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HALF MILLION WORKMEN FACE SLAVERY OR STARVATION

NAVY DEPARTMENT TAKES NO ACTION ON GERMAN SHIPS

Pearl Harbor Gets No Orders,
Although Despatch From
Washington Promised Them
—Harbor Board is Inactive

Down to 1 o'clock this afternoon no instructions had been received by Capt. George R. Clark, commandant of the Pearl Harbor naval station, from the navy department, Washington, D. C. or other government sources, to render assistance to the board of harbor commissioners in moving the refugee German merchant steamers Pommer and Seton from the territorial wharf they now occupy to a berth where they will not be a menace to the waterfront.

At noon Chairman Charles R. Forbes and Commissioner James Wakefield of the harbor board said they had received no communication of any kind from Pearl Harbor or Washington concerning the German refugee steamer situation and that no meeting of the board was held this morning or had been called for this afternoon. The board's regular weekly meeting will take place at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Governor Has No Word
Gov. Lucius E. Pinkham said at 1 o'clock this afternoon that he had received no message from the state department. He intimated that he expected some word tonight or tomorrow.

Despatch Promised Action
A despatch received late Monday afternoon by a morning paper from its Washington correspondent said that Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, after conferring with Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, had stated that he would communicate with the commandant of the Honolulu naval station and direct him to assist the civil authorities in removing the German refugee ships to a location less menacing to navigation.

Agents Not Worried
No preparations were being made today by the local agency for the Pommer and Seton, H. Hackfeld & Company, to have the masters of the vessels prepare for a possible moving outside of the two merchantmen.

Shortly before noon Manager F. W. Johnson of the shipping department said he had not received any orders from either the naval or civil authorities to move the steamers away.

Capt. George R. Clark, commandant at Pearl Harbor, said this morning he thinks that if any orders are received by him from Washington they would be merely for him to loan the United States tug of war Navajo to the harbor board for towing purposes. "As to the location of the steamers, whether they shall be moored in Pearl Harbor or elsewhere, the department, and it has already gone on record as opposed to having them there," he said.

QUEEN RECEIVES HOUSE MEMBERS

Her Majesty Queen Liliuokalani received the members of the house of representatives this morning at her home at Washington Place.

Seated in the reception room surrounded by Colonel and Mrs. C. P. Iauka, Mrs. Irene K. Holloway and Mrs. J. A. Daniels and other attendants and with the royal kahili as a background, the queen looked exceptionally well despite her 75 years and physical disabilities which have kept her confined for the greater part of the last year.

As the members filed into the house the Hawaiian band played. H. L. Holstein, speaker of the house, introduced the members to the queen, many of whom kissed her hand as in the days when she ruled over these islands.

The scene was decidedly touching for it might be, as pointed out by her secretary, Colonel Iauka, the last time the queen would ever be able to receive them.

Following the reception Colonel Iauka said: "Members of the house, I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the queen for the many favors which you have given her. With the money which you have so kindly given it has made it possible for her majesty to live in comfort and also see that many destitute children are given care and education, many old people a comfortable home in their declining years and aid in general the Hawaiian race."

"This scene is particularly noteworthy as it will probably be the last time which Queen Liliuokalani will ever be able to receive you because of her physical disabilities which forbid her appearing much in public. The queen has provided light refreshments and invited you to enjoy yourselves while here."

