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S. S. HAMAKUA BURNS; TWO MEN LOST

INTER-ISLAND VESSEL MEETS DISASTER OFF MAUI; RUMORS OF EXPLOSION UNCONFIRMED

Chief Officer Nystrom and Unnamed Crew Member Reported Dead, in Wireless to Company—Only Meager Details Known—Steamer Believed Total Loss

Two men, the chief officer and a member of the crew, dead, and a vessel worth at least \$200,000 probably a total loss, is in brief the story of the Inter-Island freight steamer Hamakua, burned off the Maui coast sometime last night or early this morning.

The cause of the fire and details of the disaster are as yet unknown. Up to the time the Star-Bulletin went to press, only the most meager information had reached the steamship company.

A wireless message said that the chief officer, George Nystrom, and an unnamed member of the crew are dead.

Rumors were about the city this morning that an explosion had occurred, but so far as known there is no confirmation of this nor anything except conjecture for its foundation.

The survivors will reach Honolulu by the Claudine early tomorrow morning. The details of the disaster may not be known until then.

A brief wireless with first news of the sea tragedy was received this morning by President James A. Kennedy of the Inter-Island.

The message was the first intimation in Honolulu of the disaster. It arrived about 9 o'clock from George Dunn, the Inter-Island agent at Lahaina. It said:

"Hamakua total loss by fire. Crew landed Keonohi. Chief officer, one crew dead. Claudine gone for crew at request of captain Hamakua."

William McKay, general superintendent, left immediately on the Mauna Kea at 10 o'clock to get first-hand information and President Kennedy wireless for more details.

The Hamakua left Honolulu about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon loaded with general supplies. Although the message does not state the exact time of the fire, Mr. Kennedy believes it came late last night. The ship carried no passengers but had a complement of about 45 men, including officers and crew.

The Hamakua carries explosives and although Mr. Kennedy was not sure this morning, he thought it is probable there were some on board this trip. The vessel also carries lime.

President Kennedy heard the rumor on the street that an explosion figured in the ship's fate. Whether this caused the fire, or vice versa, he does not hazard a guess.

The chief officer reported killed is George Nystrom, who has been with the company a long time. He has a wife and family here.

The captain is John C. Wichert, formerly on the Claudine and also an old-timer with the company. According to the message, he is safe. He has been on the Hamakua only a few months taking the place of Capt. D. F. Nicholson, now on sick leave.

The scene of the tragedy was beyond Makua landing. Mr. Kennedy believes the Claudine which went to the crew's aid must have been on the other side, Kipahulu way.

Insured With Company Funds The Hamakua was a wooden ship and it is believed if she was lost by fire that no sign now remains of her. The metal parts are surely at the bottom beyond salvage, according to Kennedy. The ship was fully insured, but in the company itself.

This is the second loss sustained by the Inter-Island company in the last three months. In March the Maui was lost on the rocks off the island of Hawaii and several efforts to save her failed.

Although President Kennedy could place no valuation on the Hamakua he declared that six months ago a sister ship sold for \$150,000. Boats are now worth just about what you ask for them, he says, and it would take a much larger figure to replace her.

Brought Here from Coast Formerly a lumber boat on the Pacific coast, the Hamakua was purchased about 18 months ago by the Inter-Island. She was laid down in Fairhaven, California, in 1908.

Her dimensions were 175 feet length, 38-foot beam. She was of 550 horsepower, 646 tons draft. She was formerly named the Shoshone and burned fuel oil. Kennedy reports that she had adequate fire protection including extinguishers, buckets and hose.

Superintendent McKay, on the Mauna Kea, will probably meet the Claudine with the Hamakua's crew at Lahaina this evening. The Claudine is expected here with the crew early tomorrow morning.

