

AMERICAN INVENTOR TO BLOCK U-BOAT MENACE?

CUBAN REVOLT IS CERTAIN TO CAUSE SERIOUS LOSSES

May Delay Harvest Until Rains Come and Render Ground Too Soft for Moving

Lights on the Cuban situation not ordinarily obtainable were given the Star-Bulletin this morning by A. H. Gibson, who has spent five winters in Cuba and was last there a few months since. He considers the situation as shown by the Associated Press dispatches as most serious for the sugar industry there and believes that it will be necessary for the United States to again step in and straighten things out for the rebellion-torn island.

Plantation Labor Scarce To understand the Cuban situation as it affects the sugar crop one must know something of labor conditions there, said Gibson. The population of Cuba is about three million and that means that the crop is about a ton per capita. About 85 per cent of the population is available for sugar labor. When any material proportion of that available labor leaves the fields, as it is said they are now out because of the insurrection, the harvesting of the crops must be consequently delayed. Such delay means that rains coming on will still further hold back the crop. They do not use tramways and railways through the fields as we do but haul with ox carts and when the rains come the ground becomes too soft for hauling.

The Cuban laborer is ignorant and almost of the savage type, but intelligent. He lives in thatched huts, requires little food that has to be purchased in all cases and such clothing is very scarce and renders about a great deal, traveling on the railroads. At election times they travel from place to place voting where the leaders of particular districts desire them to vote and not voting if undesired by such district leaders. This keeps things political in a good deal of a ferment.

Wages Higher, Growing Cheaper The best laborer is the Gallego, who comes from Spain but does not remain long. When he earns money enough in three or four years he goes back. It is impossible to bring in desirable labor from elsewhere. The laborer is paid higher than here but growing sugar costs less since it is necessary to constantly replant, a planting being made from 5 to 20 years. They simply cut over and over again each year and do not burn cane and carry away as here.

Fire Fields for Revenge It has always been common for discharged laborers to seek revenge by firing fields. The cane cannot then be saved for the cane is sown, the ground is deep with chaff and the ox cart transporters are to come as a result. The cane burns before it can be cared for.

Now the worst conditions seem to be in Oriente. When I was there Camagney was worst. Then much cane had been burned but I had not heard of any mills being shut up or fired. The worst of the situation was the burning of the cane and consequent reduction of output. This now appears to be still more serious. Besides with laborers out the delay in

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CUBAN REVOLT IS AGAIN FLAMING UP

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) NEW YORK, N. Y., May 7.—The insurrection in Cuba has broken out once again, and the rebels are burning, looting and wrecking wherever they find themselves in power.

A party of American and British refugees which arrived here last night brings word that the condition of affairs in the eastern provinces of the island are far worse than they have been in the past and even declare that the remaining foreigners are threatened with massacre, unless the United States government can intervene immediately to put a stop to the revolt.

Indeed, according to the statement brought by the refugees, the outrages which are being perpetrated by the bandits have as their direct objective the forcing of the United States to intervene with an armed force.

According to the statement of one member of the party last night Masco, one of the bandit leaders, has issued a proclamation to the people of the districts in which he is operating announcing that he proposes to continue his campaign of murder and rapine until the holder is heard in Washington and the Yankee government intervenes.

These and similar statements are believed here to mean that the German secret agents who are known to have been spending large sums of money in Cuba among the disaffected elements of the Liberal party led by Dr. Alfred Zayas, who was defeated at the recent elections by President Menocal, have been successful in stirring up the trouble they wished.

Stocks Advance All Along Line

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Table with columns for stock names, Today's price, and Saturday's price. Includes Alaska Gold, American Smelter, American Sugar Rfg., etc.

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

1200 RECRUITS EXPECTED HERE

Next Transport to Bring Large Body Here to Build Up Regiments

Approximately 1200 recruits for the army are to arrive on the next transport from the mainland to build up regiments on Oahu.

It was stated today at army headquarters that these men, the exact number of which has not been ascertained, will be divided upon their arrival among the various army posts of the island.