Wheat Jumps, Nears \$2 Mark

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
Alameda Gold	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Smelter	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Sugar Rfd.	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anacostia Copper	82 1/2	82 1/2
Atchafalaya	104 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	41 1/2	41 1/2
Baldwin & G.	79 1/2	79 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	144 1/2	144 1/2
Call. Petroleum	112 1/2	112 1/2
Canadian Pacific	102 1/2	102 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	83 1/2	83 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	51 1/2	51 1/2
Crescent Steel	68 1/2	68 1/2
Gen. Electric	105 1/2	105 1/2
General Motors	119 1/2	119 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	114 1/2	114 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	116 1/2	116 1/2
Lehigh Valley	70 1/2	70 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	71 1/2	71 1/2
New York Central	97 1/2	97 1/2
Pennsylvania	54 1/2	54 1/2
Rail. Comm.	20 1/2	20 1/2
Reading Common	97 1/2	97 1/2
Southern Pacific	95 1/2	95 1/2
Standard Oil	102 1/2	102 1/2
Texas Oil	225 1/2	225 1/2
Union Pacific	140 1/2	140 1/2
U. S. Steel	114 1/2	114 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	111 1/2	111 1/2
Western Union	96 1/2	96 1/2
Westinghouse	51 1/2	51 1/2
Wheat	1.94	1.90 1/2

*Bid. *As-asked. *Unquoted.
SUGAR
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Sugar: 56 deg. cent. 5.38 cents. Previous quotation, 5.64 cents.

WHARF WOULD GO IN KONA WEATHER

Capt. Parker of Kahului Says Long Structure Unfit for Lahaina

Tentative approval of the senate ways and means committee to an allowance of \$150,000 for new wharves at Lahaina and Hana, Maui, was voted this morning. The vote cuts the budget of the harbor board by exactly \$100,000 in the Maui item.

Capt. E. H. Parker, Kahului pilot; Capt. A. C. Simerson of the Mauna Loa, George Preeland and other ka-maainas were at the meeting upon the request of the senators.

A plan submitted by the harbor board for building a wharf out into the harbor for 1500 feet, the estimate for this work being \$225,000, did not meet with approval by the committee nor by Maui residents at the meeting.

"A long wharf such as suggested by Mr. Forbes would not be in existence after a kona storm," said Capt. Parker, and others agreed with him. Parker suggested instead a wharf 500 feet in length with a boat landing on the end. This wharf would be protected on one side by building a rip-rap breakwater and on the other side by deepening the channel. It was this plan which the committee adopted tentatively.

Hugh Howell, Maui contractor, was present at the meeting and spoke on the merits of a so-called Maui site more than a mile from Lahaina. He had taken measurements of the rise and fall of a canon there and found the water comparatively quiet. A wharf could be built in this site to stand all kinds of bad weather, he said. It was so safe that all the sugar of the district would eventually leave the island from there.

It was generally conceded, however, that the majority of the Maui folk want the wharf at Lahaina. At the instruction of the senate Chairman Forbes will send a force of engineers to Maui tomorrow to get data from Lahaina and Hana. The appropriation for Hana is \$50,000, which is twice the amount requested.

PLANS ELECTION OF SHERIFF DEPUTIES IN OUTSIDE COUNTIES

Senator M. A. Mikesel of Kaula is planning to introduce a bill which will provide for the election of deputy sheriffs on outside islands instead of appointment as at present.

"Let the people rule," is Mikesel's slogan, and he says it is to carry out this motto that he will introduce the bill. He believes that the people know better than the individual what men are best adapted for positions of deputy sheriffs.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SPECIAL MARCONIGRAM TO NIPPY JJI—
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—
Count Tolstol, who arrived in San Francisco recently, has been suspected by the immigration authorities on account of his supposed intentions toward his pretty secretary.

Joe C. Berry, on a bicycle, was struck on Queen street, near Pier 13, yesterday afternoon by K. Hasigawa, driving a drag.

ABANDON WHARF PROBE, IS VIEW HOUSE SPEAKER

Wants Holdover Senators to Investigate and Report at 1919 Session

Abandon the investigation of Piers 8, 9 and 10 for the present session of the legislature. Let the holdover senators form a committee and, during the coming two years, make the investigation and report their findings to the 1919 legislature.

This, says Speaker H. L. Holstein, seems to be the only solution to a problem over which the senate and house of representatives have practically split. An investigation of the trouble arising out of the construction of the piers in question was begun in a small way early in the session by the public lands committee of the house, which later invited the senate to join in the probe with a view to saving expense.