Democrats Decline Change to Meet Republicans in Campaign Debate

Bryan, Bourbon Manager, Says Previously-Arranged Precinct Meetings Must Be Kept—G. O. P. Indorses Star-Bulletin Suggestion and Challenges, But in Vain

Republican campaign managers last night indorsed and accepted the suggestion in yesterday's Star-Bulletin that the G. O. P. hold a joint public debate with the Democrats. Today the Democrats declined the Republican challenge sent out by E. P. Fogarty, campaign manager.

In declining to adopt the suggestion, W. A. Bryan, the Democratic manager, says that the Bourbons have three meetings scheduled for Friday evening, the date of the proposed debate, and that it is absolutely impossible to call off these meetings and engage in the debate.

"If we had received the challenge at an earlier date we would have been able to accept it," he says. His letter follows: Mr. Edward Fogarty, Republican campaign manager, Honolulu, Hawaii. "Dear Sir: "At a meeting of the Democratic Campaign Committee held at Democratic headquarters at 5 o'clock last evening, your letter of the same date suggesting that a joint political debate be held at the Bijou theater, Friday evening, was duly considered. "Owing to the fact that the committee has had scheduled and advertised for more than a week, three meetings for that date (Kaneho, the Banyan Tree and Iliha, etc.) and that it is impossible to accept it, I am, "Very truly yours, "W. A. BRYAN, "Campaign Manager. "P. S. In view of the premature publicity given to the proposed debate in this morning's Star-Bulletin I shall not post to any other newspaper."

"THEY ALSO SERVED"



IN DAYS OF WAR PAUSE IS TAKEN TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HEROIC DEAD

Military Pageant and Appropriate Services at Cemetery Mark Memorial Day in Honolulu; Ten Veterans Civil War in Line

Under the shadow of a mighty war, Honolulu today turned out in military parade to do honor to those veterans who half a century ago offered their lives upon the field of battle.

It was Memorial Day, 1917, and the patriotism which manifested itself among the ranks of people that watched the parade was of the deeper and quieter sort; that showed in the lifted hat or the tear-dimmed eye as the flags passed.

It was not a holiday crowd, but one which turned out to pay respect to the nation's sacred dead. One felt the thrill of it as the parade unit by unit, swept by.

Seriousness reflected itself not alone in the crowd of almost silent watchers, but also in the faces of those who marched in the parade, soldiers from the army, men of the national guard, youths and small lads of military schools, and grizzled veterans of past wars.

Nature did her best, and over the military scene there smiled a blue Hawaiian sky slightly overcast with clouds.

Not for many years have so many flags appeared at half mast in the trade winds as fluttered today over the streets through which the marchers passed.

Patriotism and the ominous spirit of war sounded in the music that the bandmen rendered as they marched, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching" and the "Battle Cry of Freedom," quickening the blood as the long column began its way up King street toward Fort.

Regular Army Leads Way It was at 10:30 o'clock that the parade began moving off in true military fashion as the various units swung into the long column on King street. Eight members of Honolulu's mounted police force headed it.

Directly back of these rode Lieut. Col. William R. Dashiell, infantry, grand marshal of the day, together with his aides, Col. Dashiell was mounted upon a beautiful dark brown, almost black steed, that seemed to sense the martial spirit of the day.

Behind this group came the 2d Infantry band of fully 40 pieces, headed by Chief Musician Jacobson, playing and marching in perfect time and order.

Maj. Guy G. Palmer, commanding the provisional battalion of infantrymen from Fort Shafter, rode with his aides behind the bandmen, and after him marched four companies as follows: Company A, Capt. Carl A. Martin, commanding; Company B, Capt. Charles L. McKain; Company C, Capt. John Randolph; and Company K, Capt. Thomas L. Crystal. Trim and neat in their uniforms of khaki, these infantrymen looked in the pink of condition as they swung lightly by with guns at perfect angles.

They marched in column of platoons, three squads each, filling the street from side to side. Band Appears Little Depleted Came next the 1st Infantry band of the National Guard, seemingly little depleted by the recent discharge order, and playing in good discipline.

