

GERMAN DESTROYERS RAID ENGLAND; BOMBARDMENT HEAVY

FOOD COMMISSION WITH BIG POWERS AND \$25,000 FUND TO MEET CRISIS

Chamber of Commerce Conference Followed By Action to Organize Central Body With Official Standing and Rights—Bill Hurried to Senate

Quick action is following the Chamber of Commerce food conference of yesterday morning. Its first public indication came today when Senator Castle of Oahu introduced in the upper house a drastic "food control" bill, by which the food problems of the territory are placed in the hands of a territorial commission.

Senator Castle introduced the bill, which had been drawn up by himself and Attorney C. R. Hemenway, shortly after the beginning of the senate session this morning. It was read by title and referred at once to the printing committee so that action could be hurried along in getting it over to the house.

In brief, the bill provides a commission of nine, to be appointed by the governor, and with a fund of \$25,000 at its disposal.

It is expected that the makeup of the commission will be somewhat along the lines of the unofficial citizens' committee decided upon at the chamber of commerce conference. However, it is said that an army man cannot serve on such a commission, but it is certain the army will cooperate with it to the fullest extent.

After yesterday's gathering at the chamber of commerce, the committee then named James D. Dole, J. M. Westgate, C. S. Judd, Mal. C. S. Lincoln and H. P. Agnew went to the Capitol in the afternoon and had a talk with the governor. It was following this that the move for a territorial commission—an official body—materialized.

The bill was partially drawn yesterday and finished today. It is to be put through house and senate under special procedure in order to get it to the governor before the session closes.

Broad powers of food control, including price-fixing, are granted the commission under the terms of the bill.

It has the power to call on the attorney-general or any county attorney for assistance to assist producers of food financially; wide control of all foodstuffs; and the power to issue any food for the manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

Its rules must be made public. It can bring suits and by regulation fix prices, may compel attendance of witnesses, and penalties are provided for those who violate any regulation of the commission, the penalty running up to \$5000 fine and one year imprisonment.

Provision is made for punishing witnesses who perjure themselves, and for the financial procedure of the commission. The bill provides a fund of \$25,000 from the general territorial revenues for the use of the commission.

Chief Provisions of Bill

The bill is to become law immediately upon passage by the legislature and approval by the governor. Its chief provisions are as follows: "Section 1. Appointment of Commissioners. There is hereby created a food commission of not to exceed nine members to be appointed for terms of two years in the manner prescribed by Section 30 of the Organic Act. The members shall select a chairman from among their own number and shall serve without compensation.

"Section 2. Organization and Appointment of Assistants. The commission shall have discretion with regard to the manner in which it shall organize and carry out its duties. It may appoint such committees, composed of its own members or partly of its own members and partly of others, as it may deem best, and may define the powers and duties of such committees. The commission may appoint or employ all such agents, clerks and other assistants as may be necessary and may define their duties and fix their compensation. The commission may call upon the attorney general, or any county or city or county attorney, or their respective deputies for legal assistance, or in its discretion secure other legal counsel.

"Section 3. Definitions. The word 'food' as used in this act shall mean and include all products, materials or articles used or which may be used to nourish or sustain human or animal life. The word 'person' as used in this act shall, wherever the context intends or requires, mean and include a partnership or corporation.

"Section 4. General Duties. During the period that the United States shall be at war and for such further period as shall be reasonably necessary, it shall be the general duty of the commission to encourage and in every practicable manner to seek to increase the production of food within the territory both for shipment to the mainland and so that there may be produced within the territory, as nearly as may be, sufficient food to supply all local needs; also in every practicable manner to conserve and prevent the waste of food whether direct or indirect including the improper or uneconomic use thereof.

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Market Shows Fluctuations

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Alaska Gold, American Smelter, American Sugar Rfg., etc.

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted. Bethlehem Steel—a represents Class A and B Class B stock.

SUGAR. SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Sugar: 96 deg. test, 6.105 cents. Previous quotation, 6.14 cents.

NEW PIPE LINE GIVEN KAIMUKI

The board of supervisors at its meeting this noon approved the expenditure of \$2000 by the water works department for 4800 feet of two-inch pipe to take the place of the present pipe which supplies water from the pumping station to the Kaimuki reservoir.