"We were turned down when we passed a concurrent resolution asking the senate to join in the investigation," says Speaker Holstein. "I cannot understand why there should be two separate investigations of one matter."

"It would appear that such an investigation is going to cost the people a lot of money, probably between \$4000 and \$5000. Engineers will have to have audit engineers and there will have to be still more engineers to check up on the work of the others."

It seems to me that the holdover senators should form a committee and make this investigation during the next two years and present a report on their findings to the 1919 legislature.

"I don't believe the legislature will have time to properly carry out an investigation during the present session. Only about 30 days remain and I don't believe that is time enough."

The house committee has been patiently waiting to hear what the senate committee is going to do. Representative N. K. Lyman, chairman who has been probing into the matter of getting engineers, says a single engineer may cost the legislature \$500 and it may be necessary to employ a number of engineers to properly conduct the investigation.

Chairman Lyman of the house lands committee announced this morning that his committee will hold an executive conference this evening to decide on what action to take regarding the investigation of the piers. The members will endeavor to decide, he says, whether to conduct a separate investigation or table the resolution and let the senate make the probe.

PROMENADE PLAN READY TOMORROW

Harbor Board Expects to Take Up Waikiki Beach Betterment on Wednesday

Plans for the Waikiki Beach promenade are being completed today in the office of the department of public works, and will be presented to the board of harbor commissioners at its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

According to a statement made at noon today by Commissioner James Wakefield, who fathered the project, the plans include dredging to improve bathing facilities along the route of the promenade. Charles R. Forbes and Wakefield held a short conference about noon over the blue prints of the project.

Although details of the plans would not be given out today by Chairman Charles R. Forbes of the harbor board, who as superintendent of public works is supervising the drawing of them, it was learned that for the portion of the promenade from Fort De Russy to Beach Walk a trestle and fill will be used. The promenade will be for pedestrians only.

Expenses of drawing up the plans and doing preliminary work will be paid for out of the cash available in the funds of the Oahu Loan Fund commission. The walk will reach from Kakaako to Diamond Head.

Marine Corps Need Is 4000

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 27.—The United States Marine Corps will need 4000 men to fill its ranks to full war strength which is 17,400. An appeal to the press of the nation for aid in recruiting has been issued by Secretary of Navy Daniels following the order of President Wilson.

BILL TO AMEND FRONTAGE TAX GOES TO HOUSE

Representative Cooke Father of Measure That Proposes Sweeping Changes

Broad amendments to the laws now existing relating to the frontage tax are provided in a lengthy bill introduced in the house of representatives this morning by Representative Clarence H. Cooke. The bill seeks to amend 11 sections of the present laws and to repeal section 1797 in its entirety.

First for consideration in the bill is the method by which the board of supervisors may proceed to establish, extend, alter or widen any street, alley or highway, or to improve such thoroughfare. It is provided that the cost, including the acquisition of any new land, shall be assessed against the land specially benefited, either on a frontage basis or according to the area of the land within the improvement district.

It is further provided that the city and county may issue and sell bonds for the improvements, these to be secured by the assessments as a lien upon the lands assessed. In this connection the supervisors are given power to create, define and establish frontage improvements or improvement districts.

The supervisors, it is provided, shall prepare a statement and file it with the legislature at each session showing in detail the amount actually expended by the city and county of Honolulu as the proportionate share that would have been assessed against any land, belonging to the territory, exclusive of street areas, and as much of this expenditure as is approved by the legislature shall be returned to the city and county.

It is further provided that the city and county shall pay out of the general revenue the entire cost of engineering, incidentals and inspection and shall also pay the cost assessable against the frontage or frontages of any adjoining or cross street in the area common to both streets at the intersection of any cross street or one-half the area opposite the intersection of any adjoining street; and further shall appropriate out of the general revenue an amount equal to 23.1-3 per cent of the total cost of the general improvements (excluding engineering, incidentals and inspection and the cost of new curbing), upon all streets and highways to be improved.