Orders have been issued to build the 25th Infantry up to full war strength, but this is the only regiment so far specifically authorized for placing under the new strength standard.

It is understood also that a later transport will bring another large body of men for assignment here, probably almost as many as are to come in this first group. The two allotments will tremendously increase the present army here.

When these recruits probably hail from all parts of the Union it is believed that many of them are from the Western states, the products of settlement since the early months of this year. Upon their arrival here they will be shipped into shape by the seasoned non-coms and officers of the local posts.

CONFER AS TO SUPPLY OF MEAT

Conferring relative to the conservation of Hawaii's meat supply, two members of the territorial food commission appointed Saturday by Gov. Pinkham, met this morning with Albert Horner, president and general manager of the Hawaiian Canneries, Ltd.

"Mr. Lincoln and I conferred with Mr. Horner, who will assist us by handling the question of conserving the meat supply of the territory," said Chairman James D. Dole at noon at the University Club.

According to the chairman, this morning's conference with Horner was a preliminary talk outlining what should be done. A meeting of the entire commission is likely to be called within a few days to decide on a definite plan of action.

HARBOR COMMISSION MEN GROWING SCARCE

Unless Gov. Pinkham names somebody in the next few weeks to fill the vacancy on the harbor board created through the resignation of Tom Church, the territorial body will have to close up shop for lack of a quorum.

FORMER EMPLOYE AT PEARL HARBOR ARRESTED AS SPY

Bail for George Roenitz is Expected to Be Placed at \$25,000 Today

George Roenitz, former clerk of Pearl Harbor naval station, who is being held at Oahu prison by federal authorities on charges of alleged espionage, this afternoon was to be summoned before United States Commissioner George S. Curry and his bond fixed, it is understood, at \$25,000.

Who, with Deputy Marshal Otto F. Heine, took charge of Roenitz upon his arrival here Saturday evening from the Orient under guard, said today that the preliminary hearing of the case will not be held before Wednesday.

Roenitz is held for alleged violations of the act of March 3, 1911, relating to national defense secrets, and especially the chapter for the prevention of the disclosure of national defense secrets. He is also charged with the new espionage bill, now before congress, which will increase the provisions if it goes through.

Ten Years Maximum Penalty For a general violation of the act in question, the penalty is a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; while, for the section outlining the offense of communicating to a foreign government or its agent sketches, sketches, plans, photographs and other information, the penalty is imprisonment for not more than ten years.

"We believe we have sufficient evidence to hold Roenitz," says the district attorney. Aside from making this remark he declined to discuss the case.

The case of Roenitz was first brought to the attention of the federal officials two or three weeks ago by Capt. Clark of the naval station.

Roenitz, the United States attorney's office says, was on leave of absence when the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany on February 4. At that time orders were issued to the effect that German-Americans in the lighthouse and other branches of federal service be let out, and Roenitz was suspended under this general order.

He protested his case through the civil service, as he was a civil service man, and his protest was allowed, and he was so notified. But this notification was issued after he had left Honolulu for Manila and, as Attorney Huber put it today, he probably did not learn of the notification until his arrival in Honolulu on Saturday.

While on his leave of absence, Roenitz came back to Honolulu and learned of his suspension from the federal service. He then returned to San Francisco as a passenger in the Great Northern. Back in San Francisco he boarded a transport to Honolulu, passing through Honolulu and going from here to Manila and Nagasaki.

The United States attorney's office says that Roenitz left San Francisco on the same transport that finally brought him back to Honolulu under guard, and that he was in Manila and Nagasaki only as long as the transport remained at those ports. He did not change transports, as a morning paper has stated.

It is alleged that Roenitz obtained documents, photographs, negatives, plans and sketches of certain defense works at the naval station at Pearl Harbor, which would be in violation of the statute elsewhere referred to.

His baggage is being held at the custom house. There is quite a large assortment. Federal officials here do not connect Roenitz with the German recently taken to Chicago by Marshal J. J. Smiddy to face charges of alleged espionage.