A resolution appropriating \$1000 to construct a coral road on Queen street extension in Kalihi passed first reading.

L. M. Whitehouse was granted a two weeks' extension on Sea View improvement district in order to repair several soft spots which have developed on Vancouver highway.

Judge F. M. Hatch announced that he will leave for the mainland next week, to be gone several months. This statement does away with any rumor that he may run for supervisor.

Following the passage of the payrolls the board adjourned until next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

ROBINSON RAPS WASHINGTON TRIP

Senator Robinson of Maui today vigorously criticized the bill introduced by the lands committee, proposing to send the land commissioner on a trip to Washington. An appropriation of \$1500 is asked for this.

Composite Bill For Prohibition Will Go to House

Adopting the suggestion of Senator R. W. Shingle that the date for voting on prohibition in the territory be changed from July 14 to November 20, the senate this morning with little debate passed on third reading house bill 383, proposing a plebiscite and carrying with it amendments which include the chief sections of a senate bill on the same question.

Robinson and Kamaoaha, members of the majority committee which had recommended the bill's being tabled, were the only dissenters. Makekau, the third member, and Mikeale, his voting companion, were not present. The vote thus stood 11 to 2. The bill now goes back to the house as amended.

Shingle's suggestion to change the date came as a surprise, but not as much of a surprise as his previous proposal to set the election date to two months after the declaration of peace. Castle and Chillingworth both opposed this as too indefinite. Castle accepted the date of November 20 with willingness.

"I am not in favor of prohibition," said Shingle in beginning his talk. "I favor regulation instead. I do not think it would be fair to ask the people to vote on this question during war time. I advocate fair play."

Shingle added that he did not refer alone to the liquor interests, but to those here who are attempting to promote the tourist trade. "It would not be fair to them to ask for a vote at this time. After peace was declared he was willing to see a vote on the question. He believed it would carry for prohibition.

Chillingworth wanted to be fair, he said, and not appear to be shoving prohibition down people's throats. "He thought the question ought to be settled as soon as possible, however.

Shingle also pointed out that the license board has wide powers at present. He believed the board could refuse a license, after a hearing, without giving any reasons. Other senators did not favor this form of action. Finally after some discussion of a similar subject, Governor Robinson said the senate as a whole voted approximately at the date and November 20 was chosen. The amendment was placed in the bill.

WHO APPOINTS IS UP TO PINKHAM

Will Gov. Pinkham sign the measure which went up to him this morning, transferring the appointment of district magistrates from him to the supreme court? This is a question which legislators are asking today in regard to house bill 36 which, at the end of a tortuous wandering between committees, has finally found its way to the executive chamber.

The manner in which the territorial legislature from session to session has handled this appointment question has been likened in the senate to a football game. Two years ago the legislature transferred the appointment of magistrates from the chief justice to the governor. In the session previous to that an opposite change had been made, and so on back through the years.

TABLE BILL TO PENSION POLICE

Decrepit police officers, firemen and handsmen were shut off from a cheerful prospect of spending the remainder of their days in luxurious ease when the senate this morning tabled a house bill which proposed a pension system for them.

Coney made the big fight against the motion to table which Senator Baldwin had offered. "We're going to throw and kick these men out like old mules and send em out to pasture for themselves," asked Coney.

Chillingworth thought that individual needs of persons needing help are always met, but did not approve of opening the door to a sort of free for all haven of rest. Others agreed with him and the motion to table carried with Desha and Coney voting against it.

Bills passed third reading in the senate as follows: Senate bill 124, relating to social clubs; house bill 176, relating to lands in Ponehawai, Hilo; house bill 188, appropriating for the benefit of Capt. J. C. Lorenzen; house bill 370, regulating the sale of stocks of foreign corporations; house bills 371 and 372, relating to the identification system for criminals; house bill 383, submitting the question of prohibition to the vote of the people; house bill 388, appropriating for the relief of Capt. F. Mesher; house bill 392, making payment to prisoners for productive work.