Provision for Acquiring Land
It shall be lawful for the city and county, the bill continues, to assume and pay out of the general revenue all or any part of the cost of acquiring any new land required for any such improvement.

The measure goes on to say that nothing set forth in the amendments shall prevent the city and county, through its proper officials, from compelling abutting property owners at

CHARTER ACTION EXPECTED SOON

Revision Committee Ends Work and Oahu Delegation Will Soon Take Final Action

Final action by the Oahu delegation on the city charter is likely to be taken this week or early next week.

It was announced today that the revision committee has completed its work and the charter, as corrected, revised and amended, is now ready for a final consideration section by section by the delegation.

The oft repeated question of what will be done with the proposed amendments of the Chamber of Commerce remains unanswered. Members of the delegation frankly declare they do not know. Chairman G. P. Wilder says he has no authority to speak one way or the other. However, it will not be long before the question will be answered, as a meeting of the delegation is to be held as early as possible.

No call has yet been issued for a meeting, as various members of the delegation have been busy themselves with other work. But Chairman Wilder says there will be a meeting at the first available opportunity, which may be this week or early next week. It is likely that several conferences will be held before the committee reports out on the charter bill.

BERETANIA STREET PAVING WORK IS GIVEN ITS START

The road department is planning to construct a pile driver to rebuild several of the bridges which were washed out in the Koolaujoko district during the recent heavy rains. Lumber is being sent there now in order that when the pile driver is ready work can start at once.

The road department also announced this morning that the Lord-Towne Engineering Company had started the paving of Beretania street from King to Nuuanu.

EMPLOYERS AND LABOR ARE NOT VERY FAR APART

Hearings on Amendments to Law for Compensation Shows Common Ground

Proposed amendments to the workman's compensation law would raise insurance costs to the employer 60 per cent, would encourage malingerers and take away from the employer and the employee as well the right of jury trial, were some of the arguments advanced against the bills amendatory to that law at the hearing before the judiciary committee of the house last night.

The proposed amendments would make the law really workable for the first time, would give the employed compensation from the date of an accident, would discourage malingerers, would alleviate hardship, would make needed provisions for compensation not now available, would make compensation definite and determinable and would well warrant any additional cost to the employer, were some of the arguments in favor of the measure.

And at that advocates and opponents are not very far apart. It developed at the hearing and the bill is likely to leave the house committee in a form that will be quite acceptable to both sides. The objections to changes on the part of employers were not so great as had been anticipated. They are ready to increase the amount to be allowed for doctor's bills and the period of medical attendance though not to the extent the bill provides. They are ready to include "occupational diseases" if the language of the provision be slightly changed to make the meaning, they claim, more plain and explicit; they are not yielding as to the term of the waiting period, but they are insistent on the right of appeal and a trial by jury on such appeal even in cases where there be no fraud.

At the hearing last night Harry E. Papke opposed any amendments to the bill and advocated the wiping of the law from the statute book, declaring that while it was good in theory it was an absolute failure in practice. Insurance Premiums Higher
The next two speakers dwelt on the insurance end as affected by the proposed amendments. They said the proposed increase in medical fees from \$50 to \$250 and an extension to 60 days of the term of service would mean an increase of 50 per cent in rates, but an increase to \$100 and an extension to 30 days could be given for no increase. The provision as to occupational diseases would mean an in-

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JAPANESE TELLS OF EXPERIENCES WITH SUBMARINE

No Effort Made to Pick Up Men as They Drift About in Boats

Drifting for hours in the Mediterranean Sea after being torpedoed by a German submarine, and being rescued by a Danish steamer is the story that Captain H. Takashima, who arrived yesterday on the Korea Maru, has to tell regarding the submarine campaign and Germany's ruthlessness.

Captain Takashima was in command of the Tsing Tao Maru, a tramp steamer plying between Italian ports and London. With a crew of 40 men he left Italy early in the morning of January 3 bound for England. On the afternoon of January 4 the lookout on the steamer sighted a submarine, and all hands were called upon deck.