THE ROLL OF THE DEAD V. Austin, J. V. Ashford, C. N. Arnold, L. Adler, S. L. Buckland, J. A. Bailey, T. H. Boehme, T. Carey, T. Campbell, J. A. Cruzan, J. B. Dickson, J. Dodd, C. H. Eldridge, C. H. Fox, W. Goodale, E. L. Gardner, E. W. Harris, A. S. Hartwell, G. C. Hewett, G. P. James, J. F. Little, J. F. Lovejoy, F. J. Lauth, Phares W. Rider, Fred Sherman, J. V. Simonson, C. A. Shipley, J. McCabe, B. Nelson, J. W. Ramey, J. Moss, J. M. Tague, J. Tilden, J. Toms, G. C. Williams, W. C. Wilder, C. Wilson, J. N. Wright, W. F. Williams, G. Yarrick, J. T. Daley, J. F. Noble, J. H. Putnam, M. Hagan, S. K. McKeague, J. W. Francis, George Dietz, William McCandless, J. Oswald Luttid, Rowland J. Greene, William Wilkinson, J. V. Simonson

WOMAN'S SERVICE LEAGUE MAY START FROM BIG MEETING

Hundreds of women of every nationality and representing practically every patriotic, fraternal, benevolent, church and other organization of women in the city, will assemble at the Bijou theater at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to discuss the serious food situation confronting Hawaii. They will consider chiefly the methods by which they can assist in meeting the food problem, and may determine upon a course of concerted action that will have a widespread effect throughout the territory.

Women Want to Help Women of Honolulu yield nothing to their sisters of the mainland in patriotism; while they may not be called upon in any large numbers to give their sons to the nation, they are anxious to do something that will be of material help to Uncle Sam. It would seem that, for the present, they will be expected to help only in the matter of conserving food supplies and giving financial aid to various patriotic causes.

President Wilson, in his recent historic speech to Congress, said "that every housewife who practices strict economy puts herself in the ranks of those who serve the nation." It is to learn how best they may live up to the President's injunction, making united, organized and effective effort, that tomorrow's meeting has been called.

Many Races Will Unite It is probable that nowhere under the Stars and Stripes can an assemblage of women be gathered that will be as interesting as the one scheduled for tomorrow. Under one roof will be gathered the wives and mothers of many races, brought together by the patriotic impulse for a common name, in bonds of sympathy and an understanding that are mutual.

It is expected there will be representatives from Chinese, Portuguese, Japanese, Korean and Spanish women's societies and clubs, besides a very large outpouring of delegations from Hawaiian, English and American societies. Among the latter will be represented the Outdoor Circle, College Club, Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association, Woman's Section, Navy League; Y. W. C. A., Humane Society, Mothers' Club of Kaimuki, Junior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Guild, Woman's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, Catholic Ladies' Aid Society, Child's Welfare League, the Punahou Mothers' Association, Hawaiian Allied War Relief Committee, the Woman's Guild of St. Andrew's, and the Daughters of Hawaii.

How the women in the states are preparing to respond to President Wilson's plea will be told by Mrs. A. C. Alexander, who will explain the plans of the great national League for Woman's Service, an organization fostered, it is understood, by the Department of the Interior at Washington, D. C.

There is likelihood that an organization partaking of the nature of the League for Woman's Service may be determined upon at tomorrow afternoon's meeting. Mrs. Alexander says the league, as formed in the states, works with all the patriotic societies and other organizations already in existence, encouraging them and seeking to coordinate the efforts of all.

Governor Pinkham is to address the women, telling them something of the need for concerted food economy in the islands. Maj. C. S. Lincoln will discuss the general situation and offer suggestions, from the standpoint of the army. James D. Dole, chairman of the Territorial Food Commission, and Dr. Arthur L. Dean, executive officer of the commission, will explain the plans and purpose of that body and tell how the women of the territory can work in conjunction with it.