Conscription Bill—Reaches Final Stages

House to Vote Tonight and Senate Tomorrow Night—Making Closing Speeches

(A. P. by U. S. Naval Wireless) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The Army bill is now in its final stages in Congress. The debate in the house was concluded at 2:30 this morning but no vote was taken. It having been agreed that a short time would be allowed today for speeches and for the arguments for and against the bill, the house met at noon today for these summation speeches. The fight for the volunteer system is being handled in the final speech by S. Hubert Dent of Alabama, Democrat. He is chairman of the military affairs committee. On the other side, favoring the selective draft plan, is ranking Republican member of the same committee. Subsequent speeches will be limited to five minutes and there is hope by house leaders that a vote will be reached tonight. The bill has also been taken up in the senate and an agreement made to read final vote on Saturday night. Senator Jones of Washington opened the speeches, declaring in favor of the selective draft plan.

ROBINSON TO BUCK ANY APPOINTMENTS FOR AUDITORSHIP

Declaring that he is disgusted with wire-pulling certain members of the senate have resorted to in the last few weeks to get the governor to name an appointee to the position of territorial auditor, Senator W. T. Robinson of Maui vowed this morning that he would not vote for the confirmation of any names sent down for that place.

"This is not a personal matter as far as I am concerned," declared Robinson, "neither is it political. After the work that has gone on recently on the appointment I would not vote now for the confirmation of Republican or Democrat, not even though the appointee were my best friend."

Furthermore, Robinson is done with the holding of secret sessions for the consideration of the governor's appointments. He says he believes the discussions on appointments should be open to the public.

"We thought we were standing for a principle," says Robinson. "We determined to defer appointments of the governor until the entire list had been sent in. It was not that we were holding out for Fisher's renomination, but we did want the entire list sent down before taking action."

Robinson derides the manner in which the senate backed down from this stand. Let the others do what they will, he is through, he says.

MONEY FOR ROADS GIVEN BY HOUSE

House bill 436, providing additional funds for the maintenance and permanent improvement of roads in the city and county of Honolulu by additional taxes upon real and personal property, passed third reading in the house today and has been sent to the senate.

"This bill," explained Representative Cooke, "was originally prepared by the Auto Club and later taken up by a joint committee of the Auto Club, Chamber of Commerce and supervisors. When act 151 was passed, amending the tax laws, there was an endeavor to have this provision inserted in that law, but it was a territorial law, affecting all counties, and it was not deemed wise to insert an amendment in that law specifically for Honolulu."

He added that the passage of the bill would yield an additional \$200,000 into the improvement fund of the city and county of Honolulu.

Representative Andrews offered the explanation that it was sought to provide a free sewer system, and that it could only be worked out as provided in the bill.

P. Madlangava was fined \$50 in federal court yesterday for purchasing a revolver which was the property of the United States.

Commission of Great Italians Will Visit U. S.



Above—Duke D'Abuzzi, Below—Count Guglielmo Marconi.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) ROME, Italy, April 27.—Two Italians of world-wide fame—the Duke D'Abuzzi and Count Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor—are to be members of the next commission of Allies to visit the United States. Italy is sending a number of her noted men on this commission, which will arrive shortly.

NEW DIRECTORS OF Y. M. NAMED

At the annual meeting and luncheon of the Honolulu Young Men's Christian Association held this afternoon about 60 people, including directors, secretaries, trustees and prominent committeemen, were present and election of the following directors for three-year terms was announced: Judge C. F. Clemons, H. G. Dillingham, W. G. Hall, Sherwood Lowrey and James Wakefield.

F. J. Lowrey was reelected as trustee for four years. The election of C. H. Cooke, B. F. Dillingham and H. M. von Holt as trustees was also ratified by the directors.

Frank C. Atherton, president of the Y. M. C. A., presided at the lunch in Cooke hall and at the meeting. Dr. Lucien C. Warner, for 15 years on the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., made the address of the day.

Mr. Warner is a businessman and religious worker of international reputation. As president of the Warner Bros. Co., largest manufacturer of corsets in the world, he is well known. He spoke on the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the war, not only on the Mexican border and in the camps of Europe but also right here in Honolulu among the army and navy men.

FRED FUNSTON'S MOTHER FOLLOWS SON TO GRAVE (Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) EMPORIA, Kansas, April 27.—Mrs. E. H. Funston, mother of the late Major-General Frederick Funston, died today. She was 72 years old.