Officers on the transport say that Roenitz declared he had been to Manila and Nagasaki to purchase a stock of lace and other material with which to open up a store in Honolulu. There is a quantity of such material in his baggage. Much of this he declared when he entered the port.

FORBES' EXPENSE CASES WITHDRAWN IN SUPREME COURT

"Finis" has been written on two of the cases that got into circuit court to determine who, if anyone, should pay the expenses of the trip Charles R. Forbes made to Washington, D. C., in 1915.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LIBERTY LOAN NOW COMING IN

One Bank Announces Over a Million Subscribers; Others Give No Figures

Total figures on actual subscriptions to the Liberty Loan are not obtainable today, but one bank announces that its subscriptions to noon are \$1,068,400. Other banks have not issued similar statements.

The following statement was given out by the Bank of Hawaii this noon: "The total amount of subscriptions to the United States government 3 1/2 per cent war loan, commonly called the 'Liberty Loan,' received at the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd., up to noon today was \$1,068,400. The bulk of this sum was subscribed by sugar plantation agencies and plantations closely identified with the institution. The number of the subscribers is 74, among whom were a few small subscribers and a few for moderate amounts."

The First National Bank has received a considerable number of small subscriptions, according to Rudolf Buchly, cashier, and the same is true of the Bishop bank.

All of the banks and trust companies are making a special effort to have the small investor subscribe and it is expected that the next few days will see a large number come forward.

Robert F. Stever, manager of the bond department of the Bishop Trust Company, has estimated that the amount per capita to fully subscribe the \$2,000,000,000 loan is \$10.37 and for the entire seven millions, \$84.12.

"Every person in the United States should subscribe \$100. If they do this the entire loan will be more than subscribed. To subscribe \$100 is simply a financial obligation and every man should feel it his duty to subscribe as every man of military age should enlist in the army," Stever declares.

"The bonds are being issued by the United States in denominations as small as \$100 just so the man, woman or child who has only a few dollars may do his or her bit," said Buchly today.

E. I. Spalding, president of the Bank of Honolulu, pointed out this morning that as definite information concerning the bonds was received here only on Saturday morning, today was the first time the small investor has had an opportunity to subscribe. "I expect to see a large number come in within the next few days," he said.

Allan Herbert Has 50 Acres of Land; Who Will Use It?

"I have 50 acres of land—now vacant—for gardening in Honolulu. Now who wants to garden?" said Allan Herbert this morning. The veteran agriculturist says that he can get more land if necessary. Now he wants to hear from those willing to cultivate the land for products.

"The land is between Diamond Head and Moanalua and the mountains and the sea," he continued. "For instance, up in Manoa Frank C. Atherton has donated the use of four acres of good land which he has plowed.

"The land is rent-free and water is free where it is available. The land will be turned over for at least six months and I think it can be secured for a year. I will furnish the seeds free.

"Who wants to plant gardens for themselves on such land?"

COURT RULES GOVERN ADMISSION OF LAWYERS

Two important amendments to the existing rules of the supreme court of the territory have been announced. The first amends paragraph 2 of rule 16, adding at the end of the paragraph the following: "No correspondence, course, extension course or other course, or period of home study will be accepted as the equivalent of the requirement of graduation from a law school or of actual study in a law school or in the office of a competent attorney under this rule."

Balfour Says Allies Sure to Win Great War

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Foreign Minister Balfour of the British commission, speaking in the house on Saturday, said: "The menace of militarism increases. We, the free peoples of western civilizations, are banded together to fight the menace and will surely conquer."

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—That the big transcontinental railroads will not "break even" in spite of the proposed rate increase, flaring the new operating expenses, was declared by railroad representatives today when the interstate commerce commission began its hearings on the application for a 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

RAILROAD RATES DON'T MAKE UP COST INCREASES

The railroad men stated that the advance will fall \$75,000,000 short of the \$117,000,000 increase of 1917 operating expenses over those of 1915.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—The rivers and harbors bill, with an appropriation of \$29,000,000, has been agreed upon in the house committee.