No warning was given and orders were given to man the lifeboats after the torpedo had done its work. The submarine waited until the steamer began to sink, and then passed out of sight. No effort was made to rescue the crew. The Japanese hurried into the lifeboats and had gone but a short distance when the steamer went to the bottom.

The men in the lifeboats drifted for many hours, and throughout the night watched for the light from a passing steamer, but it was not until late the next day that they were rescued by a Danish steamer, which brought the crew to Gibraltar.

"The Mediterranean is dangerous," said Captain Takashima. "It is more so since Germany has started the campaign of ruthlessness, and the same may be said for the Atlantic. The allied navy is inadequate to protect the shipping on the Atlantic or Mediterranean," he said.

BELGIAN WORKMEN THROUGH EMBASSY ISSUE APPEAL TO NEUTRAL NATIONS

French Push Forward and Take Coucy After Hard Resistance—Russians Are Forced Back By Waves of Gas and Give Way Before Blows are Struck—Italy is Waiting for Fierce Teuton Offensive

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—An appeal from the workmen of Belgium for the assistance of the neutral nations has been issued by the Belgian legation here. The appeal says that 500,000 men have been thrown out of work in the face of the German decree "that they must either sign a contract to work in Germany or they would be taken there as slaves."

The working classes declare that they are threatened with slavery on the one hand and with death by starvation on the other.

French Forces Continue Advance After Resistance and Capture More Towns

PARIS, France, March 27.—The French are continuing to make headway along the road to Laon. East of Noyon they captured the village of Coucy Le Chateau after stubborn resistance by the retreating Germans. Progress has also been made in throwing the Teutons out of Coucy forest, and army reports say the whole lower section is now held by Neville's men.

Romanoff Family Give Up Crown Land

PETROGRAD, Russia, March 27.—Members of the Romanoff family, royal princes and grand dukes, have voluntarily telegraphed the provisional government they are ready to associate with the new administration in every way possible. Crown lands and other state grants will be given over for use of the state.

Gas Clouds Force Russians Back

PETROGRAD, Russia, March 27.—Using gas clouds against the Slav trenches on the Shara front, the Germans succeeded today in causing a retirement of the Russians in that section, army headquarters report.

Italy Awaits Offensive of Teutons

ROME, Italy, March 27.—Gathering masses of men together on the Italian front, military experts predict that a great offensive will be started by the Teutonic allies as soon as the winter weather subsides.

Ship Insurance Drops on Wilson Stand

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 27.—As a result of the decided stand taken by President Wilson for the protection of American ships trading with European powers within the submarine zone, marine insurance on transatlantic vessels declined one to two points.

Five millions gold bullion was today received from Canada and deposited to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co., making the total for the year of \$237,700,000.

Denmark May Bar Out Armed Ships

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Mar. 27.—Denmark so far has failed to reply to the inquiry sent by the United States regarding permission being granted for admission into Denmark ports of armed American merchantmen. It is predicted that the request will be refused.

Teuton Plotters Caught in Chicago

CHICAGO, Ill., March 27.—Kurt Erreche and Paul Zell, two alleged conspirators, have been arrested here on charges connected with Teuton war plots. They were traced from San Francisco by secret service men and now await formal charges being placed against them.

JAPAN MAY RECOGNIZE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

(Special Cable to Nippu Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, March 27.—Premier Terauchi has summoned the cabinet members to discuss the advisability of recognizing the new Russian government. It is believed that Japan will soon follow the lead of the other allies.

PRESENT ARGUMENTS FOR DIVERTING OF STREAM AT WAIKIKI!

A public hearing on Representative Andrews' bill appropriating \$15,000 to divert the stream which empties fifth into the ocean between the Outrigger Club and the Moana hotel is being held this afternoon in the hall of representatives before the house committee on finance. The public is invited and all interested in the measure will have an opportunity to express their views.