Amended to provide an appeal to the circuit court from decisions of the board, the senate bill creating a board of optometry passed third reading.

Representative Akuna introduced a concurrent resolution requesting the governor to appoint three Hawaiians as members of the school commission, and providing that steps be taken for the teaching of Hawaiian in the public schools to those who desired it.

LAND BATTERIES AT RAMSGATE DRIVE OFF TEUTON WARSHIPS; BIG ARMIES LOCKED ON WEST

Allies Apparently Halt 'Drive' After Great Effort of Past Weeks—German Soldiers Show Discouragement

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) LONDON, England, April 27.—One of the most daring raids by German naval forces made during the war took place in the early hours of this morning when a number of German destroyers sped up to within shell-fire distance of Ramsgate and opened fire with a heavy bombardment of the town and port.

This raid was the strongest bombardment by the Germans of the number which have taken place in the vicinity. Hundreds of shells fell along the waterfront and in the streets, many striking shops or houses. The night was dark but the cannon-fire of the enemy at sea and of the land batteries, which quickly turned on the destroyers, illuminated the streets for a considerable time.

The destroyers were finally driven off by the effective fire of the land batteries. Two persons on shore were killed and three injured and many houses damaged.

Letters of German Soldiers Show Dragging War Discourages Them

(COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 27.—The growing weariness of the German people over the war is admitted officially by Germany to have extended to the soldiers at the front, though these have been given every possible comfort and attention. General von Stein, the German minister of war, has admitted to the military committee of the reichstag that letters from soldiers at the front show discouragement. However, he declared that the spirit of the army remains good.

French Gain Ground, Take Many Guns

(PARIS, France, April 27.—Standing off all the counter-attacks of the Germans and striking hard when opportunity offered, the French today captured several trenches on the heights of Moronvilliers and gained ground at Hurberville and Carry. It is announced that in the big western offensive since April 16 the French have captured 130 cannon.

(LONDON, Eng., April 27.—Important German positions between Roue, Gavrelle, Arras and Cambrai were captured today by the British forces. LONDON, Eng., April 27.—A further retirement of the Turks in Mesopotamia, north of Samarra, is reported by Gen. Maude, commanding the British in this region.

ALIEN ENEMIES NOT ELIGIBLE TO CITIZENSHIP

Alien enemies in the United States, even though they have honorable discharges from the United States army, shall not become citizens of the United States. This is information which Clerk Albert Harris of the federal court has received from Washington, D. C. in answer to a query to that effect recently from Deputy Clerk William L. Rosa.

There are two conflicting sections in the Revised Statutes of the United States which have been bothering local officials considerably, namely, Sections 2171 and 2166, which seemingly conflict. The latter provides that an honorably discharged soldier may become a citizen without any previous declaration and by proving only one year's residence. The former declares, however, that no citizen of a country at war with the United States shall become a citizen of the latter country.

The order from Richard K. Campbell, commissioner of naturalization, is to the effect that the special provisions are still in effect for the honorably discharged soldiers, but have nothing to do with cases where the man is an alien enemy effected by the other provision.

NAVY OFFICER ON AZTEC THINKS SHIP HIT MINE (Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless) WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—The American steamer Aztec, which was sunk the night of April 1 with the loss of a large number of her crew, including five Hawaiians, was not torpedoed but struck a mine, in the opinion of Lieut. William Gresham, U. S. N., who commanded the gun crew that was aboard the vessel. Lieut. Gresham yesterday made a report to Secretary Daniels to that effect.

FRENCH COMMISSION HAS FIRST CONFERENCE (WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27.—Gen. Joffre, hero of France and member of the French commission that is in the United States to arrange with this government for cooperation in the conduct of the war against the Teutonic allies, had a conference yesterday with Secretary of War Baker and Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army. No information is obtainable, however, as to the subject or results of the deliberation.

M. Viviani, former premier of France and a member of the French commission, issued a statement for the press last night in which he declared that the cooperation of the United States with the Entente Allies means victory for morality, for right and for France. The members of the French commission were entertained at dinner last night by President Wilson.