'Pork' Bill \$29,000,000

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—A hostile airplane today dropped four bombs in London. One man was killed and several injured.

LONDON BOMBED; ONE MAN KILLED

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Although the conference have been at work on the army bill since Wednesday, with the whole nation waiting and every department of the government practically at a standstill, it was reported at midnight last night that no common ground had been reached and that the bill would not be ready for Congress to act upon when it convenes on Monday and cannot reach the President before Tuesday at the earliest.

The difficulty is wholly confined to the draft clause of the measure, the minimum and maximum age provisions of the senate and house bills being in conflict.

"UNCLE JOE" IS 81

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, the veteran Illinois congressman, was 81 years of age today. He received numerous letters and telegrams of congratulation.

DON JAIME OF SPAIN UNFRIENDLY TO GERMANY?

(By Associated Press.) MADRID, Spain.—Don Jaime of Bourbon, who has been repeatedly classified among the Spanish partisans of the German cause, is said now by his former secretary, Don Francisco Melgar, to entertain quite opposite sentiments. Senior Melgar declared recently that coldness prevailed between Emperor William and Don Jaime, despite the statements to the contrary by the so-called Carlists papers that are Germanophile.

In a letter to Senor Melgar, Don Jaime says: "You know that the kind of friendship shown me in Berlin on the occasion of my last trip there consisted in having me arrested and in behaving with incredible rudeness toward me."

BRITISH CUT INTO POSITIONS OF GERMANS AT BULLECOURT; FRENCH TAKE MANY PRISONERS

Allied Commissions in London and Washington Work Together—Japan May Join in Sending Statesmen to America

(Associated Press by Cable.) NEW YORK, N. Y., May 7.—Commissioner Saunders of the naval consulting board announced on Saturday that it is believed an inventor who is not named has solved the German submarine menace and that the plans have been forwarded to Washington. No details are given out as to the invention which is expected to block the U-boats in their attacks on Allied and American shipping.

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) BRITISH HEADQUARTERS in France, May 7.—(From an Associated Press Correspondent)—The British forces on the new line of drive are well within the town of Bullecourt.

PARIS, France, May 7.—The Germans today made counter-attacks along the entire French front but were everywhere repulsed. Fighting is severe at Chemin de Mames, east of Soissons.

Since April 16 the French have taken 29,000 prisoners. BERLIN, Germany, May 7.—All German positions on the western front have been maintained successfully today in the Aisne battling, and the Germans have captured 726 prisoners.

Uncle Sam's Huge Financial Strength Thrown Into Scale With The Allies

(Associated Press by Cable.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—That Japan may send a commission to the United States to join with the Americans, as the French and British are now doing, in plans for prosecuting the war is the latest development.

It was announced today that the government will lend England \$100,000,000 to meet war needs in May. A second instalment of \$25,000,000 has been added to Saturday's loan.

FRENCH OCCUPYING PORTUGAL STRATEGIC RIDGE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) LISBON, Portugal, May 7.—2500 out of 75 German steamers which were seized by Portugal when relations were broken with Berlin have been rented to England for \$7,000,000.

German 'Joker' In West Indies Deal?

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—It was revealed in the house today that there exists a hitherto unpublic provision in the agreement with Denmark by which the United States took over by purchase the Danish West Indies. Under this agreement, German ships in the Danish islands may be seized by the United States.

HEARING ON SHIPPING COMPANY SET TONIGHT

Continued hearing on the proposed Steam Navigation Company will be held by the public utility commission this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The hearing will be held in the public works department at the Capitol. Secretary William Graham will be on the stand for the company. According to Chairman Charles R. Forbes, the commission will not report on the hearing for one month.

ago by the British attack, the Germans attempted to regain a part of the line they had lost, and tactics which their neighboring positions were in an extremely precarious condition. Their attack was made in force, but was beaten back with comparative ease by the massed artillery of the British guns, aided by machine guns and entrenched infantry.