram from San Francisco. Statemen seem to pay little attention to the report and the public is not at all stirred by it.