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Swiss Deny Food Resold to Germans

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 30.—Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the United States, declared today that the embargo section in the new espionage bill "portends disaster" to Switzerland.

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Kaiser Visits Line At Arras; Urges Courage

Tells Troops Decision is Near at Hand and Victory Comes With It

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, May 30.—The Kaiser today visited the Arras front and addressed the soldiers, urging them to make a firm stand and endure until the cause of the Teutons should triumph.

He declared that the decision of the war is near at hand and called on them to stand fast. "We will continue fighting," he said, "until complete victory shall be won against those who attacked us."

RACE RIOTS STIR ILLINOIS WORKERS

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., May 30.—Race rioting, precipitated by the importation by the various industries here of a thousand laborers on Monday, broke out in violent form yesterday, following scattered clashes throughout Monday afternoon and evening. The whites and negroes fought a pitched battle, in which knives and clubs were used, three whites and three negroes being seriously wounded in the melee.

The situation got beyond the control of the police and the national guard was called out to restore order. With this assistance, the police made hundreds of arrests last night.

One of the first orders issued by the chief of police yesterday closed all saloons, while another order issued last night prohibited citizens from leaving their homes. The militia, patrolling the town, has orders to arrest anyone abroad without permission. All public places are closed.

U. S. Engineers In France For Study

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PARIS, France, May 30.—The United States Commission of Engineers which has arrived to study war conditions will soon leave for the front.

WRECKERS AND ALL-STARS TO BATTLE TODAY

WEEKLY TOLL BY DIVERS IS GROWING LESS

London Report Optimistic on Submarine Blocking; Italians Gaining Steadily; Russians Are Urged to Furnish More Munitions to Troops

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

LONDON, Eng., May 30.—The efforts of the Allies to check the German submarine menace and free England of the food and supplies blockade are gaining steadily, according to an announcement today in advance of the regular weekly report on the toll of vessels taken by the U-boats.

The weekly report will show, as it did a week ago, a more favorable situation with regard to the submarine. With the coming of the summer months, the long days and the calm weather, the Allies are better enabled to hunt down the murderous divers.

Day On War Fronts Quieter, Italy Gains

The Associated Press sums up the situation in the war zone very briefly today as follows:

The Italian troops are making further gains in their drive toward Trieste, extending their lines west of Mezzana after lively fighting and occupying new positions.

"There is a lull elsewhere on the front. German counter attacks are occurring in France."

Russia Shows Some Fight in Rumania

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 30.—The Italians have pushed their drive against Trieste in order to advance their heavy artillery and to properly consolidate the miles of trenches they have seized from the Austrians.

Taking advantage of this lull on the southern end of the line, the Austrians attempted a major offensive yesterday towards the north, on the immediate Gorizia front, attacking the Italian defenses on the Vodice. This attempt proved to be disastrous, the Italians crushing the attack and launching a counter drive that drove the Austrians back to their own lines and then from these in confusion.

An outstanding feature of yesterday's reports was the news from Rumania, where the Russians have renewed their offensive against the Germans and Bulgars.

This offensive is supposed to be due to the fact that M. Jassy, the French minister of munitions, and Kerensky, the Russian minister of war, are now visiting the Russian Rumanian front.

A despatch from Petrograd announces that all monks in Russia have been ordered to leave at once for the front; there to be engaged in sanitary work.

Appeal To Russians For More Munitions

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

PETROGRAD, Russia, May 30.—A congress of delegates representing the men at the war front today issued a stirring public appeal, asking that more ammunition be furnished the troops, who, it says, are sorely handicapped by lack of facilities to carry on the war. The congress made an appeal to the people to rally to the aid of efficiency in government.

"More metal at the front means less gun-todder made of our patriotic citizens," the appeal declares.

FIRST OF NAVY AIRSHIPS FLIES

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 30.—The first of the navy's new dirigible balloons today made a successful practice flight. The big fiber sailed from Chicago to Akron, Ohio, a distance of 500 miles, in five hours.
